

Cycle through Tixover and just before you reach the A47 branch off to the right, where you'll be able to pick up a track that shadows the A47 to Duddington. As you head into the picturesque village of Duddington you'll cross the River Welland again and see a mill house on your right. Cycle up through Duddington, keeping right, and you'll reach the A43. Turn right and after a very short distance you'll take a bridleway off to the left.



This is the Jurassic way, and you have a long climb ahead along a rutted track up into Fineshade Wood. At the top of the hill you'll go straight across a forest track. Keep going along the Jurassic Way until you get back to the Wood Yard.

Note: If you're in the mood as you cycle through Wakerley Wood on the road you can divert off to do some more serious off-roading.

WILDLIFE TO WATCH FOR:

- ⇒ Red Kites—you'll be unlucky if you don't see several of these while you pedal.
- ⇒ Deer—Fallow deer and Muntjacs often seen in the woods.
- ⇒ Lots of birds—most tits, siskin, finches, woodpeckers, warblers to name but a few.

TKC TRANSPORT GROUP

Free bikefix for the community; Bikes & bike spares available; Bike ride leaflets; Other cycling initiatives; Community minibus.

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LOCAL BIKE SHOPS

KINGS CLIFFE BIKEFIX

A TKC spin-off. 01780 470876 or check out kingscliffebikefix.co.uk.

FINESHADE CYCLING

Top Lodge, Fineshade Woods, 01780 440899. Bikes for hire.

PETERBOROUGH

BRISTOWS: 46 Church Drive, Orton Waterville, P'boro 01733 231755

TERRY WRIGHT CYCLES: 102 Bridge St, Deeping St James, Pboro 01778 344051

STAMFORD

ALL GEARED UP: 2 Marigold Close, Stamford 01780 757359

RICHARDSONS: 7 North St, Stamford 01780 480455

RUTLAND CYCLING

Whitwell Liesure Park, Whitwell, Rutland, 01780 460705. Bikes for hire.

USEFUL CYCLING WEB SITES

SUSTRANS: A leading UK charity enabling people to travel by bike: sustrans.org.uk

NCN: The UK's national cyclist's network: ctc.org.uk



Transition Kings Cliffe

Get On Your Bike...

Route TKC3

Kings Cliffe
Fineshade
Wakerley
Tixover
Duddington



Length: 16km/10miles

Category: On & Off Road

Difficulty: Moderate

Duration: 1.5 hours

Best Time: Spring/Summer

Bike Type: Mountain

(not road bike, bmx, folding bike, or hybrids with slick narrow tyres)

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THE ROUTE

This ride is best done in dry weather during spring/summer, as at other times of year (especially Sept/Oct) bridledways across farmed land can be less reliable, and can get very muddy, plus the River Welland is prone to flooding.

From Kings Cliffe head out towards Blatherwycke and immediately take a right turn up Wood Lane. The road will turn into a track, head uphill towards the Wood Yard. When you reach the Wood Yard bear left into Fineshade Wood. You'll very soon reach a large forest track, again keep left. Enjoy a very pleasant pedal along the forest track to Top Lodge (about 2km). Good café!

