



CYCLING THE REIVERS ROUTE

Coast to coast through wild Northumberland's border country

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Exploring northern England and the Scottish Borders, the Reivers Route is a 173 mile (280km) cycle tour from Whitehaven to Tynemouth. Described in four stages, the ride takes in the Cumbrian coast, northern Lake District, Northumberland National Park and North Tynedale. The route offers both on and off-road cycling, and is suitable for cyclists using touring or hybrid bikes. Places to stay overnight include Carlisle, Bailey Mill and Bellingham.

The Reivers Route covers an area with rich history, passing many castle towers and other remnants of the Border Reivers. As the wildest of the northern coast to coast cycle routes, the ride traverses remote hillsides and deep forests, offering memorable off-road cycling through Kershope Forest and around Kielder Water.

Each stage includes detailed 1:100,000 Lovell Johns mapping, profiles and comprehensive route description. The introduction offers plenty of information about the area's history, as well as practical advice about suitable bikes, equipment, and transport to and from the route. The appendices contain useful contacts for bike shops and available accommodation. This guidebook also provides a route summary table for a three-day itinerary and an alternative coast-to-coast ride along the England–Scotland border from Gretna to Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Key marketing points

- Suitable for cyclists of all abilities
- The route has been adopted as part of the National Cycle Network (NCN)

About the author

Rachel Crolla and Carl McKeating live on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales and are outdoor pursuits all-rounders. They had their earliest cycling adventures together as teenagers in 1994. In 2018, Rachel's guide to the Way of the Roses (Cicerone) was published; her work on the book inspired Carl to ride the whole 170 mile tour in day. Recently the couple have enjoyed fostering a love of cycling in their two children and included many family cycle routes in their book, *Outdoor Adventures with Children: Lake District* (Cicerone, 2019). They are also the authors of *Hadrian's Cycleway* (Cicerone, 2020).

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