



Sunset over the Vale of Pickering © Alan Green



**1** From Malton station, turn **R**. At T-jct turn **R** over the level crossing and (taking extra care) bear **R** onto the Stamford Bridge and Pocklington road. Turn first **L** to pass **St Nicholas Street car park**. After the car park turn **R** at the T-jct and cycle out of Norton over Langton Wold

**2 SA** at crossings. Stay on winding road through Birdsall village

**10** Turn **R** at X-roads and retrace your route back to Norton or Malton

**9** Turn **L** at T-jct in North Grimston

**7** At the bend follow the Trail fingerpost onto a track, then **L** when you reach tarmac again. If the track is unsuitable, bear **R** to T-jct. Then (taking extra care) turn **L** down to X-roads in Wharram le Street and **L** again

**3** Turn **L** at X-roads along the tree lined road and begin the lengthy descent through the dry valley of Water Dale

**8** Turn **R** and drop down along the bumpy road over Grimston Brow cattle grid

**6** Pass the car park for the deserted medieval village of Wharram Percy (look for the information board at the top of the path)

**5** Turn **L** and **L** again up the steep and narrow lane to Wharram-le-Street

**4 SA** through Thixendale village and turn **L** at the T-jct (following the brown Byway sign)

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1km (0.6mile)

Waterdale © Cooper Douglas

**The Yorkshire Wolds**

## Thixendale

21.5 miles (35km) from Malton or Norton on Derwent

Up onto the high Wolds and through a winding steep-sided dry valley to the picturesque estate village of Thixendale. Views over the Vales of York and Pickering

**Big skies ride info**

**Grade:** Long · Hard  
All on road except for short track section

**Start/finish:** Malton station or St Nicholas Street free car park in Norton

**Refreshments:** Choice in Malton and Norton; shop and pub in Thixendale. Opening times vary

**Public loos:** Malton

**Cycle shop:** Ralph Yates, Malton 01653 605408

