At this crossroads head to Woolpit if you wish to ride the full 30-mile route, or to Hessett for the shorter 19-mile option.
Towers and Spires

A 10-mile cycling tour of churches east of Bury St Edmunds.

The shorter 19-mile route is ideal for families.

This is the first of a country-wide series of cycle tours linking our magnificent cathedrals with some of the remarkable parish churches surrounding them. Each tour will use the cathedral as a start and finish point and take in a number of our most outstanding churches en route.

Cycling through unspoilt Suffolk countryside, you will never travel far without seeing the soaring tower or spire of an ancient church. Cycling along the route, you will be rewarded by spectacular angel roofs, exquisite carving and dazzling stained glass.

Churches along the route

1. **St Edmundsbury Cathedral**
   - Situated in the market town of Bury St Edmunds, alongside the award-winning Abbey Gardens, St Edmundsbury Cathedral offers a warm welcome to all. Explore the architecture, which blends old and new, enjoy refreshments in the Refectory and take home a souvenir from the Shop. Open daily for prayer, worship and visits.
   - www.stedscathedral.co.uk

2. **Great Barton - Holy Innocents**
   - This handsome church has an ancient chancel with a 13th-century piscina, used to drain the water used at Mass, and sedilia, the stone seats for the priest and his assistants.

3. **Pakenham - St Mary**
   - High above the village, this is one of a handful of cruciform churches in Suffolk, its tower rising from the central crossing. Note the west and south Norman doorways before entering.

4. **Thurston - St Peter**
   - St. Peter’s Church dates back to at least the 14th-century, but much of what you see today is the result of a Victorian restoration. This has recently been conserved.

5. **Sutton - St Mary**
   - A 30-mile cycling tour of churches east of St. Mary’s. The spectacular Victorian spire of this important church can be seen for miles. Look up to admire the decorative flint flushwork before entering through one of the most lavish porches in Suffolk. Inside, wonder at the famous hammerbeam roof with its profusion of saints and angels, the colourful medieval screen and the curious carvings on the benches.

6. **Redgrave - St Nicholas**
   - This little treasure of a church, up a tiny country lane lined with wild hedgerows, is a pleasure to discover by cycle.

7. **Drinkstone - All Saints**
   - A beautiful little church named for a Saxon king of East Anglia, murdered in 794. The tower is embellished with angels and pinnacles and inside are 15th-century wall paintings, among them a fine depiction of the Seven Deadly Sins. Learn about the medieval treasure discovered in the church and now in the British Museum.

8. **Hessett - St Ethelbert**
   - A beautiful little church dedicated to the first Bishop of East Anglia, who died in 673. The nave is 13th-century, but much of what you see today is the result of a Victorian restoration. If you don't want to tackle the entire route, there's a shorter option for a more relaxed ride. Go at your own pace and make it a truly memorable day.

9. **Woolpit - St Mary**
   - This grand and lofty church with a soaring 15th-century tower and spires atop them will spur you on.

10. **Shelland - King Charles the Martyr**
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