

Clumber Park's walled kitchen garden provides a great sensory experience with sights and smells reflecting the fruit and vegetables available through the seasons. The restaurant uses a lot of these freshly picked ingredients and other local produce.

Close to the main visitor facilities is the Chapel of St Mary the Virgin, a magnificent gothic inspired Victorian chapel, setting a tranquil backdrop to the pleasure grounds.

Take advantage of free Family Tracker Packs from the Clumber Story, interactive activities for children based on the habitat and environment of the National Trust park.

At Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve the popular Robin Hood Festival takes place at the beginning of August every year with outdoor theatre, medieval stalls, strolling players and more.

A short diversion off the route is Thoresby Park. At the courtyard you'll find a retail and multi arts venue including working artist studios, craft shops and exhibitions.

Sherwood Forest Art and Craft Centre offers visitors a taste of life in a real working arts and crafts community. There are 16 artisan studios and workshops to visit and a café offering a wide range of freshly prepared food.



**Things to do**



This important area of Sherwood Forest has many links to the legend of Robin Hood. The Church of St Mary in Edwinstowe was built in 1175 and is said to be where Robin and Marian were married.

At Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve there's the famous Major Oak, a meeting and hiding place for the Merry Men. In Clumber Park, follow the Clumber Walk to one of the most ancient woodland sites in Nottinghamshire.

Look out for tall units in the shape of a long bow when you're out. They form part of the Robin Hood trail and give information and illustrations that relate the location to the legend, most units provide audio information too. To find out more about the countywide trail see [www.robinhoodbreaks.com/robinhoodtrail](http://www.robinhoodbreaks.com/robinhoodtrail)

You can cycle or walk around Clumber Lake (maps available from the cycle hire centre) which has outstanding views of the beautiful local countryside.

Whenever venturing off the main route, please take care to ensure your own safety and the safety of others. Where necessary, securely lock your bikes to walk to your chosen place of interest.



**What to see**

# Along the route...

**Ancient Sherwood route**

Approximately 20 miles long, the route is designed to take a day when incorporated with planned stop offs for refreshments, activities and enjoying the attractions. There are three road crossing points en route and a further two within Clumber Park.

The Ancient Sherwood route starts at Sherwood Forest Art and Craft Centre. It takes you through Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve into woodland and on to the National Trust owned Clumber Park returning on a circular route.



For information about where to stay and what to do in Nottinghamshire contact the Nottingham tourism centre on 08444 77 5678 or see [www.robinhoodbreaks.com](http://www.robinhoodbreaks.com)



Taking you through a National Nature Reserve and protected Sites of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSIs), this route is perfect for a gentle ride in one of the oldest areas of forest in England.

Due to the popularity of the area and need for preservation in Sherwood and Clumber, you're advised to cycle responsibly giving consideration to other bridleway users and the environment.

The terrain is mainly flat and pathways are generally well maintained. There are occasional inclines which require some physical effort.

Clumber Park Cycle Hire offer both onsite and offsite hire and additional maps for cycling around the National Trust estate, call 01909 544911.

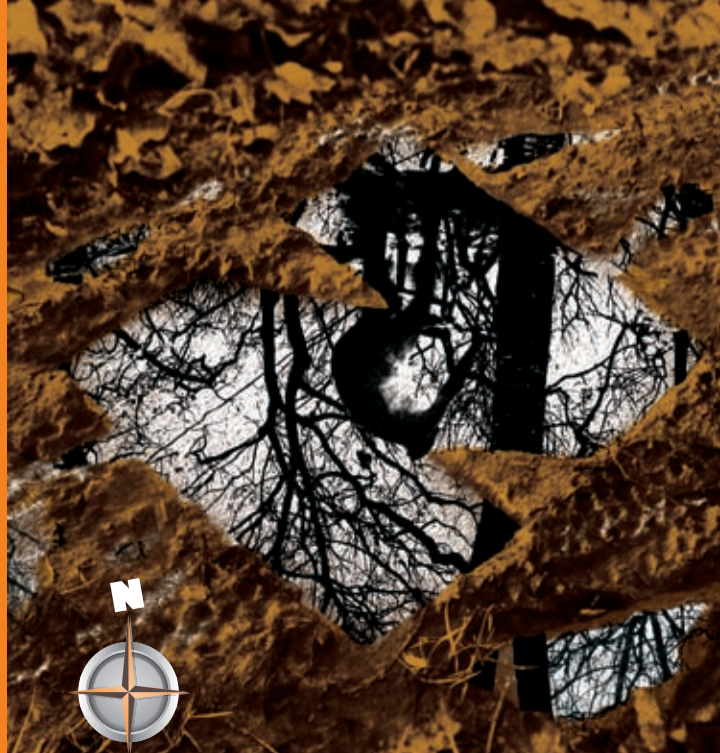
We recommend that when cycling through Sherwood you wear appropriate cycling clothing (including helmet) and dress according to the weather.

Have a great time.



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**02 ANCIENT SHERWOOD ROUTE**



If you're coming to stay overnight and have your own bikes you'll find places nearby which have secure overnight storage. For a list of cyclist friendly accommodation, contact the Nottingham tourism centre on 08444 77 5678.

