

Loop 1

The Three Rivers Loop

Beccles, Loddon Return...

1. Beccles & Loddon Loop with Reedham Spur 23 miles...

Section 1 Beccles to Raveningham Craft Centre – 3.6 miles

Starting in Old Market, Beccles, turn right into Northgate, which is one-way, and turn left at the T-junction at the bottom. Take care on this section of main road across Gillingham Dam which can be busy and is the only way out of Beccles in this direction.

Travel over the old Beccles bridge, where you'll see boats dotted along the River Waveney. Cycle the length of Gillingham Dam and take the second turning on the left, signed Route 31 into Forge Grove. Cycle past the houses on the left and dismount at the top of the road. Bear right and follow the footpath over the footbridge, which will bring you out near the delightful church of St Mary, Gillingham.

Cycle straight ahead and walk through the narrow path to the right of the war memorial. Take care at this section, as you need to cross the main A143, and take the Raveningham Road almost directly opposite.

Follow Route 31 signs at all times on the Raveningham Road and take the left turning signposted for the Raveningham Craft Centre.

Section 2 Raveningham Craft Centre to Reedham Ferry – 4.5 miles

Follow this lovely old lane (look out for the magnificent Raveningham Hall and

Gardens on the right), you come to a T-junction, where you need to take care whilst turning left and immediate right into Ferry Road. Follow this quiet lane all the way until you reach a crossroads at the bottom of a short hill and carry on straight ahead.

From the crossroads, carry on until you reach a fork in the road where you need to bear right for Reedham. Follow this quiet lane until you get to a T-junction and bear left along this attractive lane, which parallels the river Yare. On the left, look out for the old Norton Marsh mill, which is set back from the road and makes an ideal photo.

Only a little further now until the road winds round to meet the river and the chain ferry, which will cost approximately £1 per cyclist each way. You could visit the Ferry Inn ahead for lunch. But for Reedham proper, follow Ferry Lane all the way until you see Station Road on the right, where you turn right, signposted 'village centre'. Follow this lane, bear left uphill and take Riverside, which is to the right of the war memorial. You'll see the village centre in front of you and it's pleasant to stop and take a stroll along the attractive river frontage at this point. There you'll find the Cup Cake Café and Lord Nelson pub on the left. A little further on is The Ship, which has an attractive river garden by the railway swing bridge

Section 3 Reedham Ferry to Loddon 4.6 miles and Loddon to Beccles 10.5 miles From the Chain Ferry, follow the lane for about 1 mile and take the second right. Take the right at the crossroads for Loddon. If you're interested in old churches, visit the delightful Grade I thatched roof church of St Gregory in Heckingham over the crossroads back towards Raveningham direction. The church is one of 124 existing round-tower churches in Norfolk and is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

In Loddon, you'll find Rosy Lee's Tea room opposite the staithe and many pubs to enjoy plus a pleasant picnic area at Hardley Flood on the River Chet. Follow Route 1 signs at all times starting by turning right out of Bridge St and onto Kittens Lane where you'll need to take care when crossing the busy A146. At Geldeston, you'll find the Locks Inn nestling down by the River Waveney which is just off Route 1 and down a long lane – look out for the sign.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A) Broads Authority Information Centre
Fen Lane, Beccles Tel: 01502 713196

B) Raveningham Craft Centre - café and events.
Tel Ravenous on: 01508 548406

C) Rosy Lee's Tearoom
37a Bridge Street, Loddon, Tel: 01508 520204

D) The Locks Inn
Geldeston Tel: 01508 518414

E) Cupcakes Tearooms - 48 Riverside, Reedham,
Tel: 01493 700713

F) The Wherry Inn, Geldeston Tel: 01508 518371

G) Heckingham Church, St Gregory

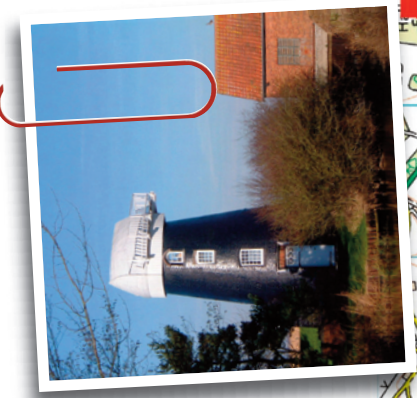
H) Reedham Ferry & Inn Tel: 01493 700429

I) Beccles Bell Tower
Beccles Lido, Puddingmoor Tel: 01502 713297

CYCLE HIRE

Martha's Cottage Cycle Hire, Barnby, Nr Beccles
Tel: 01502 476789

Outney Meadow Cycle Hire, Bungay
Tel: 01986 892338



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