

## Useful Information for visitors

### SCAMPTON CYCLE TRAIL

#### ROUTE LOCATION: SCAMPTON

#### STARTING POINT

Scampton View Point car park  
at the junction of B1398  
and Till Bridge Lane

#### TOILETS

None on the routes - only at cafes

#### ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS FOR THE AREA:

OS Landranger (1:50 000) 121  
and OS Explorer (1:20 000) 272

#### TERRAIN

Undulating, all on road riding,  
B roads with some very short  
sections on A-road cycle paths.

#### ROUTE LENGTH AND TIMINGS

6 miles to RAF Ingham, 9 miles to  
RAF Hemswell, and then return  
by the same route.  
Travel time 45 minutes to 1 hour  
each way.

#### REFRESHMENTS

Scampton & Hemswell Cliff

### WELTON CYCLE TRAIL

#### ROUTE LOCATION: WELTON

#### STARTING POINT

Welton,  
St Mary's Church area  
(roadside parking)

#### TOILETS

None on the routes - only at cafes

#### ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS FOR THE AREA:

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and OS Explorer (1:20 000) 272

#### TERRAIN

Undulating, all on road riding,  
B roads with some very short  
sections on A-road cycle paths.

#### ROUTE LENGTH AND TIMINGS

Circular route 17 miles,  
approximately 1 hour 30 minutes  
travel time.

#### REFRESHMENTS

Welton & Wickenby

## SCAMPTON & WELTON CYCLE TRAILS



This route was compiled by Scampton RAF Airplay Youth Group  
working with Lincolnshire Memories and Memorials project.

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Every memorial has a story. Help uncover it.

## LINCOLNSHIRE MEMORIES AND MEMORIAL TRAILS THE ROYAL AIR FORCE — IN LINCOLNSHIRE —

Two routes near RAF Scampton which explore some  
of the historic sites connected with the Royal Air Force

SCAMPTON ROUTE

WELTON ROUTE



TWO  
CYCLE ROUTES  
— INSIDE —

## Introduction to the routes

During the First World War Zeppelin Airships and enemy ships began  
attacking Britain from the North Sea. The Lincoln Cliff provided ideal  
sites for airbases at Brattleby and Kirton in Lindsey and a night training  
base at Harpswell. These airfields had a grass landing strip and a few  
huts and sheds for the aeroplanes. Hardly any evidence of these early  
airfields remains. At the end of the war many airfields returned to  
agricultural use.

In the mid-1930s the government started an RAF expansion plan.  
Old airfields were re-occupied and expanded. Beautifully designed and  
crafted Neo-Georgian style buildings at Hemswell and Scampton were  
constructed in this period.

In 1939 the outbreak of war demanded rapid growth. Huts, tents and  
concrete and corrugated-iron utility buildings were quickly erected.  
The danger of air attack meant that the buildings and facilities were  
scattered around the perimeter of the airfield. The heavier aeroplanes  
such as the Lancaster Bomber could not operate on grass, so a  
programme of building concrete runways was begun.

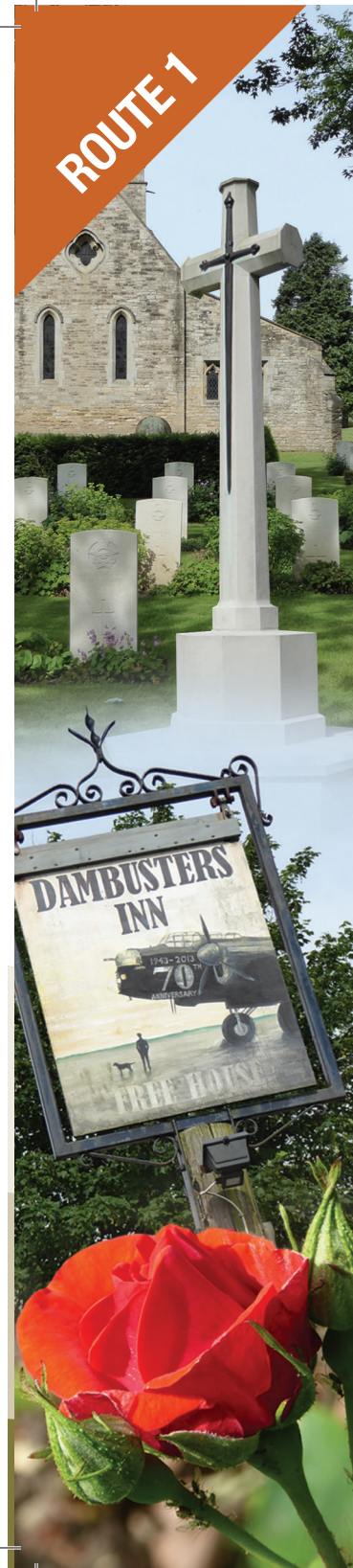
The Cold War period saw the introduction of new aircraft which needed  
longer runways. It was during the 1950s that RAF Scampton's runway  
was extended causing the diversion of the A15. This period also saw the  
implementation of THOR missile bases which included RAF Hemswell.