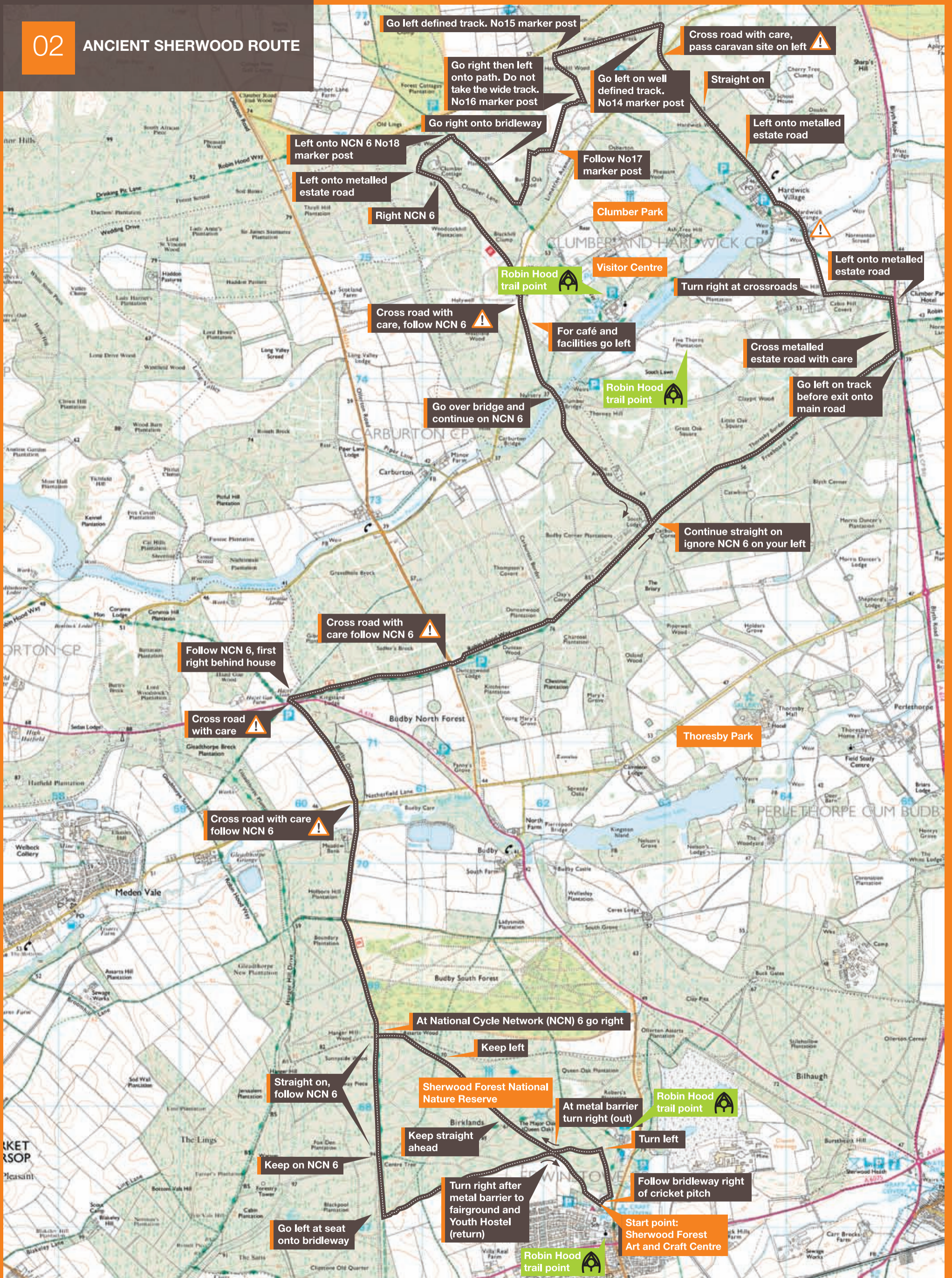
The village of Edwinstowe provides an excellent starting and finishing point to this route with some additional places to stay as well as restaurants and cafes including:

**Forest Lodge Hotel and Restaurant**  
 2-4 Church Street, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire  
 Tel: 01623 824443  
 www.forestlodgehotel.co.uk

**Marian's Manor**  
 2 The Villas, Ollerton Road, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire  
 Tel: 01623 822135  
 www.mariansmanor.co.uk

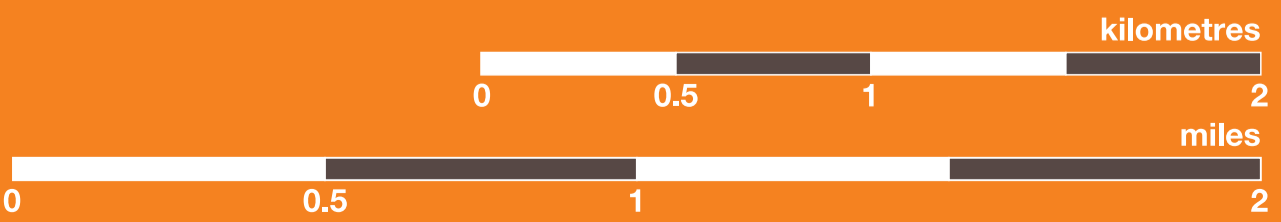
**The Cottage**  
 1 Church Street, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire  
 Tel: 01623 824383  
 www.the-interpages.co.uk/england/uk-uk-home/holiday-cottage

**Maid Marian Restaurant**  
 Church Street, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire  
 Tel: 01623 822266  
 www.maidmarianrestaurant.co.uk



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