



THIRSK RACECOURSE

MEDIUM | 11 MILES CIRCULAR ROUTE



THIRSK RACECOURSE CYCLE ROUTE

This route takes in part of National Cycle Network Routes 71 and 657. It's a circular route heading north-west from Thirsk, on to Knayton, then back to Thirsk via Upsall.

SURFACES

Tarmac.

TRAFFIC

Mostly traffic-free and quiet roads apart from a short busier section on the A168.

SUITABILITY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

No.

HILLS

Mostly flat, with one steady climb into Upsall.

REFRESHMENTS/FACILITIES

The Dog & Gun pub in Knayton.

LOCAL BIKE HIRE

Sutton Bikes
www.suttonbikes.co.uk

OTHER ROUTES IN THE AREA

National Cycle Network Routes 71 and 65 are part of the Yorkshire Moors and Coast Cycle Route, a 204 mile route which takes in the North Yorkshire Moors and the surrounding area.



DIRECTIONS

- 1 Turn left out of the Site and in about 200 yards, left again (by the side of Lidl) into Newsham Road and follow this out of Thirsk for about 2.5 miles.
- 2 Just before crossing a railway bridge, go through the large ornate iron gates on the right (signed Thornton Park, Public Bridleway). Follow the bridleway across the field to a gate, bear right and continue ahead for a little over a mile to the A168.
- 3 Turn left on A168 – take care here as it is a busy road – and in less than a quarter of a mile take the first right, signed Knayton and Kilvington.
- 4 At the first junction in about a third of a mile, turn left following the sign for Knayton. Follow this road ahead and round to the right through a gate, past Lowfield house and over a cattle grid (about 1.25 miles) to a junction where the A19 can be seen ahead ('Give Way' sign).
- 5 Turn left for Knayton and in under a quarter of a mile, turn right at a crossroads and follow NCN Route 65 right and over the A19 through Knayton. There is a pub at Knayton for refreshments. In just over half a mile, turn right at the crossroads, for Upsall, still on NCN Route 65.
- 6 There is a steady climb now to Upsall, with rewarding views over the plain of York to the Pennines on the right. In just over a mile you reach a T-junction in Upsall with a 'Give Way' sign and a nearby seat. Turn right for Thirsk and follow the NCN Route 657 downhill for about 3 miles. Turn left at the small roundabout in South Kilvington.

- 7 In about 200 yards, cross the road at the cycle crossing on to the cycle track back into Thirsk. When the cycle track ends, rejoin the road and keep straight ahead over a small roundabout to a larger roundabout (about one third of a mile). Turn right and follow the road back through the centre of Thirsk – you will still see signs for NCN Route 657.
- 8 Turn right at a small roundabout, after the Ritz cinema and Town Hall on your left, leaving NCN Route 657 and back towards the Club Site.

DON'T MISS

“ The Dog and Gun at Knayton is only open from 12 on Saturday and Sunday, closed Monday and the rest of the week they open at 5.30pm. ”

Thirsk Racecourse Caravan Club Site Wardens

This route has been suggested by Sustrans' Volunteer Rangers. The Caravan Club would always recommend that any children or young people under 18 years should be fully supervised by a responsible adult. Please be aware that using this route is entirely at your own risk. Extreme care should always be taken when cycling on site, remembering that traffic will be moving around the site and to observe speed limits. Particular attention should be paid when going round blind corners or emerging from paths.

THIRSK RACECOURSE CARAVAN CLUB SITE - ROUTE

