



# Moor to Sea Cycle Network

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## 3: Scarborough to Highwood Brow



### Cycle route info:

**Distance:** 8 miles (12.9km)

**Time:** 1½ to 2½ hours

**Start:** Scarborough railway station

**Grid ref:** TA 039 884

**Map:** Ordnance Survey OL27

**Terrain:** back roads and forest tracks, with one steep hill near Highwood Brow



The leg of the Moor to Sea route with perhaps the greatest variety: fine views, a beautiful valley and enchanting woodland, with forest roads that are broad, smooth and easy to ride. The only section of the route that requires extra care is the steep tarmac hill near Wrench Green, though if you have to get off and push it's not far!

### Directions: Scarborough to Highwood Brow

Turn L out of the railway station and, after 200m at the traffic lights, turn R down West Parade Rd. Pass to the L of Sainsbury's petrol station and skirt around the L of the car park. At the back of the children's playground continue down a marked cycle path, underneath a bridge and down an alley beside an all-weather sports pitch. You are now on the 'Cinder Track' cycle path (route NCN1).

Pass under two bridges and, just before the third, turn L up a tarmac path beside a playground. Follow the cycle track up through Woodlands Ravine and cross the A171 at the lights. Turn right and follow the cycle lane past Scarborough Hospital and Yorkshire Coast College. Turn left into Lady Edith's Drive to pass Raincliffe School and Throxenby Mere.

Shortly after Raincliffe Farm, at a small car park, turn L through a gap in the fence and up a steep bridleway into the woods. Follow it up round two bends after which another bridleway joins from the L. Continue straight on, passing through Raincliffe Meadow. After another 1.8km the bridleway emerges from the woods at a car park.

Join the road and turn L, then immediately R, passing the Hazel Head picnic site. Go over Mowthorpe Bridge and past the Everley Country House Café, then turn L (signposted to Wrench Green). Go over a bridge, turn R at the T-junction and L in front of The Old Chapel to go up a steep hill. At the top of the hill the road becomes a forest road. At a junction with two turns to the L and one to the R take the R turn. At a fork, stay on the road that bears L to the Highwood Brow viewpoint.

## **Directions: Highwood Brow to Scarborough**

At the Highwood Brow viewpoint continue eastwards along the forest road (steep-sided valley down to your L). At a 4-way junction, take the first road to the L and begin a sharp descent. Hold on tight as you enter Wrench Green as there are humps on the road which are hard to spot if approaching at speed! Pass through the village, turning R and L (and not down the dead-end) and over a bridge.

Turn R at the T-junction, past the Everley Country House Café and over Mowthorpe Bridge. Just after the Hazel Head picnic site turn L and then R soon after at a small car park, heading into the woods along the bridleway. After passing over a stream with a single wooden barrier, fork R and soon after enter Raincliffe Meadow. At the next fork turn L down the lower and broader of the two tracks. Follow it round to the L to reach the road at a small car park.

Turn R and pass by Throxenby Mere, Raincliffe School and Yorkshire Coast College. At the A171, turn R and then first L and bear R onto Scalby Road. Continue over the hill and keep left on a cycle track beside the A171. Cross two slip roads and turn left on a cycle track down Woodlands Ravine. Carry straight on to the tarmac cycle-path NCN1, on a slight rise. Go down the other side and turn R on the lower path in the cutting.

Pass under two bridges and along a narrow alley beside an all-weather sports pitch. Emerging at the children's playground, take the marked cycle path to the R and skirt around Sainsbury's car park. Keep to the R of the petrol station to reach the main road, via West Parade Road. Turn L at the traffic lights. The route ends at the railway station, 200m along on the R.

### **Route highlights!**

Wonderful wildflowers – rock roses, cowslips, orchids, bluebells and dog violets.

Biking through Raincliffe Woods.

See for miles from the escarpment at Highwood Brow.

### **Facilities**

Scarborough has a tourist information centre, and a full range of accommodation, cafés, restaurants and other facilities.

Refreshments en route at Everley. There are also picnic sites at Throxenby Mere, Raincliffe Woods, Hazel Head and Highwood Brow.