

CYCLE ROUTE NO.2

THE HODDER VALLEY

This challenging cycle route takes you directly from Northcote and heads in an anti-clockwise direction. Taking you over the hill tops the ride takes you North towards Dunsop Bridge before returning through Whitewell and Ribchester as you make your way back to the start point at the hotel.

A maze of quiet lanes across weave their way across the Bowland Fells. Leaving the hotel this route takes you through Whalley Village and then proceeds onto Clitheroe with its dominant castle. From here the ride heads through Waddington and Newton-in-Bowland before arriving in Dunsop Bridge for a deserved break at Puddleducks Cafe. you head for Whitewell, Cow Ark and Balshall Eaves before arriving in Hurst Green. The final leg passes by the famous Stonyhurst College before looping through Ribchester on the way back to the hotel. There are a number of options to shorten this route so please consult a more detailed map if you wish to modify your ride.

ROUTE DETAILS FROM GARSTANG

- 1 From Northcote turn left and carefully cross the A59 to join the continuation of Northcote Lane. At the T junction turn left, then turn right onto a remnant road which is the old road to Whalley. At the end rejoin Whalley Road and follow through Billington, across the River Calder into King Street.
- 2 Keep straight ahead through the village and at the small roundabout continue straight ahead into Clitheroe Road.
- 3 At the T junction join the A671 and turn left for Clitheroe. At the roundabout bear slightly to the left onto the B6478 (Moor Lane) and head towards the castle.
- 4 At the next roundabout continue straight ahead keeping the castle to your left and proceed to follow the road in an anti-clockwise direction until you arrive at a roundabout. Turn right into Station road and follow past the railway station until you arrive at a T junction. Turn left onto the B6478 passing under the railway and continue for approximately 1½ miles to reach Waddington.
- 5 Keep straight ahead. At the top of the village bear left keeping the Higher Buck Inn to your left.
- 6 Keep straight ahead on the B6478. This is 2 mile uphill drag but you will be rewarded with great views at the summit and also the long sweeping descent into the Hodder Valley. Be careful when crossing cattle grids.
- 7 Cross the River Hodder just before Newton and keep left through the village past the Parkers Arms Inn to reach the road clearly signposted for Dunsop Bridge. Follow this road to the Centre of Great Britain!
- 8 Follow the road for approximately 2 miles into Dunsop Bridge. Shortly after passing a public car park on the right, and just before the stone bridge over the river, you will find Puddleducks Cafe on the left hand side of the road. A great stop for cake and coffee!
- 9 Leave Dunsop Village crossing the stone bridge over the river and follow the road keeping left at the junction and follow signpost for Whitewell and Clitheroe.
- 10 Follow the road for 1½ miles to Burholme Bridge. Cross the bridge and continue on towards Whitewell. On arrival at the Inn at Whitewell you need to head for Cow Ark. Here, if you're feeling energetic, you can take the notoriously steep Hall Hill but for an easier route continue straight ahead.

START
Northcote
BB6 6BE

DISTANCE
39 miles
(00.00km)

RIDE TIME
5 hours

