

KIDDERMINSTER TO STOURPORT, AND LINCOMB LOCK

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TRIP TYPE : SOLO CYCLE, THERE AND BACK RIDE

OBJECTIVE : CYCLE FROM KIDDERMINSTER TO STOURPORT ON THE STAFFS & WORCESTER CANAL, DOWN THE RIVER SEVERN TO LINCOMB LOCK, AND BACK TO KIDDERMINSTER

DISTANCE : 11 MILES

TIME : 1.25 HOURS, 8.5 mph

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COSTS : NONE - FREE PARKING IN KIDDERMINSTER, NO TRAIN

DIFFICULTY : FAIR

OVERVIEW: This is a very short ride, less than 4 miles of canal. You could tag it onto the Halesowen to Kidderminster ride if you're up to it. The only reason I haven't is that there is no railway station at Stourport, and so you would need to return to Kidderminster, or cycle to Hartlebury to catch a train back. I did the ride on a beautiful early sunny morning before breakfast starting and ending in Stourport, however I am describing the ride as starting from Kidderminster, to make it easier to follow if you are doing it as a continuation of the H → K ride.



The first part, from Kidderminster to Stourport is on a good quality path. The second, the mile and a half down the River Severn to Lincomb Lock, is along the Severn Way footpath through woods along the riverbank.

1. KIDDERMINSTER TO STOURPORT (3.5 MILES)

Park in Park Lane, Kidderminster, DY11 6TG, further along from The Weavers pub as there is a 2 hour restriction by the premises. Go past The Weavers to Castle Road, turn left, cross

the bridge and drop down the ramp to the towpath. Double back under the bridge to head south.

The towpath is excellent for the 3 miles or so to Stourport, mainly compacted earth and gravel. Watch out for a few metal fragments sticking up from the path. You shortly pass Falling Sand(s) Viaduct and Lock, and there are some lovely sandstone cliffs as you head out of town. The ride continues through nice countryside.



Falling Sands Viaduct,
Stourport & Worcester Canal

Arriving in Stourport you pass the Black Star pub, and pass under Milton Street Bridge, to the lock into the basin, which you will have to cycle around.

2. STOURPORT TO LINCOMB LOCK (1.5 MILES PLUS RETURN

Cycle down Mart Lane, past the basin, and when you reach the river turn left and pass The Angel pub to join the Severn Way footpath, which at this point is good quality gravel. Having passed a few industrial buildings you go through open parkland, then into a wood, where the path becomes rough but still fine. As you pass the caravan park the path narrows. There is a metal bridge over a basin entrance. For the last section to Lincomb Lock you are on an access road.

You can't cycle any further down the Severn Path, so having

admired the river lock turn around and head back to Stourport, and then Kidderminster.

The Angel Inn in Stourport is quirky and has some decent beers, and the Windlass Café does excellent breakfasts. The Weavers in Kidderminster serves a good pint of Bathams, as well as pork pies. The King and Castle, at the terminus of the Severn Valley Railway, and next to the main railway station, is also well worth a visit.

