

# Spokes competition 2015, Entry 10

## Woodland Wonder Wheel.

### 2. Who is it suitable for?

Families with young children / Experienced cyclists / Novice cyclists / Other

### 3. Where is the route located?... Ed south

### 4. Brief description of route

a. Start point... Meadows

b. End point (or circular)... Circular

c. Brief description...

On Middle Meadow Walk, head out of town, and turn right for the path up the links. Turn left on to Whitehouse Loan and follow to its end. Turn right and first left in to Canaan Lane, then right and left in to Woodburn Terrace/Braid Avenue. At the top of Braid Avenue turn right, at the mini-roundabout turn left, and then immediately left in to the Hermitage of Braid. Go through the woods and along the road all the way to the traffic lights. Go straight across in to Kirk Brae and first left in to Double Hedges Road. At its end, go carefully across the main road and in to Glenallan Drive. At its end cut left across the grass and up the access to the Recycling Centre. Go straight on into Craigmillar Castle Park. Turn left after the adventure playground and then turn right when you reach tarmac. At Peffermill Road, turn left along the shared pavement, cross at the lights and in to the Industrial Estate. The cycle route takes you through to the Innocent Path. Turn left and follow the high quality cycle route all the way back to the Meadows.

### 5. Any interesting / useful / beautiful features / facilities en route ...

Much of this route is off-road and surrounded by woodland - it goes through four parks. The Hermitage of Braid is a "destination" in its own right. If you have spare energy, there is an adventure playground in Craigmillar Castle Park. The Castle itself is easily accessible as a diversion from the route. Being downwind of the Nairns biscuit factory can be a mixed blessing. It smells delicious - tantalising if you're hungry but don't have a snack with you.

### 6. Why is this a favourite route of yours? [This question is very important in the judging. You can just write one or two sentences or up to *300 words maximum*].

Cycle routes are best when they are circular, quiet and surrounded by trees. They should have hills for variety. Ideally the up-hills should be early on, reasonably steep and leading to long gentle descents. This route is all of that and on the doorstep of one of the most densely populated parts of the UK. A short sunny spell is all that's needed to enjoy some of the natural beauty close to the centre of Edinburgh. It reminds me why I love living – and cycling - in Edinburgh!