



The Water Rail Way, the path beside the River Witham that connects Lincoln to Boston, was named in a competition both for its former life as a railway line but also for the abundant bird life that can be seen in this green corridor. The shy Water Rail has been seen from this path.

For centuries, boats loaded with grain and wood plied between the Cathedral city of Lincoln and the seaport of Boston. Local people travelled on packet boats between the two towns and riverside villages until the railway opened in 1848 when cheaper and faster rail travel saw a decline in the river's fortune.

There are services in the villages of Langrick Bridge, Anton's Gowt and at the end of the path Boston.

Above: the Boston Pendulum by Paul Robbrecht.
Right: limestone carving with Tennyson quote by Griffin Memorials of Louth



The Water Rail Way consists of 20 miles of off-road path and 13 miles on country lanes. It connects Lincoln and Boston and for much of its length it sits beside the River Witham. The Water Rail Way forms a part of the regeneration work undertaken by the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership and it was project managed by Sustrans on their behalf.

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The WATER RAIL WAY

A mainly traffic free route between Lincoln and Boston



Langrick Bridge to Boston
5 miles of traffic free path following the River Witham for walkers and cyclists

Water Rail Way Langrick Bridge to Boston



Code of Conduct for Shared Use Paths

Cyclists Please don't expect to cycle at high speeds and be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary. Be careful at junctions, bends and entrances. Give way to walkers, wheelchair users and horse riders - leaving them plenty of room. Remember that many people cannot hear or see well so don't assume that they can see or hear you. Fit a bell and use it - don't surprise people.

Motorbikes Are not permitted on the path.

Horse Riders Please proceed at a walking pace to protect the surface of the path for other users, and allow families with young children to use the path in comfort.

Walkers If you are walking with a dog, please keep it on a lead at all times.

Tourist attraction	Shop	Road with heavy traffic - best avoided	Other roads
Sculpture/feature	Children's play area	Routes found useful by local cyclists - mainly on quiet roads	Water Rail Way 1
Public toilets	Rail stations	Track - may be unsurfaced and muddy after rain. Unsuitable for wheelchairs	On Road Track Traffic-free wheelchair friendly
Camping/caravan site	Path access point	Fast and busy section of route - take extra care	
Public house	Bike Shop		
Cafe			

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