

Bricks and Teapots – 21 miles

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The Good Cycling Code

- *Be courteous! Give way to pedestrians*
- *Remember that some people are hard of hearing or visually impaired. Don't assume they can see or hear you.*
- *Carry a bell and use it.*
- *Where there are wheelchair users and horse-riders please give way.*
- *Follow the country code. Respect other land management activities, such as farming or forestry and take litter home.*
- *Keep erosion to a minimum if off road.*
- *Be self sufficient – in remote areas carry food, repair kit and waterproofs*
- *Be safe, wear a helmet and cycle within your capabilities*

Happy Cycling!

Route: Measham, Shackerstone, Bilstone, The Cross Hands, Orton-on-the-Hill, Austrey, No Man's Heath, Chilcote, Netherseal

Distance: 21 miles in total

Start/Finish: Measham Library car park

- 1 Start at the car park by Measham Library. Turn left into Measham High Street and go about 200 yards until the "Bird in the Hand" pub on the left. Turn right into Bosworth Road. After about half a mile turn right and immediately left (signposted to Newton Burgoland). Continue for about 1 mile and turn right by the pub into Main Street. After about a third of a mile turn left into Derby Lane. After about 2 miles turn right at the T-junction (there is a farm track straight ahead). Cross the railway bridge, then the canal bridge and proceed into Shackerstone (5 miles). Stop off: In Measham – the village sign in front of the library (topped by a Measham teapot); the Museum (open Tuesdays and Saturdays) where there is a collection of original Measham teapots; Measham bricks known as 'Wilkes Gobs' (the big bricks in the local buildings used to reduce the amount to pay in 'brick tax'. Shackerstone – toll house by the Ashby Canal; the 'Battlefield Line' steam railway, St. Peter's Church; Rising Sun pub.
- 2 Continue through Main Street, Shackerstone and into Congerstone Lane. After three quarters of a mile turn right by Congerstone Primary School into Gopsall Road, then bear left. Go straight on through Bilstone and into Gibbet Lane (do not take the Twycross turning). Follow signs to Sibson and Sheepy. Continue for about 2 miles until the A444. Turn right on the A444 then left after about 200 yards signposted to Sheepy Parva and Sheepy Magna (take care when crossing). Continue about one mile and go straight across at the B4116 Twycross Road. Continue on Orton Lane. Go about another mile into Orton-on-the-Hill. Continue straight on at the crossroads in the village and past the church (12 miles). Stop off: Bilstone Mill; Bilstone Gibbet post: St. Edith's Church, Orton on the Hill; Twycross Zoo (one mile from Orton on the Hill).

- 3 After Orton Church turn right onto Norton lane, then after about a third of a mile turn left. Stop pedalling and enjoy flying down the hill – from Leicestershire into Warwickshire. After about a mile go through Austrey village. Continue long Main Road and into No Man's Heath Lane. Pass under the M42 and continue for about half a mile into No Man's Heath. Take the small road on the right and go about 150 yards to the B5493 by the Four Counties Garage (15 miles). Stop off: In Austrey – St. Nicholas Church; Bird in Hand pub, newsagent and grocery store in No Man's Heath; the Four Counties pub (here you have the meeting point of four counties, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Derbyshire).

- 4 In No Man's Heath take the road off the B5493 towards Chilcote (be careful not to take the next road, which goes to Clifton Campville). Here you cross back into Leicestershire. Continue down the hill past the Chilcote Pumping Station. After about half a mile negotiate the bends through Chilcote and continue to Netherseal (now you are in Derbysire). At the T-junction by the bend in Netherseal turn right into Church Street (signposted to Measham and Twycross) and continue past the church. After about half a mile turn right by the Cricketts Inn onto the A444 and immediately left onto the B5002 Measham Road, signposted to Oakthorpe and Measham (take care when crossing). Here you cross back into Leicestershire. Continue about two miles to Measham passing under the A42. Turn left at the traffic lights into Measham High Street and left again into the library car park (12 miles). Stop off: Chilcote Pumping Station; St. Peter's Church, Netherseal; Cricketts Inn, Acresford; Ashby Woulds Heritage Trail (starts and finishes at the back of the Measham library).



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