These routes will show you examples of the developing and changing  
story of military aviation in Lincolnshire, and you may well experience a  
flypast by some of the latest RAF planes as you cycle along!



#### REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

For more information on the war memorials and  
the people remembered on them visit  
[www.lincstothepast.com/home/lincolnshire-remembrance](http://www.lincstothepast.com/home/lincolnshire-remembrance)



# SCAMPTON

— CYCLE TRAIL —



- 1 Start at Scampton viewpoint. There is a small car park here.
- 2 Turn left down the hill into Scampton village.
- 3 The Dambuster's Inn is on your right.
- 4 Further through the village on the left is St John the Baptist church, with war graves and an RAF Memorial chapel.
- 5 Continue travelling along the B1398 through the villages of Aisthorpe, Brattleby and Cammeringham.
- 6 Bear left to cycle into Ingham village and then continue up the hill to All Saints' Church and pause here.
- 7 Continue up the hill to rejoin the B1398 and turn left. Continue along the road for approximately 2 miles. You will see some old and dilapidated Nissen huts which were part of RAF Ingham once. (All the structures are now on private land.) Further along you will see a gate on the right for RAF Ingham Heritage Centre just before you get to the village of Fillingham.
- 8 You can return to Scampton at this point or carry on to the next air base which was RAF Hemswell.

Note: The B1398 is fairly narrow and sections have cars travelling at 60 miles per hour.

## PLACES TO PAUSE - SCAMPTON ROUTE:

- 1 **The Dambusters Inn** has a collection of memorabilia relating to 617 Squadron.
  - 2 **Scampton (St John the Baptist) Churchyard** contains 64 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War and eight German war graves. Inside the church is an RAF Memorial Chapel. Along the churchyard path to the left near the gate is a beautiful rose grown as a memorial to Sergeant John Hannah VC Wireless Operator who acted selflessly fighting an intense fire allowing other members of the air crew to escape to safety and allowing the pilot to land the plane safely.
  - 3 **Ingham - All Saints' Church** there is a plaque in the church and a memorial bench remembering those who failed to return to RAF Ingham.
  - 4 **RAF Ingham Heritage Centre** - this site is still being restored, they are only open on Sundays. RAF Ingham was a Polish Airforce base with grass runways. Cliffe House was used as the Officer's mess and there are a number of original buildings including the control tower still standing.
- Former RAF Hemswell** - another Bomber Command Airbase between 1937 and 1957. RAF Ingham was a satellite site of RAF Hemswell. For most of the war RAF Hemswell was a Lancaster training school, but in 1944 No. 150 and 170 squadrons began operational duties. The site retains many original buildings used for antique centres and other businesses. The former officers' mess is now Hemswell Court Hotel. A number of cafes are dotted around the antique centres. AN RAF Hemswell memorial can be found on the old parade ground.

