

**The letters used here correspond to those shown on the map and in the directions.**

## ★ **Gainsborough**

The town was a thriving port during the medieval period and continued to grow until the late nineteenth century when the railway arrived and the river channel was becoming difficult to navigate.

## ★ **River Trent**

The Trent is the third longest river in England after the Thames and Severn, at 274km (171 miles). The Trent rises in Staffordshire and flows through Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire before joining the Humber. The Aegir is the naturally occurring tidal wave on the lower reaches of the river, which includes the Gainsborough stretch, usually on high spring tides.

## ★ **Model Railway**

This model railway was started in 1953 and now has 1200 feet of main line track and is one of the largest '0' gauge model railways of its kind in the country. The model depicts the east coast main line between London and Leeds. For opening times and charges visit [www.gainsmodelrailway.ik.com](http://www.gainsmodelrailway.ik.com)

## ★ **Sturgate Airfield**

The airfield was one of the last built during the Second World War and opened in 1944. It was planned as an operational bomber air station but never saw active use. After the war the United States Air Force used the site until 1964. It is now home to the Lincoln Aero Club.

## ★ **Hewitts Windmill**

The windmill was built in 1876 by William Hewitt to replace a post mill. It worked until the 1950s when it was hit twice by lightning.

## ★ **Corringham village pond**

As well as being an attractive and peaceful place to sit and take a rest the pond is a great place to watch wildlife. Water will always attract a wide selection of birds.

## ★ **Laughton Forest**

Owned and managed by the Forestry Commission the woodland consists mainly of conifers but silver birch trees are also present. Once part of coversands heath, patches of heather may still be seen today producing a carpet of purple throughout the forest in the late summer. Keep quiet as you cycle through the woodland and you might even see deer!

## ★ **Owlet Plantation**

This woodland is owned and managed by the Woodland Trust. It is designated a Local Nature Reserve and is a remnant of a larger area of heath, marsh and wood pasture. As well as remnants of wood pasture some Victorian plantation still remains. Silver birch invaded the site during a period when management was at a minimum. Look out for the veteran oak and scots pine trees. Please do not cycle around the wood, why not take a break from cycling and enjoy a walk!

## ★ **Gainsborough Old Hall**

A magnificent example of a medieval timber framed manor house. It was built in 1460 by Sir Thomas Burgh. Famous visitors include Richard III and Henry VIII. For opening times and charges call 01427 612669.



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