This ride uses quiet roads in pleasant countryside. It includes the burial place of the landscape architect “Capability” Brown. Like all such designers, he could not possibly have lived long enough to see his work in its maturity, and yet we can enjoy it over 200 years later. Since “Capability” worked in so many locations around the country it may come as a surprise that he had to be lord of the Manor of Fenstanton.

Points of Interest

Godmanchester (A)
- Godmanchester lies across the River Great Ouse from Huntingdon and is linked by a medieval causeway and stone bridge. The town was founded as a Roman settlement on the crossroads of the Via Devana. The town is laid out in a pentagonal street pattern.
- The town received its charter from King John in 1212 AD and contains many ancient and interesting houses including the Manor House in Earning Street, which dates back to 1603.
- Island Hall is an important mid 18th century mansion of great charm, owned and restored by an award-winning interior designer. This Georgian house enjoys a tranquil setting with formal gardens and an ornamental island. The house is open to groups of visitors. Pre-booking is essential tel 01480 459767.

Huntingdonshire
- The Norris Museum tells the story of Huntingdonshire. A Hursting Stone - one of the three surviving Hundred key is obtainable from The Rector at Offord d’Arcy.
- Both the Offords contain many old houses, most notably the grand Manor House across the road from Offord Cluny church.

Huntingdon (A)
- Huntingdon is a large town serving as the county town and is surrounded by many pleasant villages. Consider making a detour through Chequer Street, which is opposite the King William IV. At about 1⁄4 mile, turn right into Church Street leading to the church which stands in a picturesque corner of the village. The churchyard contains the base of a preaching cross, and on the far side of the church is a stone which tells us “Lancelot Brown (Capability), Lord of the Manor of Fenstanton 1767 – 1783 lies buried near this spot”. He lived in the manor house, although he travelled widely in his landscaping work.

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The Route

1. Godmanchester to Graveley
   Leave GODMANCHESTER (A) on Silver Street and head through OFFORD CLUNY (B) to OFFORD D'ARCY (C). Turn left to climb gently to GRAVELEY (D), perhaps stopping to enjoy the panoramic view which is behind you.

2. Graveley to St Ives
   Continue through the village for about 1 1/2 miles. At the A1198 turn right (take care - fast moving traffic) and immediately left to HILTON (E). Cross the B1040 and keep on to the T-junction at the far side of the village. Turn left for about 2 miles where you must make an enforced detour to use a bridge over the busy A14. At the T-junction shortly before the main road turn left to FENSTANTON (F and G). Go through the village and at the King William IV go straight on to ST IVES. Use the cycleway/footpath on the north and east side of the road if traffic is heavy, follow this taking a right turn to St Ives. At the roundabout go straight on along Hemingford Road.

3. St Ives to Godmanchester (part of National Cycle Network Route 51)
   If you are visiting ST IVES (H) turn right into London Road just beyond the roundabout. Cross the old bridge with a chapel on it to reach the town, and leave by the same route. Do not use the by-pass road, which is certain to be busy with motor traffic. Otherwise keep forward to HEMINGFORD GREY. After about 1 mile, where traffic turns left into Pound Lane, keep forward (signed "The river" "Unsuitable for long vehicles"). Take the first right into Church Street (I). Leave via Church Lane which is on the left with no name sign just before the church, opposite Hemingford Grey House which leads to Braggs Lane. Turn right into Manor Road which leads to HEMINGFORD ABBOTS High Street and Common Lane. At the end of Common Lane, go straight on beyond the gate on the cycleway until it emerges on a tarmac road (Cow Lane). Turn left to the end to reach Cambridge Road. Turn right to enter GODMANCHESTER.

Short cuts
None are recommended on this ride. The A1198 and A14 are emphatically NOT recommended for cycling. The B1040 from Hilton to Fenstanton is also not recommended.