

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION

This short route is a relaxing cycle ride that takes in areas of outstanding natural beauty and offers great seaside views of the Southport coast. You will cycle past Queen's Jubilee Nature Reserve and Victoria Park, home to Southport's Flower Show, along Esplanade.

You will travel along the disused Cheshire Lines Railway, passing the site of the old Birkdale Palace Station, up to Birkdale Local Nature Reserve and the world famous Royal Birkdale Golf Course.



The route passes through an area of housing that was historically referred to as the "Castles in the Sand" and returns to the Cheshire Lines passing the site of the old Palace Hotel, a once 200ft long luxurious hotel that was reputedly popular with stars like Frank Sinatra and Clark Gable.



- 1 Turn right out of the Eco centre car park and head down Esplanade.
- 2 Go straight across the roundabout and join the cycle track along the side of the Coastal Road, this track is part of the Trans Pennine Trail.

- 3 Continue to the start of the Birkdale Sandhills Local Nature Reserve on the left, then turn left towards Selworthy Road. Go straight along Selworthy Road and then onto another track at the end of Granville Road. Royal Birkdale is now on your right.



- 4 At the end of this track turn left onto Lancaster Road.

- 5 Continue then turn left onto Waterloo Road, then immediately left into Oxford Road.

- 6 Go past Westbourne Road, straight across Palace Road and join the path directly opposite. This was the site of the Hotel.

- 7 At the end of this track you are back on the Coastal Road cycle track, turn right here and back to the Eco Centre.

## VISIT

VISIT Sefton and West Lancs are continuing to develop the cycling offer within and around the area by building on the existing potential.



Co-ordinated packages of activities, promoting and marketing the wider area, are continually being developed.

For information on any upcoming events and other cycle routes see our website [www.visitseftonandwestlancs.co.uk](http://www.visitseftonandwestlancs.co.uk)

## CYCLE ROUTES

This route is one of a series of themed routes in Sefton and West Lancashire. They are suitable for families and the less experienced cyclists and include many of the area's landmarks.

All routes are signed and have accompanying leaflets. These are available at all Cycle Hire Centres or via the website.



## CYCLE HIRE

If you are visiting Sefton and West Lancs and you don't have your bike, you can still enjoy our range of themed routes by hiring a bike at one of our cycle hire centres. A wide range of bikes are available for all the family.



For further information or to pre-book, please contact the cycle hire staff or see the website.

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# Marram Route




- Beginner/easy
- Mostly off road
- Distance 3 miles
- Time 20-30 mins



**KEY**

 **Marram Route**

 **Railway Station**

 **Cycle Hire Centre**



**Victoria Park**



**Southport Beach**



**Royal Birkdale**



**Lancaster Road**

ROYAL BIRKDALE GOLF COURSE

