



Billericay Town Council

Billericay Circular Cycle Ride



**A cycle ride around
Hanningfield Reservoir
starting from
Billericay Station**

This cycle route is 14.6 miles long starting at Billericay Station and looping around Hanningfield Reservoir, providing some stunning views on the way. The route is based on B roads and country lanes, enabling you to enjoy the countryside hopefully without too much traffic.

Start at Billericay Railway Station and turn left into Radford Way, passing the industrial area of the town. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit into Perry Street, and at the next roundabout take the 2nd exit into Queens Park Avenue. At the top of the hill, on your left, is Queens Park Country Park and Stock Brook Country Club.

At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit into Potash Road, and after about half a mile take the first left into Goatsmoor Lane. To your right is the 40 acre plantation which is used for war games. Follow this road for 1.3 miles until you come to a junction where you keep to the left and ride up White's Hill. At the top you come to the T-junction with Mill Road, turn right and the immediately left into Mill Lane. As you ride along here you will pass Stock Windmill which is open from 2-5 pm on the second Sunday of the month, April to September.



At the T-junction turn left into Downham Road and 300 yds later take the first right into Lower Stock Road. This is an enjoyable 1.5 mile ride along a very quiet county lane. As you emerge into the edge of West Hanningfield Village you encounter the first refreshment point, the Three Compasses.



is not visible as the earth dam is raised above the height of the road on your left. At the end of the dam you ride back uphill to meet South Hanningfield Road; turn right to where the second refreshment point, The Old Windmill, sits. About 200 yds past the pub a road off to the right, Giffords Lane, takes you the 300 yds down to the edge of the reservoir and the Fishing Lodge Café, which has decking overlooking the water (for opening times call 01268 712182).

Turn right into Church Road and 200 yds along and take the first right into Middlemead. This road descends onto the dam, where there is a completely flat 1.2 miles section. The view to the right is excellent, however the reservoir

For those who wish to push on, keep riding along South Hanningfield Road to the T-junction and turn right into Hawkswood Road. Along here is a second opportunity to get close to the water at the Essex Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre, on the right-hand side (donation required). The Visitor Centre has a café offering light refreshments.

Just past the Visitor Centre turn left into Crowsheath Lane. *If you have not already had a good view of the reservoir ride a little past the turn into Crowsheath Lane on the western dam where there is an excellent view right across the reservoir.*

Ride along Crowsheath Lane to the junction with Downham Road by the Azuma Indian Restaurant in Downham, and turn right. Cycle along Downham Road into Ramsden Heath, where the award winning White Horse sits by the road junction. *(The White Horse won the National Family Pub of the Year in 2010).* Continue straight on and the Road becomes Heath road. As you leave the village, you pass the Nags Head on the right. *Care should be taken on this road as the traffic flows quite quickly.*

As you enter Billericay again, the road changes name to Norsey Road. As you cycle along past some of the largest houses in Billericay, keep an eye out for the entrance into Norsey Wood on the left just after Juniper Close on the right. Norsey Wood is ancient woodland and is where the Peasants' Revolt was finally crushed by Richard II's forces on 28th June 1381. At the first mini-roundabout go straight on and at the second mini-roundabout take the 2nd exit turning right into St Andrews Drive, take the 1st exit turning left at the third mini-roundabout into Stock Road, and at the fourth mini-roundabout take the 2nd exit turning right into Radford Way, completing the route at the Railway Station behind the BP filling station.

Turn by turn guide

Start at Billericay Railway Station	0
Turn Left - Radford Way	0
Roundabout take 3rd exit - Perry Street	0.4
Roundabout take 2nd exit - Queens Park Avenue	0.8
Roundabout take 2nd exit - Potash Road	1.9
Turn first left - Goatsmoor Lane	2.6
At crossways keep left – White's Hill	3.9
At T junc. turn right- Mill Road	4.6
Turn first left - Mill Lane	4.6
At T junc. turn left - Downham Road	5
Turn first right - Lower Stock Road	5.2
At 3 Compasses Pub turn right - Church Road	6.7
Turn first right - Middlemead	6.9
At T junc. turn right - South Hanningfield Road	9.0
Turn right - Hawkswood Road	9.2
Turn first left - Crowsheath Lane	10.5
At T junc. turn right - Downham Road	11.1
Roundabout take 2nd exit - Norsey Road	14.3
Roundabout take 2nd exit - St Andrews Drive	14.3
Roundabout take 1st exit - Stock Road B1007	14.4
Roundabout take 2nd exit- Radford Way	14.5
Billericay Railway Station - Finish	14.6

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