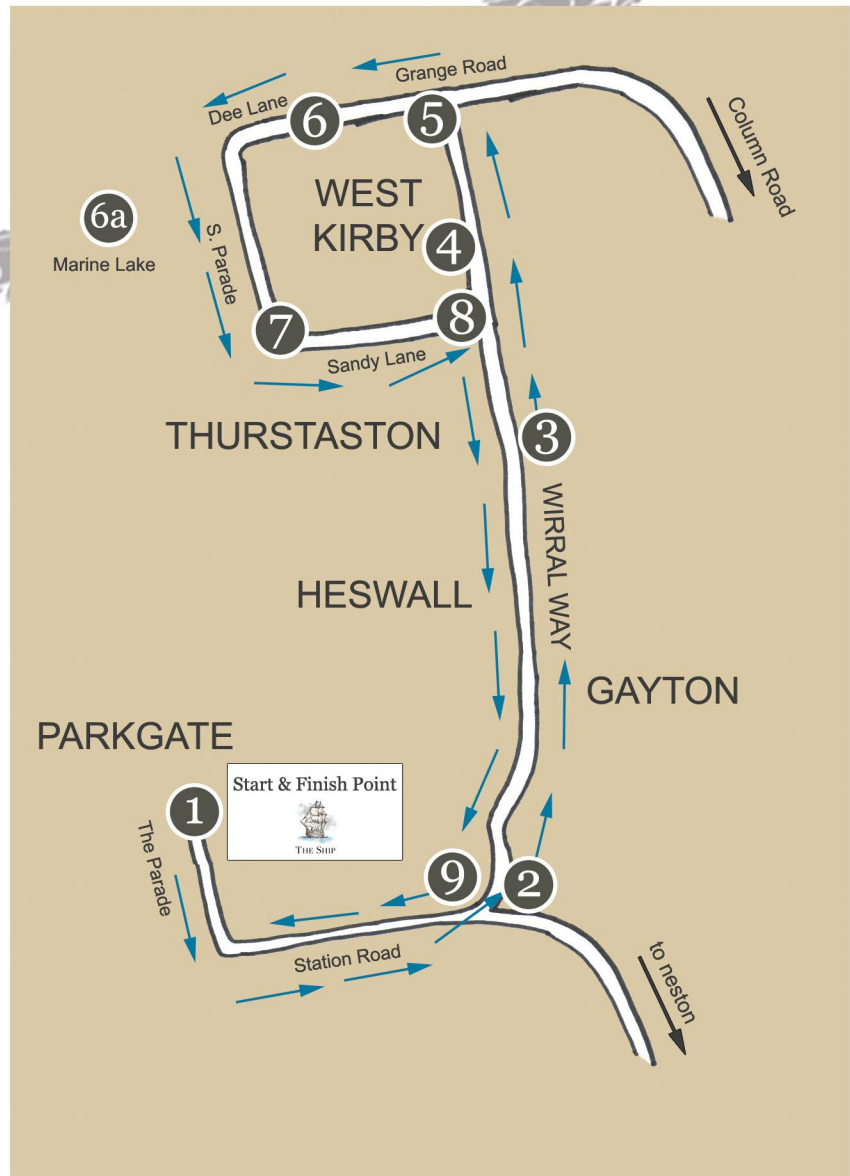


Map of Cycle Route...



Map Notes

NB. Map is not to scale. Total ride is approximately 18 miles. The Wirral Way is signposted all the way along.

The Wirral Way can be left and rejoined at a number of points, feel free to explore for yourselves the local area, you can always hop back on the Wirral Way at another point.

Hearty Rewards on your Return

Awaiting your return is a friendly welcome from our team who will be more than ready to serve you that well deserved refreshing drink whether it be a pint of locally brewed ale, a crisp glass of wine or one of our many soft drinks.

