

Points of interest

See pages 20-21 in the booklet for full details.

A Hury and Blackton Reservoirs

B Hannah's Meadow



Hannah's Meadow has evolved as a result of traditional farming practices over several centuries

C Mining remains

Funded by:



This trail has been upgraded by the North Pennines AONB Partnership in collaboration with Durham County Council's Rights of Way Team.

D Goldsborough



Goldsborough is a relic of a once extensive horizontal layer of sandstone

E Cup-and-ring marked stones



You'll find these cup-and-ring marks on a big flat stone just after the gate at direction 15

F The Butterstone



G The 'Tatty Field'

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Route 2: Baldersdale

This glorious ride initially follows the banks of Hury and Blackton Reservoirs in remote Baldersdale, before striking off over the moors on the Pennine Way.



Approaching Goldsborough with Baldersdale behind



Cycling on the north shore of Blackton Reservoir

Fact file

- Length: 18km (11 miles)
- Off-road: 60%
- Ascent: 370m (1,212ft)
- Terrain: Varied route with no serious climbs or descents. Moorland sections are unsurfaced
- Start: Northumbrian Water car park on south side of Hury Reservoir (NY 966 192)
- OS maps: Explorer OL31/Landranger 92
- This route is promoted as a horse riding and a mountain biking trail. Please ride carefully and be aware of other users, including walkers

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Key

- L – left
- R – right
- TL – turn left
- TR – turn right
- SA – straight ahead
- SP – signposted
- Xrds – crossroads
- Tj – T-junction

Directions

- 1 TR onto the road
- 2 SA on the Northumbrian Water track – SP Blackton Reservoir
- 3 Bear R through gate, follow track down, cross footbridge and small dam
- 4 TL along reservoir
- 5 Go through gate beside Blackton Reservoir dam. Join the stone track and continue ahead with the reservoir on your L. After a short distance the stone track turns into a grassy track
- 6 Cross the little stone bridge and continue SA
- 7 Go through the gate – SP Blackton Reservoir Nature Reserve. Continue SA
- 8 Go through the gate near the bird hide. TL on the grassy track
- 9 Bear L over the bridge. Bear L at the fork, taking the lower track

- 10 Cross the bridge, SA through the gate & follow the track up the hill to Clove Lodge
- 11 Follow track through farm. SA on road for c. 1.5km
- 12 TR on the Pennine Way SP Levy Pool. At the grassy fork bear L
- 13 Continue across the moor, skirt R of and below the large rock outcrop that is Goldsborough
- 14 Cross bridge over Yawd Sike. Continue ahead bearing L. At the post bear R.
- (If opting for the short cut (reducing the route by c. 8km) bear L at How Beck Head – marked by a post. Follow to L of Danger Area wall. Follow this bridleway on the R side of How Beck for about 2.5km until you reach the road. TL and rejoin the main route)
- 15 Go through the gate. SA keeping the fence/old wall on your L
- 16 At the cross track TL through the fieldgate
- 17 Pass to the R of Battle Hill Farm
- 18 TL onto the road
- 19 Continue SA on the road for another km
- 20 At the Butterstone (opposite Scots pine shelterbelt) TL onto bridleway (SP) across the moor
- 21 Join the road and continue SA
- 22 Cross the cattle grid. At the Tj TL
- 23 TL at the Tj - SP Hury & Blackton Reservoir

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