ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Starting by the Carousel on Southport Promenade carefully cross the road and head off to your right. Continue along The Promenade until you reach Coronation Walk. Just past the Royal Clifton Hotel, where you turn left.

At the end of Coronation Walk you come to the famous Lord Nelson Hotel, the home of elegant shopping in classic Victorian surroundings, cross the road here and enter Portland Street. Continue straight ahead until you reach Scarisbrick New Road, carefully crossing the railway at the level crossing and continue on.

At the end of Portland Street you enter the playing fields and follow the cycle path out towards Town Lane Kew.

On reaching Town Lane Kew turn left and continue ahead, passing the Army & Navy Pub, then turn left onto Foul Lane, carefully crossing the railway at the level crossing and continue on.

Continue across the cycle path along the canal until you reach Pool Hey Lane and turn left until you reach Scarisbrick New Road.

New themed cycling routes are continually being developed.

The Ship at Lathom – A short detour up Wheat Lane

A number of wonderful visitor attractions are within easy reach of your cycling route:


● Otters Croft Wood, a fine oak woodland, formerly part of the Standish Hall Estate. Not open to the public but a wonderful complex of cafes and bars.

● Jubilee Way – the mid-point of the ride

● A number of wonderful visitor attractions are within easy reach of Burscough. As shown on the map overleaf.

● The Ship at Lathom – A short detour up Wheat Lane takes you to a lovely pub that welcomes walkers and cyclists alike. Dogs are also welcome.

● Views over the River Douglas that passes near to the Canal.

● Dean Wood Lock House – a lovely cottage positioned beside a lock on the main canal, just a short walk from the towpath.

● Just outside Galanthus on the far side of the Canal is Otters Croft Wood, a fine oak woodland, formerly part of the Standish Hall Estate. Not open to the public but a wonderful variety of birds, plants and wildlife can still be seen from the towpath.

● Crooke Marina, just before you reach the quaint Crooke Village. Maybe an ideal place to stop for a while.

● Scott Lane Ponds, a wide expanse of reed beds and small pools, next to the JJB Stadium.

SOUTHPORT

Southport combines beautiful beaches, family attractions and the UK's oldest iron pier with fantastic shopping and great cycle hire to explore the area. Southport has over 20 miles of unspoilt coastline and the largest area of undeveloped sand dunes in the UK. With extensive Pine woods, miles of coastal walks and several impressive parks and gardens it's the perfect place to unwind and recharge your batteries.

There are now 10 themed routes for you to enjoy most start in Southport, however there are routes in Formby, Maghull and Crosby and these are easily accessible by train. You can also take your bike by train and without booking on the Merseyrail network.

BURSCOUGH

Burscough Wharf re-opened its doors to the public in February 2011 and it fast becoming the new focal point for both the local community and the residents of the surrounding villages. Centered around food and drink, arts and crafts, the creative industries, fashion and the community thousands of people visited to see Wigan’s newest retail and leisure development.

WIGAN

Wigan is blessed with so much green space and cycling is a great way to get round and see it all. It is home to a number of other wonderful routes for you to enjoy, including from Wigan Pier you can connect with the Greenheart of the borough – a superb network of paths, wetlands, grasslands, nationally improved habitats, recreational facilities, restored canals and public rights of way that covers an area of 374 km.

Wigan Flashes is within easy reach of Wigan Town Centre and offers many recreational facilities for visitors of all ages and the site is nationally important for birds making it very popular with nature enthusiasts and bird watchers.

HRH the Duke of Gloucester visited Wigan as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012 and dedicated over 35 kilometres of off-road recreational routes as the Jubilee Way from Red Rock at Haigh in the North West to Leigh and Astley in the East.

Haigh Hall Country Park is a great day out for all the family featuring nature trails, a craft gallery, miniature railway, a café, golf complex and play zone, all located within 2.5 miles from the centre of Wigan.

NOTE: the canal towpath changes sides along the way, this map may not definitively show the correct side of the canal it is on.

For further information please visit the following websites:

www.visitseftonandwestlancs.co.uk
www.southportcyclehire.info
www.wigan.gov.uk   www.tfgm.com/cycling

For further information or to pre-book, please contact the cycle hire staff or see the website.

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VISIT
Visit Sefton and West Lancs are continuing to develop the cycling offer within and around the area by building on the existing potential.

Co-ordinated packages of activities, promoting and marketing the wider area, are continually being developed.

For information on any upcoming events and other cycle routes see our website www.visitseftonandwestlancs.co.uk and other cycle routes see our website www.southportcyclehire.info

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INTERESTING STOPS ALONG THE ROUTE
1. Martin Mere
2. Windmill Animal Farm
3. Leisure Lakes
4. Mere Sands Wood Nature Reserve
5. Rufford Old Hall
6. Burscough Wharf
7. Botanic Gardens
8. Scarisbrick Marina
9. Fettlers Wharf & St Marys Marinas
10. Hayfield Hall and Country Park
11. Wigan Flashes