



## Harton 10 churches circular cycle ride

The route is just over 20 miles, mostly on minor roads or cycle tracks but please take care on the two short sections that involve crossing the A64 (marked in red). The route description uses Gate Helmsley as start-point, but you can join at any point, and go in either direction. Using the minor road from Bossall to Sand Hutton (past Mount Pleasant and Kissthorn Farms), you can just include the five most southerly churches and so avoid the steep sections leading to Howsham, Crambe and Whitwell. *Enjoy your visit to these lovely church buildings – they are all open during the day. Some provide drinks. Only Sand Hutton has a toilet.*

1. **Gate Helmsley** A166 cycle track; L. @ Balloon Tree to go to – 3.5m
2. **Buttercrambe** Take road alongside Aldby Park; R. @ T to – 5.5m
3. **Bossall** From the church gate, straight on @ X; R. @ T's (2); over Howsham Br, uphill then L. to – 7.5m  
[Note option to cut across from Bossall to Sand Hutton]
4. **Howsham** Back up hill & over bridge; R. towards – 10.5m
5. **Crambe** Continue then L. to meet A64. Cross (!) to – 11.5m
6. **Whitwell** Back towards A64; cycle path 400m downhill to next R. towards – 13m
7. **Foston** Continue to Thornton-le-Clay. Keep L. in village. L. @ TJ; over rail crossing to – 15.5m
8. **Flaxton** Continue to A64. L. onto A64 (!) then R. to Claxton. Continue to – 19m
9. **Sand Hutton** Then through – 20m
10. **Upper Helmsley** and finally back to Gate Helmsley 21.5m

*Refreshments available at The Balloon Tree and the Three Cups (A166, Gate Helmsley) or divert to the Stone Trough in Kirkham – near Crambe*