

Attractions on route

1 Britannia Stadium

Home to Stoke City Football Club. Even if you're not a football fan you can still enjoy the panoramic and impressive views of the North Staffordshire country side from the stadium.

2 Queens Park (Longton) and Florence Greenway

A Grade II listed heritage park, Queens Park was the first of Stoke-on-Trent's municipal parks to be established. The Duke of Sutherland gave the land for the use of a public park, donated bricks to enclose the site and offered the services of his land agent John Garrett as designer of the park. Opened on 25 July 1888, the park has many attractive features, including its ornamental gates at each of the three entrances. These are adorned with the coats of arms of the Duke of Sutherland and Mayor Aynsley and the borough of Longton. Queens Park is famous for its trees, horticulture and lakes. It has a very individual character and contains football pitches, bowling greens, tennis courts, two multi use games area, a children's play area, children's outside gym, skateboard facility, a traditional bandstand and two park lakes which cover an area of approximately two hectares and are open for fishing. The rest of the park is made up of formal bedding, mixed border grass and a path network. There are two toilet blocks within the park. Florence Greenway is the eastern half of a former railway line connecting the former Florence Colliery (now part of the Trentham housing) with Hem Heath Colliery and the main line railway. Florence Lakes development) and the main line railway. Florence Colliery closed in 1990 and Hem Heath (the last colliery to close in Stoke-on-Trent) closed in 1996.

3 Gladstone Pottery Museum

Stoke-on-Trent is world famous for its pottery. This unique Museum allows you to discover how bone china tableware was made. The only complete Victorian pottery factory in the country from the days when coal burning ovens made the world's finest bone china allows you to travel back in time and see traditional skills, original workshops, the cobble yard and huge bottle kilns. You may also want to visit the 'Flushed with Pride' toilet exhibit, tile Gallery and the 1890's Doctor's House. The gift shop sell exclusive handmade pottery, books and gifts.

4 Longton Town Centre

The most southerly of the six towns that make up Stoke-on-Trent. Until the last decade of the 18th Century it was known only for its coal mines and iron works but from the 19th Century it developed into a major centre for bone china production. The town still has 20 remaining bottle kilns, more than any of the six towns. The ride takes you close to some of these including the six large bottle ovens at Gladstone Pottery Museum (Gladstone and Roslyn works). Three kilns at the rear of Sutherland works (Hudson and Middleton) Normacot Road, one bottle oven on the corner of Warren Street/Normacot Road and two bottle kilns at the Albion Works, King Street.



This route is based on a simplified map. For help on using short cuts, extensions or combining routes, please use the more detailed Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme Cycling Map and Guide 2011

Remember always follow the Highway Code

Check over your right shoulder regularly. Do not cycle on the pavement, unless it is signed for cyclists. Be considerate when passing other users, such as pedestrians and horse riders, especially if approaching them from behind. They may not know you are there. Always allow plenty of room and do not pass too quickly.



This is one of a series of circular leisure rides. The Leisurely Cycle Rides leaflet gives an overview of all the routes you can choose from and also lists the dates you could join other cyclists for a guided ride around the routes. Each route map can be downloaded from cyclestoke.co.uk or you can request a copy by telephone on 01782 238692 or email cyclestoke@stoke.gov.uk



Safety Advice

Ride considerately on greenways and towpaths by giving priority to pedestrians and warning them of your approach. On towpaths follow the "waterways code" ride in single file away from the canal edge and take care at potential hazard points such as low bridges, moorings and side barriers, blind bends, moorings and cobbled sections. Also take care when crossing roads and using the "on road" sections and at the locations shown on the map by the red caution symbol.



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Britannia Stadium to Longton

About the route

Taking an anti-clockwise route from Britannia Stadium, this circular ride follows greenways to Blurton before following an on-road section to Longton's beautiful Queens Park. A Grade II listed park, Queens Park is a great place to stop and enjoy a picnic or use some of the fantastic facilities on offer.

From Queens Park you take the Florence Greenway passing through the former site of the Florence Colliery, before using an on-road section to take you into Longton, passing several bottle kilns including those of Gladstone Pottery Museum. Gladstone Pottery Museum is the only complete Victorian pottery factory and this unique museum makes a great place to stop and explore.

From Longton, the route follows an off-road route along greenway back to the Britannia Stadium where fine views can be enjoyed across the city on a clear day.

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Miles: 7 (loop)
Time: 2 hours
Level: Easy



