

Sefton Lanes

Route Summary

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Grade	Easy
Distance	19¼km / 12 miles
Accessibility	Mostly metalled lanes
Allow	3 hours
Start	Blundellsands & Crosby railway station
Map	OS Explorer 275 Liverpool and 285 Southport & Chorley

Map (See page 2 of PDF for route description)



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Route Details

This ride takes you near to Crosby Coastal Park which stretches from Waterloo in the south to the estuary of the River Alt at Hightown in the north. The route also takes you inland enabling you to explore the nearby villages and countryside.

It begins by following the road paralleling the promenade in Blundellsands. The low grassy dunes and links here are an ideal habitat for skylarks and pipits, whilst the foreshore is good for lots of wading birds such as curlew, sanderling and redshank.

The pretty St Mary's Church in Little Crosby was much restored by William Blundell (the local landowner) in the 1840s. He even had the level of the roads lowered here to make the church look more impressive in the landscape!

Later on you join Back O' The Town Lane, which fringes the old haymeadows beside the River Alt. The river was canalised in the 1780s as part of vast reclamation works that created the Lancashire levels, famed for their brassicas and root-crops. There may well be lapwings, short eared owls, little owls; look out too for hares. There is a garden centre with a café as you exit the village of Ince Blundell.



Route Directions

1. Leave the Blundellsands & Crosby station car park.
2. Turn right on to The Serpentine South.
3. Continue past Blundellsands Park.
4. The road becomes The Serpentine then The Serpentine North.
5. Turn left on to Burbo Bank Road North.
6. At the end turn right on to Hall Road West.
7. At the end head straight on along Dibb Lane, a sandy bridleway.
8. At the crossroads go straight on.
9. Bear right at St Mary's Church.
10. Follow the road round to the right.
11. And to the left, where it becomes Virgins Lane.
12. Go straight on on entering Thornton.
13. Go straight on at the crossroads.
14. Take the next left.
15. Go straight on at the crossroads on to Holgate.
16. Turn right at the junction where the road becomes Back Lane.
17. Follow the road round to the left.
18. Turn left at the crossroads in Lunt.
19. At the edge of Ince Blundell Park, turn right on to Park Wall Road.
20. Go straight on opposite the Hall, on Back O' The Town Lane.
21. Turn right at the T junction in Ince Blundell.
22. Turn right at the A565.
23. Turn left almost immediately before the Red Squirrel.
24. Continue past the wood.
25. Turn left at the T junction.
26. Bear left at Flea Moss Wood.
27. Turn right at St Mary's Church. From this point you retrace the beginning of the route.
28. Go straight on at the crossroads on to Dibb Lane.
29. Go straight on at the end on to Hall Road East.
30. Follow the road round to the left at the coastguard station.
31. Rejoin The Serpentine North.
32. Follow it along the coast.
33. Bear left along The Serpentine South back to the train station.