

## Places to look out for...

The letters used here correspond to those shown on the map.

**A** **Snakeholme Pit Nature Reserve**  
This reserve is managed by the Lincolnshire Branch of Butterfly Conservation. It is a former clay pit that was used by Anglian Water as a fish nursery before becoming a nature reserve. With meadows, trees and a pond there is a wealth of wildlife to be seen. In particular look out for the following butterflies: Common Blue, Meadow Brown and Small Copper. Please do not cycle around the reserve but enjoy it on foot.

**B** **Stainfield**  
Stainfield is a pretty hamlet full of history. A settlement was recorded in the Domesday Book and earthworks in the parkland relate to several periods in history including a pre-monastic village, a monastery, medieval village and a grand country house. The brick church was built in 1711 on a north-south orientation.

**C** **Kingthorpe Holt**  
This former agricultural land was bought by the Woodland Trust in 2006 and planted with native tree species to extend the woodland cover in the area. The Holt is adjacent to College Wood.

**D** **College Wood**  
Part of the Bardney Limewoods National Nature Reserve (NNR) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The Limewoods are a group of woods which are the most important examples of small-leaved lime woodland in Britain. The woodland is owned and managed by the Forestry Commission.

**E** **Hardy Gang Wood, Newball Wood and Woodside Falconry Centre**  
Sections of both these woods are part of the Bardney Limewoods NNR. The Falconry Centre is open to the public, for details call 01522 754280.

**F** **Barlings Abbey**  
All that remains of the Abbey today are earthworks and a single standing wall, the eastern arch of the north arcade of the church nave and part of the west pillar of the tower base. The Abbey was founded by the Premonstratensian Order in 1154 and dissolved in 1537.

**G** **River Witham and the Water Rail Way**  
The Witham flows from south of Grantham, through Lincoln to Boston and The Wash. The Water Rail Way is a multi-user path beside the river between Lincoln and Boston. Along the route is a variety of artwork including metal sheep and cows and wooden pigs and fish. Watch out for a large pike near Bardney Lock!

Cycling quietly by the river is a great way to see river wildlife. Look out for great crested grebes, goosander and of course the elusive water rail. You may also be lucky enough to see a barn owl out during the day.



## Be a responsible cyclist

- Always follow the highway code
- Always follow the countryside code
- Be courteous to other users and vehicles
- Use a bell to let people know you are there
- Be seen – wear high visibility clothing and use lights in poor visibility
- Wear a helmet
- Keep your bike roadworthy
- Please do not cycle around nature reserves or woodlands - take time to enjoy them on foot

This route has been produced to enable cyclists to explore the Lincolnshire countryside. Although the route is generally quiet please note that all roads have periods when they are busier and attract faster vehicles so please take care.

This is just one in a series of cycle routes produced by Lincolnshire County Council. For others please contact us or visit the website.

We would welcome your comments and suggestions on this route and leaflet to help us improve future editions.

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