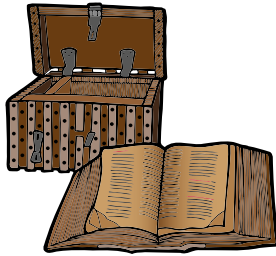


Heritage Discovery

Ancient Settlements

The villages you ride through are all mentioned in the Domesday Book (1087 AD), a survey describing the ownership and use of land at the time of the Norman Conquest.



You will also pass three deserted medieval villages (shaded in yellow on the map)

- A. Wolfhampcote
- B. Braunstonbury
- C. Fawcliff

Landscape



The ridge and furrow profile you see in many of the fields is the result of medieval farming methods when people ploughed long strips of land in

huge fields to produce food. After the Inclosure legislation in 1760, which required owners to enclose their allotted land with hedges, most of the land was given over to pasture, thus preserving the distinctive profile you see today.

More recently, many of the hedges have been removed to once again create huge fields so that large farming machinery can efficiently work the land.



Braunston



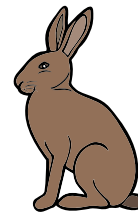
Braunston lies at the junction of the Oxford Canal and the Grand Union Canal and thrived for over 150 years on the canal trade carrying goods

from the Midlands to London. Now it is a centre for leisure activities and is the busiest stretch of canal anywhere in the country.

The route takes you along High Street and out of the village but, if you wish to explore the canals further, turn right at Nibbits Close soon after the Old Plough pub to get to the marina.

Wildlife

There is a great variety of animals and birds along the cycling route. Look out for hares, deer, foxes, starlings, fieldfares, kites, buzzards and kestrels.



Notes about the route

1. The route is 14.2 miles. There are a few hills.
2. The section from Wolfhampcote to the A45 is a private track where access is allowed provided you stay on the track. This part of the route may not be suitable for road bikes.
3. The A45 can be very busy at certain times of the day so please take care.
4. Please be sure to shut gates.

St Nicholas' Church Willoughby

Heritage Discovery Cycle Route



A 14.2 mile cycle route around Willoughby and its surrounding villages.



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Heritage Landmarks along the Route



1 St Nicholas' Church, Willoughby

Start at the Grade II* listed church.



2 Woolscott Manor

Grade II. The main house was built in the 18th century.



3 St Peter's Church, Grandborough

Grade II*. Built in the 14th century. Original dedication was to St Paul but by 1743 this had changed to St Peter. The two giant Wellingtonia trees were planted over 100 years ago.



4 Railway Cottages, Sawbridge

The site of the railway station for Flecknoe 1 1/4 miles away. The station master lived in No. 4.



5 St Mark's Church, Flecknoe

Built in 1891 with railway money as compensation for disruption to the nearby ancient village of Wolfhampcote. Look out for the old railway bridges as you ride to ...



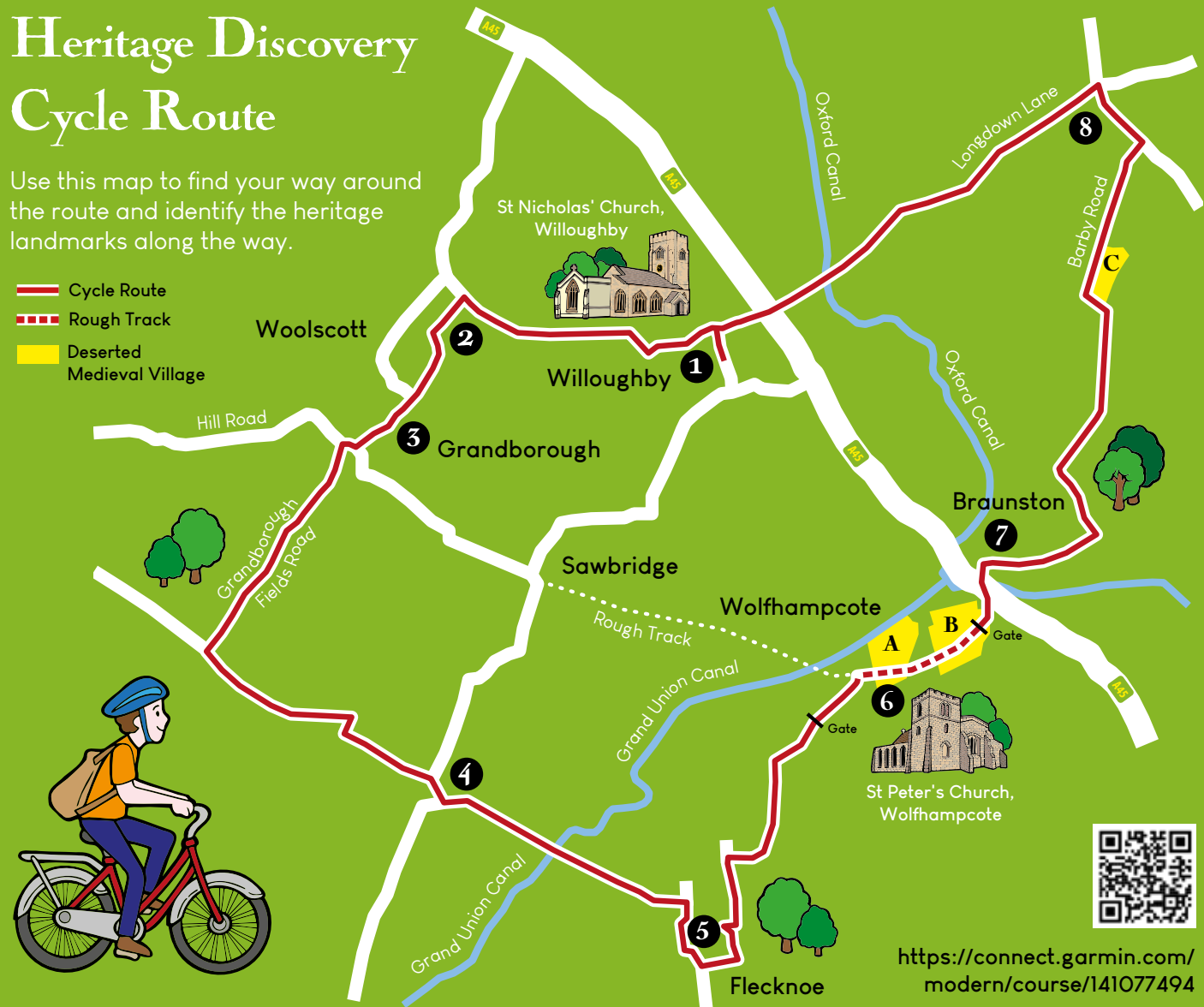
6 St Peter's Church, Wolfhampcote

Grade II*. Built in the 14th century. The sole survivor of the deserted medieval village of Wolfhampcote which lies on the other side of the track. You can camp overnight in this historic church. Go to champing.co.uk for more information.

Heritage Discovery Cycle Route

Use this map to find your way around the route and identify the heritage landmarks along the way.

-  Cycle Route
-  Rough Track
-  Deserted Medieval Village



<https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/141077494>



7 All Saints' Church, Braunston

Grade II. Known as the 'Cathedral of the Canals'. In the warmer months, look out for the peregrine falcons that nest in the tower. Continue on High Street and turn left at The Wheatsheaf to leave the village.



8 Longdown Lane

During the Ice Age, the top of Longdown Lane was on the shoreline of a huge lake. As you ride down the lane, imagine that everything you see before you was, at one time, underwater.