

Stately Homes – 13 or 17 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: Worthington Cloud Trail, Melbourne Hall, Staunton Harold Reservoir, Calke Abbey, Ticknall, Foremark Reservoir, Staunton Harold Estate, Breedon Garden Centre, Worthington Cloud Trail

Distance: Main Route 13 miles. Alternative Staunton Harold Route 13 miles. Foremark Reservoir Extension 17 miles.

Start/Finish: Worthington Cloud Trail

- 1 Start at the Cloud Trail car park, situation at Worthington village. It is a small car park and can get busy during weekends and Bank Holidays. Follow the Cloud Trail section (crossing the M42 bridge) for approx 3 miles, passing interesting sculptures at Tonge Station until you reach the Wilson junction, where you turn sharp left up a track to the bridge. Turn right at the bridge and follow the track and turn right again onto the road and cycle into Melbourne. You will see the perimeter walls of Melbourne Hall on your left. Stop off: Melbourne Hall, craft centre, hall, church, tea rooms and toilets.
- 2 After leaving Melbourne Hall, take the first left onto Penn Lane. Climb up the hill until it reaches at T-junction. Turn left into Ashby Road and cycle downhill ignoring the right turn (brown signs to Calke Abbey) to carefully fork right into a small road signposted Staunton Harold Reservoir. The road winds up a hill and takes you into the visitor centre car park. Stop off: Staunton Harold Reservoir, nature reserve, exhibition area, refreshment kiosk, toilets, playground, picnic area.
- 3 Pass through the gate at the bottom of the car park onto Staunton Harold Sailing Club's access road. Travel along the access road for approx. 1 mile and bear right at the junction of tracks and then continue up the hill. Turn left, onto Melbourne Lane and then left into Ticknall village. At this point there are alternative routes to take.
*For alternative Staunton Harold route follow instructions for 4a now.
**For optional Foremark route extension follow instructions for 4.1 (Adds 4 extra miles to the route).

- 4 Turn left into Calke Estate (7 miles) and cycle along following the main driveway.

Stop off: Calke Abbey: tea rooms, picnic area, shop, visitor information, house, church and gardens. National Trust members can gain free access to the house and gardens.

4a ***Alternative Staunton Harold Route**

Continue through Ticknall village passing the Wheel public house, village store and post office on your left. Turn ext left (signposted Ashby), and cycle out of the village passing the Staff of Life public house and the Chequers Inn, turn left again at the triangle with the bus shelter and follow the road for 1.5 miles and turn left at the T-junction (signposted Staunton Harold). Turn right and cycle up the driveway to visit the Staunton Harold Estate.

Stop off: Staunton Harold Hall & Holy Trinity Church. (National Trust) extensive grounds and lake. Garden Centre tea rooms. Ferrers Centre for Arts & Crafts – tea room, crafts, toilets.

- 4b To exit Staunton Harold Estate cycle past the Ferrers Centre entrance and along the drive, down to the lake and over the Golden Gate bridge. After crossing the bridge turn right, follow the drive alongside the lake. After passing through a white gate, follow the drive ahead (you are now travelling the wrong way down a one-way system so watch out for traffic!).

At the end of the drive turn right onto the road and then immediately left onto the B587 (signposted Breedon). Take the next right into Long Hedge Lane (signposted Worthington). Turn left at the next junction and right into the Cloud Trail Car Park.

Alternatively, after crossing the Golden Gate Bridge, you can climb the hill ahead to Melbourne Lodge. Turn right at the top of the hill and cycle to the T-junction, turning left towards Breedon and Worthington.

4.1 ****Optional Foremark Extension (4 miles)**

In Ticknall continue through the village passing the Wheel pub, village store and post office on your left. Ignore the left turn to Ashby and take the next right (signposted Foremark Reservoir) along Repton Road. Turn next left at the bottom of the long descent into Foremark Reservoir.

Stop off: Foremark Reservoir – refreshment kiosk, toilets and play area.

Climb the hill and pass the tall wooden 'Welcome to Foremark Reservoir' sign on your right, and join the cycle path on your left. Follow the cycle path to the south of the reservoir, turn left onto the driveway and rejoin the main road back to Ticknall. Just before the right turn (signposted to Ashby), take a right turn down a narrow lane (marked access only) and turn right (opposite the Staff of Life) into Ticknall.

At this point you can choose to rejoin the main route 4, 5 and 6 back to Worthington Cloud Trail car park via Calke Abbey, or

alternatively follow the signs to Staunton Harold as described above in 4a and 4b.

- 5 Leave via the one way estate road passing Calke Church on your left. At the end of the drive turn right through Calke village (9 miles) and at the end of the lane, turn left (signposted Melbourne/Lount) passing Dimmings Dale nature reserve on your right. Continue over the bridge and up the hill. Take care and stay left. At the top of the hill, turn left at the junction and then take an immediate right (sign posted Breedon). Take care crossing the fast road. Continue along the single tracked road. At the end turn left. (Signposted Castle Donington, Isley Walton and Breedon).
Stop Off: Breedon Garden Centre; pitch 'n' put, crazy golf, book shop, tea shop, regular antique & craft fairs. Breedon on the Hill church; Breedon village.
- 6 Exit Breedon Garden Centre, past Breedon village green and turn right with care into Worthington Lane (signposted Cloud Trail). Follow the Cloud Trail signs and turn left into the Cloud Trail car park.



Golden Gate Bridge, Staunton Harold

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