# SCAMPTON

— CYCLE TRAIL —

## ROUTE 2



## PLACES TO PAUSE - WELTON ROUTE:

- 1 **St Mary's Church, Welton** - Discover the beautiful stained glass First World War memorial window. - Challenge: can you spot the submarine? The aircraft had the job of protecting Britain's coast from ships, submarines and Zeppelin air ships. How many different ones can you spot?
- 2 **RAF Faldingworth** - was the home of 300 Polish Squadron which flew Lancaster Bombers. The airbase itself was near the village of Newtoft. If you look at an OS Map you will be able to see the shape of the runways. The area is now private and restricted. As you walk up the path to All Saints Church, you are walking on a memorial - the path of friendship between the British and Polish nations. Can you see the different coloured edging stones, and find the handshake? Inside the church there is a memorial window, books of remembrance and a plaque to remember the Polish Air Force.
- 3 **Friesthorpe** - visit St Peter's Church to learn about the five Beechey Brothers who all lost their lives in the First world War. They grew up in this little village as their father was the Rector of the church. All the Beechey brothers served in the Army. The First World War was a land-based war - how do you think things changed in the Second World War?
- 4 **RAF Wickenby Control Tower museum** - the museum is open daily, free admission and there is a café on site.
- 5 **RAF Dunholme Lodge** - There is a permanent memorial to the airmen that lost their lives whilst serving at this airbase and other items from the area's history at William Farr School, which was built on part of the domestic site for the station. To arrange a visit, contact Mrs Pat May on 01673 866900.
- 6 **RAF Scampton Heritage Centre** - in the former 617 Squadron Hangar famous for the Dambusters' raid - you can see Wing Commander Guy Gibson's office as it would have looked in 1943. The Heritage Centre is open to the public by appointment only. Pre-arranged visits only: please send an email to: rafscamptonheritagecentre@gmail.com

# WELTON

— CYCLE TRAIL —

- 1 The route starts in the centre of Welton village. Free parking is available in the area near St Mary's church on Lincoln Road. There is a pub and a café in the row of shops.
- 2 From the church continue on the Lincoln Road bearing right onto Ryland Road, passing the Co-op and Village Hall.
- 3 Turn left at the mini-roundabout onto Hackthorn Road and continue out of the village.
- 4 Just past the golf course turn right to Cold Hanworth. Continue along this road bearing left and then turn right at the T junction signpost for Cold Hanworth and Faldingworth.
- 5 Continue through Cold Hanworth and at the next T junction turn right towards Faldingworth (1.5mi).
- 6 At Faldingworth you can continue to the A46 and turn left at the junction, or turn left into Stocks Lane and dismount at public footpath on your right which will take you to All Saints' church.
- 7 There is an unavoidable short section of the A46 in Faldingworth but it is restricted to 30 miles per hour. Please be cautious as it is a busy road.
- 8 From Faldingworth Church continue left out of the village along the A46 and take the first right turn signposted for Buslingthorpe. Ride through Buslingthorpe and over the level crossing.
- 9 Turn right and right again to Freisthorpe, and over another level crossing and follow the road to Freisthorpe. The church is usually open and contains a new memorial window for the Beechey boys.
- 10 Retrace your route out of Freisthorpe and bear right, cross over the railway towards Wickenby.
- 11 Follow the signs for Wickenby Airfield. The café and museum is open throughout the year.
- 12 From Wickenby Airfield, turn right and then at the three way junction take the middle road towards Snelland. In Snelland follow the road over the level crossing towards Stainton by Langworth.
- 13 At Stainton the road crosses the railway twice. Then continue towards Scothern. (Sustrans route 1)
- 14 Follow the road through Scothern - (there is a pub here The Bottle and Glass).
- 15 From Main street at Scothern follow the road right (Dunholme Road) and then turn left into Heath Road, a narrow lane which leads to the A46. Using the cycle path turn right, carefully crossing the A46 and then take the second left (Lincoln Road - by the Centurion Garage and head towards Welton). At William Farr school there is a memorial and small collection but viewing is by appointment only.

**NB** If you wanted to see some of the remnants of runway after crossing the A46 take the first left into Horncastle Lane and ride for about 1/2 mile - you are riding across the old airfield and a good section of the old runway will appear on your left at the first corner. Unless you are intending to visit RAF Scampton Museum return to the A46 and continue along the cycle path to the next left turn - Lincoln Road and continue as above. If you have arranged to visit RAF Scampton continue along Horncastle Lane to the A15 turn right and use the cycle path to reach the Main Guard Room at RAF Scampton. After your visit you can return to Welton via Heath Lane which is opposite RAF Scampton.

