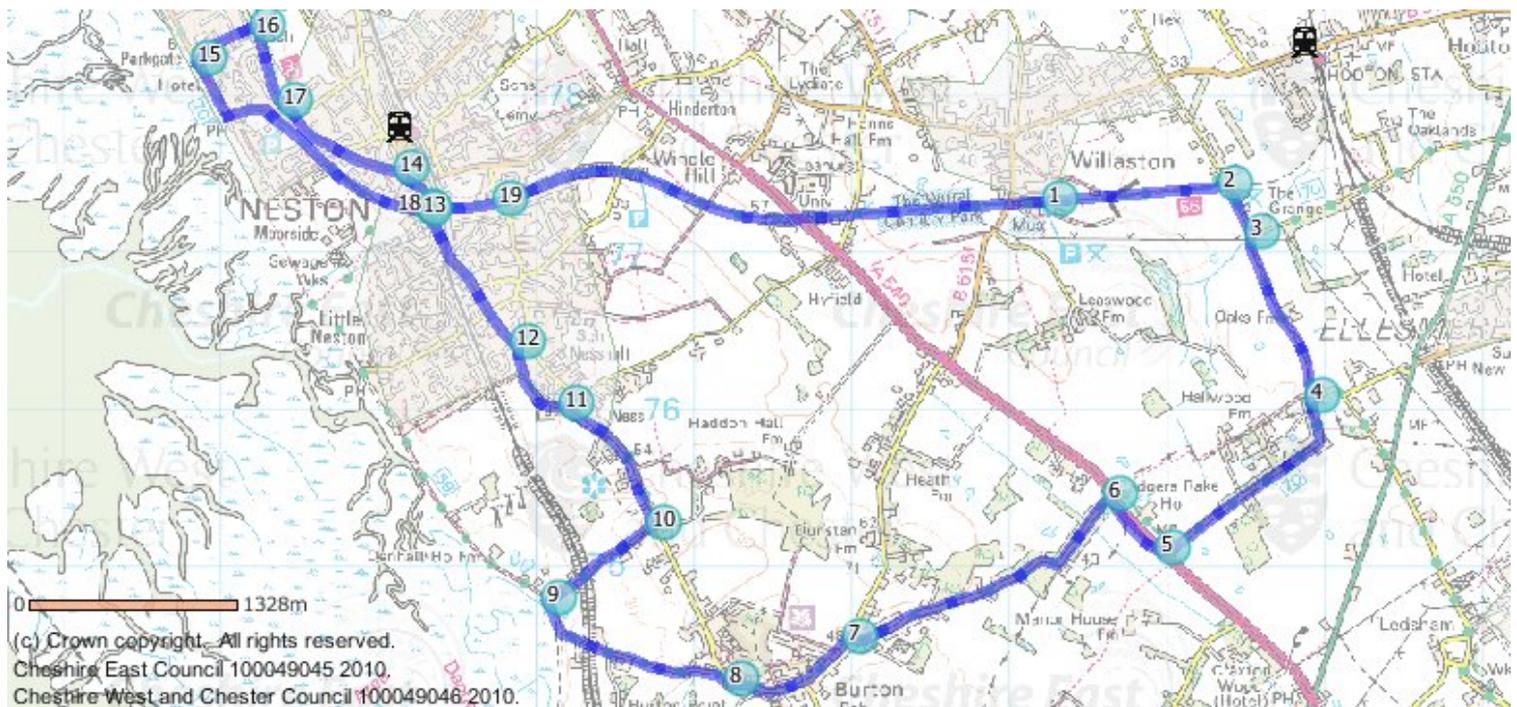


## Signals and Saltmarsh

A gentle 19km/12mile ride from Willaston to the Dee Estuary and back.

Grade	Circular
Distance	19km/12mile
Time	2 - 3 hours
Start	Hadlow Road Station
Map	OS Explorer Map 266
Terrain	Minor roads and traffic free cycling along the Wirral Way
Barriers	N/A
Toilets	Hadlow Road Station. Parkgate
Contact	Cheshire West and Chester Council Tel: 01606 271736



## Route Details

The ride starts in Willaston, a pretty village with a magnificent beech tree in the green.

Hadlow Road Station is the only remaining station on the Hooton to West Kirby Branch Line which closed in 1962. Today the Wirral Way is part of route 56 of the National Cycle Network.

Cycling along tree lined lanes you soon reach the picturesque village of Burton, with attractive thatched cottages perched on outcrops of sandstone bedrock.

Rest and enjoy the fantastic views from Denhall Lane across the Dee Estuary to the Welsh hills beyond before making the climb up to Ness Gardens.

Parkgate was once a major port and health resort. Today it is known locally for wonderful ice cream and some of the most spectacular birdwatching in the North West during high tides. Contact us for details.

Stop and admire the Millennium Bridge along the Wirral Way at Neston, with artwork designed by local children and artist Stephen Charnock.

Enjoy the cool shade of the rock cutting as you cycle back. Look out for the lick marks in the walls where the sandstone was hewn by hand and the attractive ferns that thrive in the damp, shady conditions.

## Directions

1. Join Route 56 via the access point at the far end of the car park. Turn left along the Wirral Way, heading towards Hooton.
2. Leave the Wirral Way at Heath Lane. Turn left just before the first bridge you come to, then right onto the road.
3. At the sharp left hand bend in the road, turn right onto the bridleway, signed Route 56.
4. Turn right at the T junction into Badgers Rake Lane.
5. Turn right onto the A540. Take care.
6. Turn left into Mudhouse Lane, signed to Burton.
7. Turn left at the T junction into Dunstan Lane and carry on to Burton.
8. Turn left after Burton Manor into Station Road.
9. Cycle up Denhill Lane to Neston Road.
10. Turn left at the T junction.
11. Turn left just before the Wheafsheaf pub into Well Lane.
12. Turn left at the T junction and go straight over the mini-roundabout.
13. Go under the Millennium Bridge, straight over the second mini-roundabout and through the traffic lights into centre of Neston.
14. Turn left at Neston Cross and follow Parkgate Road down into Parkgate Parade.
15. Turn right by Mostyn Square into School Lane. Turn left at the top on to Brooklands Road.
16. Go under the bridge and turn immediately left up the incline and left again onto the Wirral Way (Route 56) towards Neston.
17. Turn right at the road junction, and immediately left, signed Wirral Country Park.

18. Cross the Millennium Bridge and follow the Wirral Way back to Hadlow Road Station.

19. Cross over Bushell Road and follow the Wirral Way back to Hadlow Road Station.