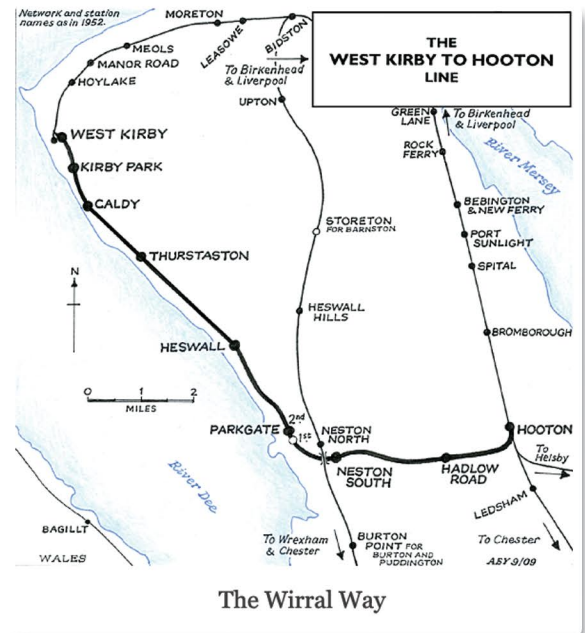
To warm up after a long ride, we also offer an array of coffees, teas and hot chocolate...just perfect to enjoy nestled up next to our roaring open fire.

Our hearty homemade menu is served seven days a week including our roasts on a Sunday. We offer a choice of lighter options for the smaller appetite along with a fine selection of filling main meals... just perfect after walking up an appetite. Not to mention our delicious choice of homemade desserts..... well, you've earned it!

The Ship to West Kirby and back

A fairly lengthy bike ride that will take you a full morning or afternoon to West Kirby and back.

Starting Point: The Ship
Grade: Easy to Moderate
Distance: Approximately 18 miles
Time: Approximately 4 hours
Accessibility: Lanes can be muddy in parts
Parking: The Ship has a large free customer car park.



The route...

1. Leave the car park at The Ship, turn left and follow the Parade til the end where the road bears to the left.
2. Continue along Station Road for approximately 1/2 a mile where you will see an entrance to the Wirral Way on your left (just before the corner that bends to the right). This path continues for 8 miles to West Kirby. The scenic Wirral Way runs along a disused railway around the Wirral. At this point it depends how far you want to cycle. You can make your ride as long or as short as you like.
3. If you choose to do the full bike ride then you will pass through Heswall at 4 miles, Thurstaston at 6 miles (there is a lovely pub call The Cottage Loaf in Thurstatson which is a perfect stop off for a cuppa!)
4. Continue on the Wirral Way for another 3 miles where you will reach West Kirby, another lovely coastal Wirral town. There are many tea and coffee shops where you can re-fuel your tanks ready for the cycle back.
5. Exit the Wirral Way at West Kirby and you will come out onto Grange Road. Turn left and follow this road down the hill past West Kirby Recreation Centre.
6. Follow Grange Road round to the right and then turn left onto Dee Lane. Follow Dee Lane to the end and turn left. This will bring you onto the South Parade. This parade is lovely on a warm summers day so why not take a rest and enjoy watching the many watersports that take place on the Marine Lake.
- 6a. If you have a bike lock with you then you can also lock up your bike and take a walk around the Marine Lake wall (as bikes are not permitted on the wall). This is many a favourite with locals especially on a warm summers day whilst enjoying an ice cream!
7. Back on your bike! Continue along S.Parade and where you will join Sandy Lane. Follow Sandy Lane until you reach Caldby Road.
8. Turn Left onto Caldby Road. In approximately 0.2 miles you will be able to rejoin the Wirral Way. Head back to Parkgate taking the time to enjoy the beautiful scenery that the Wirral has to offer.
9. Arrive back in Parkgate on Station Road, turn right and follow the road back to The Ship where a refreshing pint awaits you as well as a well earned lunch or dinner. Sit back and relax in front of our open fire if you need to warm up or if it a beautiful sunny day then relax on our heated patio, take in the stunning views and watch the world go by!