

BHS Paralympic Legacy Access Project

Route 9 – Grantham East, South West Lincolnshire



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Distance: 8 miles (can be extended at Pickworth by continuing southwards along tarmac road - see map)

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer Map Numbers 247 and 248 (Map 1:25000)

This route is very simple and has been included because it offers an opportunity to ride/drive in the countryside while keeping close to those able to assist from the 'ground'. Meandering along gently undulating country lanes and tracks, it can easily be divided into a number of shorter sections dependent on the distance of the drive/ride being sought. It is recommended that it is driven/ridden in the direction shown on the map, as this is less arduous for both horses/ponies and anyone accompanying from the ground.

Within the surrounding geographical area are a number of National Trust and private properties available to view, such as Belton House, and Woolshorpe Manor (NT) (birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton), Harlaxton Manor (University of Evansville), and Burghley House. The towns of Grantham, Sleaford and Stamford are all within approximately 15 miles – the former being known for its connections with former Prime Minister Baroness Thatcher, and the latter for its picturesque stone buildings, five medieval churches and numerous antique centres. Newark and Lincoln Showgrounds are also within a reasonable travelling distance.

Route kindly submitted by Jane Scott, BHS Regional Access and Bridleway Officer for the East Midlands region.

Route Description

See accompanying map for location of identifying letters

If planning to start at Newton, turn off the A52 signed to Newton. At the next junction (opposite the village notice board) turn right in order to park at the Red Lion Pub. After a short distance this will be on your right.

From here, retrace your steps to the village notice board A and follow the lane through Walcot and then on to Pickworth.

At B there is a staggered junction marked Folkingham Road. Turn right and immediately left to Sapperton.

In Sapperton turn left (signed Ropsley) and follow on through the village, past the church and Hall.

Route 1

At C it is possible to shorten the route by turning right down a Restricted Byway and returning along the road to Newton via Braceby and Haceby. Two other Restricted Byways marked E and F can be

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used to extend this route if further off-road options are wanted.

Route 2 (to complete the full circuit)

At C continue along the road and take the next left turn marked Humby and Ropsley, and at the next signpost turn left marked Humby and Ingoldby.

Follow through Little Humby keeping the Village Green on your right and continue until you reach Great Humby.

At D turn right by a small grass triangle and continue to follow the track to the right of the Hall

Continue along this path until you meet a right turn which takes you back to Ropsey Main Street. (The pub will be to your right and the church on your left).

On reaching Ropsley turn right down the main street and then left towards Braceby and Haceby.

Before entering Haceby turn right (signed Newton) and when you reach a sharp bend continue down the Restricted Byway marked E on the map.

Turn left onto the road at the end of this, and after a short distance left again onto a Restricted Byway marked F on the map.

Turn right at the end of this and continue back to Newton.

General Information

Parking:

There are two suggested places to park. Both of these offer good parking facilities plus food and drink.

The Red Lion at Newton (pictured right). To start at Newton (as shown in the directions), turn off the A52 signed to Newton. At the next junction (opposite the village notice board) turn right. The Red Lion is just round the first corner on your right. The owners have kindly asked that they are contacted in advance.

The Green Man at Ropsley (24 High Street Ropsley, Grantham NG33 4BE; 01476 588223). Parking is also possible on roadside verges which are wide in many places. Please take care not to block gateways and be aware that some roadside verges are 'nature verges' managed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust for conservation of particular plant species.

Insurance: The BHS recommends that before undertaking any part of this route, both horse and rider should be adequately insured against public liability. The British Horse Society can provide public liability and personal accident insurance cover as well as many benefits if you join as a member (terms and conditions and territorial limits apply). For more information or to join, visit www.bhs.org.uk/membership.

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Feedback: These routes are kept to the standard that the local authority can afford. They were all accessible at the time of launch and are on definitive public rights of way. If you experience any problems with the routes or wish to raise any concerns, please contact the local authority, your local BHS Access Officer or the Access Team at BHS HQ via access@bhs.org.uk.

About the **Paralympic Legacy Access Project**

In 2013, the BHS launched the Paralympic Legacy Access Project (PLAP), dedicated to identifying and promoting 20 off-road routes across Britain. The 12-mile circular routes were recognised to suit the needs of carriage drivers with physical limitations.

The project was inspired by an anonymous donation to commemorate the achievements of the Paralympics and Para World Carriage Driving Championship in 2012. Launched by BHS President, Martin Clunes, the 20 routes were all tested prior to launch.

A huge thank you to those who volunteered their time, knowledge and input to create the routes of the Paralympic Legacy Access Project.

Discover more at www.bhs.org.uk/carriagedriving

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