

Introducing the Waggle (informally known as the Spraggle Waggle)

Background

An additional winter route suggested by Rachael Spraggs.

Route

Out via Tarn Lane, Scarcroft Golf Course, Milner Lane, Bramham, Boston Spa, Wighill Lane to Tadcaster. Return via Towton, Aberford, Barwick in Elmet, ELOR, Winn Moor Lane and Shadwell.

Risk Assessment

An initial risk assessment was carried out by Rachael Spraggs, followed by an official risk assessment by Julia Davies and Kat Handy

Findings

1. Caution and reduce speed at end of Tarn Lane and beginning of Arena Park - lots of mud on the road from the building work on the golf course.
2. Be alert when turn left onto Cinder Lane as deep pothole in left/middle of road.
3. London Road out of Tadcaster is a busy road with fast traffic. Surface is good and it should be quieter in the evening, but riders may need to single out to allow traffic to pass safely. Ride Leader to decide.
4. Drain cover as you turn left in Aberford onto road towards Scholes (could be slippery when wet)
5. From Barwick in Elmet, the route travels along the Leeds Road and then joins the ELOR at the roundabout. The access onto the ELOR is not easy and the safest way is to continue straight on at the roundabout, use the dropped curb on left to access bike path, continue down to the lights and use pedestrian crossing to access the ELOR on the other side of the road.
6. The ELOR is well lit, but not advisable for solo night riding as it is quite hidden in places. Groups should stay together, watch out for bollards and use bike crossings with green lights to ensure everyone can cross safely.