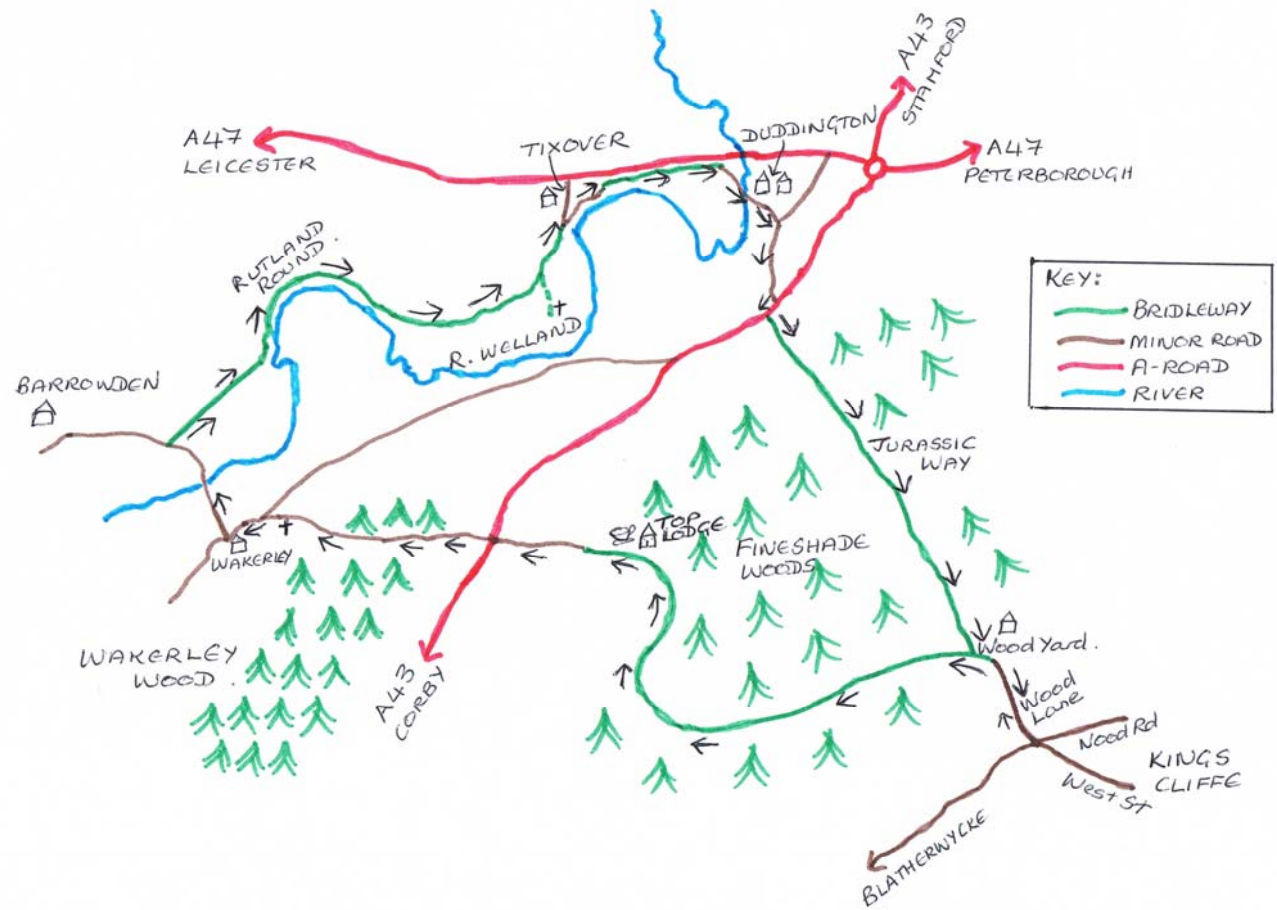
From Top Lodge head downhill towards the A43, cross it, and take the road directly ahead to Wakerley. Cycle along the road through Wakerley Wood and head down into the village. Just before you reach the t-junction you'll see Wakerley Church on the left—worth a look!



Turn left at the t-junction, and once you're through Wakerley take a right turning along the road to Barrowden. Cycle over the bridge crossing the River Welland. A little further along you'll see a bridledway off to the right.



It can be hard to spot as it's just a gap in the hedge but never fear. Follow the bridledway along the edge of a couple of fields until you get close to the River Welland, which you will then follow for a km or so. Firstly you'll cycle along a grassy bank, from which you should get a good view of the river (see front shot). You'll then enter a small wood and when you emerge from this the way ahead is sometimes difficult to spot.



Don't worry, just make your way up the side of the field, keeping the fence to your right, and you'll quickly come upon a more defined bridledway. The photo looks back down to the small wood. Follow the bridledway to Tixover. Just before you get to Manor Farm and Tixover you'll see a path to a small church off to your right. It's a little gem with an early 12C tower, definitely worth a detour.