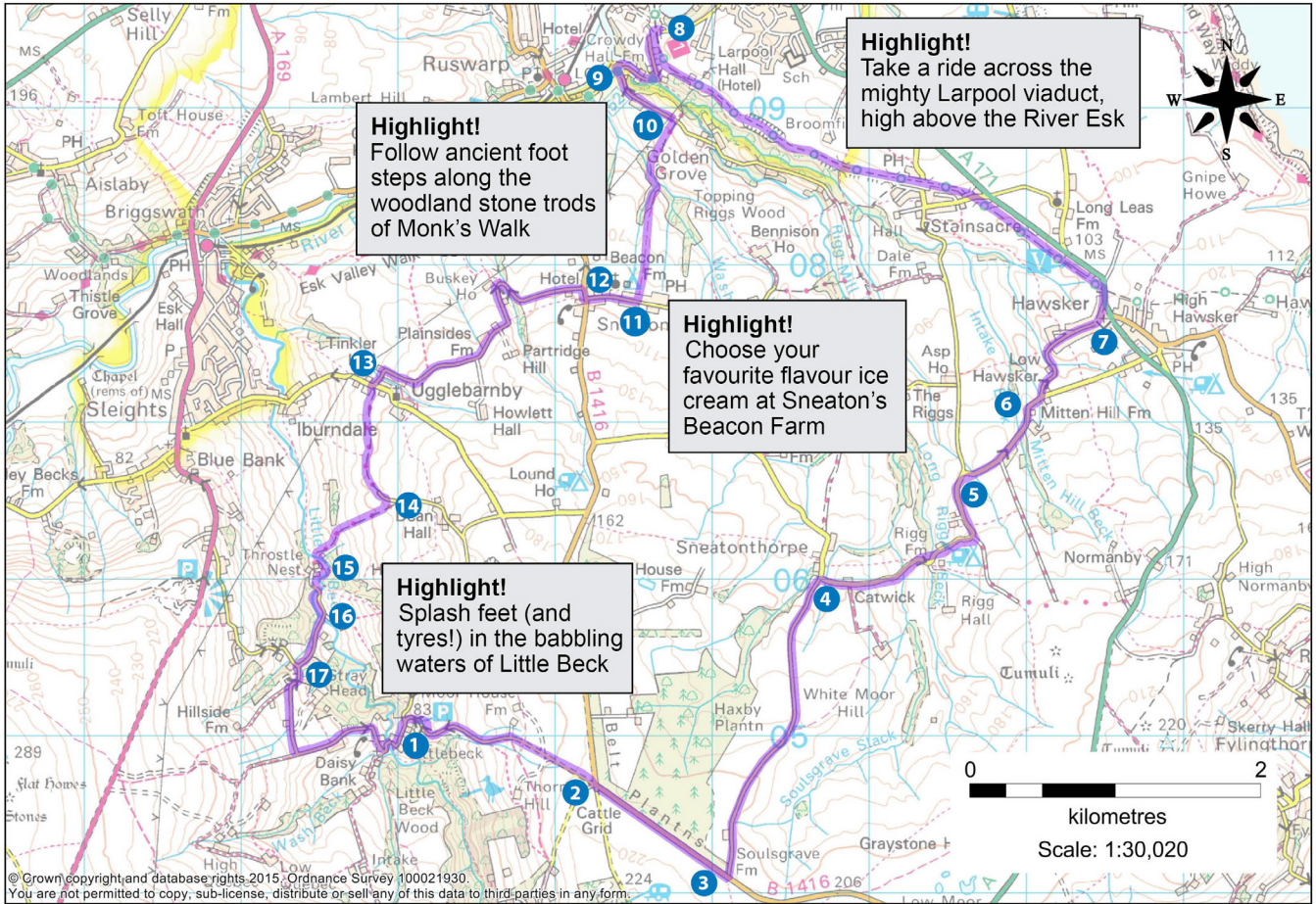




# Littlebeck and Hawsker

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## Introduction

Explore the back roads, country lanes and woodland tracks between the valley hamlet of Littlebeck and the old 'Cinder Track' railway line between Scarborough and Whitby.

There are sweeping views from Sneaton Moor, before an exhilarating freewheel down into Hawsker. Then the route runs through Sneaton (ice cream alert at Beacon Farm!), before dropping down into the woods and along the valley, back to Littlebeck.

It's a challenge in parts – there's no shame in pushing up the hills or walking through the woods! – but it's a great introduction to the farm and valley landscapes of this quiet corner south of Whitby.

## Cycle route info:

**Distance:** 12½ miles (20km)

**Time:** 3 hours

**Terrain:** country roads and stone tracks, with some woodland sections – take care on the stone trods. Also some easy railway line cycling on the Cinder Track

**Start:** Littlebeck Village Hall car park (NZ 880 052)

**Map:** Ordnance Survey OL27

**Directions:** see reverse



## Directions

1. From Littlebeck Village Hall car park turn right at the junction, up the hill, signposted 'Local traffic only' – it's very steep (1:4)!
2. On reaching the main road (B1416), turn right and continue along it in the Scarborough direction (ignoring the minor right turns to Falling Foss and May Beck).
3. Turn left.
4. Turn right for Hawsker.
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6. Turn left.
7. Turn left at the main road (A171) and then left again at the light-controlled crossing to join the 'Cinder Track' through a wooden gate. Follow the old railway line straight ahead, passing Trailways cycle hire/refreshments.
8. Immediately before Larpool viaduct, turn right off the track, right onto the driveway and then right again onto Larpool Lane, to run under the brick bridge and down towards Ruswarp – or carry your bike down the steps on your left to reach the same road.
9. Turn left, up the steep hill, towards Golden Grove.
10. Turn right up a bridleway – it's easy to miss if you're cycling too fast, and if you reach Golden Grove hamlet you've gone too far. There's a track bearing right, off the road and up into a field, with the bridleway lying to the right of the gateway and hedge. Continue along the Monk's Walk (a stone trod), through the woods, to Sneaton.
11. Turn right along the road (or turn left first for the café and ice cream at Beacon Farm).
12. Turn right, then left, for Ugglebarnby.
13. At the junction, cross straight over and follow the stone track (signposted 'Community Access Project').
14. Turn right along the track and then descend (past a 'motorcycles and vehicles forbidden' sign) down a steep track to a wooden bridge. Take care – very steep, and occasional steps and roots.
15. Turn left across the footbridge and cycle through the woods, passing a 'Littlebeck' sign and crossing two sets of stepping stones.
16. After the second set of stepping stones, bear left over a concrete ford and continue along the track to cross another ford. Head up the steep hill.
17. Turn left at the junction and follow the road back to Littlebeck and the Village Hall.

### Facilities

Bike hire is available at Trailways at Hawsker – you can start the route from there if you prefer.

Refreshments at Hawsker, Stainsacre, and Beacon Farm café, Sneaton. Also plenty of cafés, pubs and restaurants in Whitby.