

THINGS TO SEE ON YOUR RIDE

WC - Toilet

-  - Turner Trail - the artist JMW Turner visited Wensleydale and Swaledale several times to sketch and paint. Many of these locations now have a Turner seat to mark his visit.

- Leyburn Station** - re-opened in 2003 with a **WC** café and well stocked bookshop.
- The Tea Pottery** - the eccentric teapot designs have been sold worldwide and visitors can see them being hand crafted.
- Little Chocolate Factory** - learn about the history of chocolate in the visitor centre and watch the skills involved in crafting handmade chocolates.
- Middleham Church** - built in 1291 it has a copy of the Middleham Jewel, a 15th century pendant found in Middleham in 1985. The original is in The Yorkshire Museum, York.
- Racehorses** - for over 200 years Middleham has been a training centre, with around 15 stables in the area. In the mornings you can watch stable staff riding out to Middleham Moor.
- Middleham Castle** - Richard III's principal castle is known as The Windsor of the North.
- Middleham Bridge** - cross the castellated bridge which was built in 1830 by voluntary subscription.
- Wensley Church** - the 13th century church has many interesting features.
- White Rose Candles, Wensley** - see candles being handmade.
- Gated Road** - check out the panoramic views of Pen Hill, Addebrough and Bishopdale.

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- Bolton Castle** - built in the 14th century by Sir William Scrope. Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned here for six months in 1568. She tried to escape but was re-captured after losing her shawl on the ridge - which is now known as Leyburn Shawl.

Follow the Jonas Centre on twitter (@thejonascentre), to receive offers and updates on the best value self-catering log cabins in Wensleydale.

USEFUL INFORMATION



The route uses quieter roads, as recommended by local cyclists, but you will be riding with traffic at times. Follow the Highway Code and take particular care at junctions and on descents.

CYCLING IN THE DALES

- Go slowly and with a wide gap past horse riders; make sure they are aware of your approach
- On narrow lanes give way to large vehicles, such as farm machinery
- If riding off-road remember to close gates and be aware of livestock
- Check your bike is fit for use and carry a puncture repair kit/inner tube; make yourself visible to other road users
- Remember there may be limited or no mobile phone coverage.

Cycle shop and hire:

Leyburn Bikes - 01969 623565

Bike hire only:

Aysgarth Bike Hire - 01969 663534



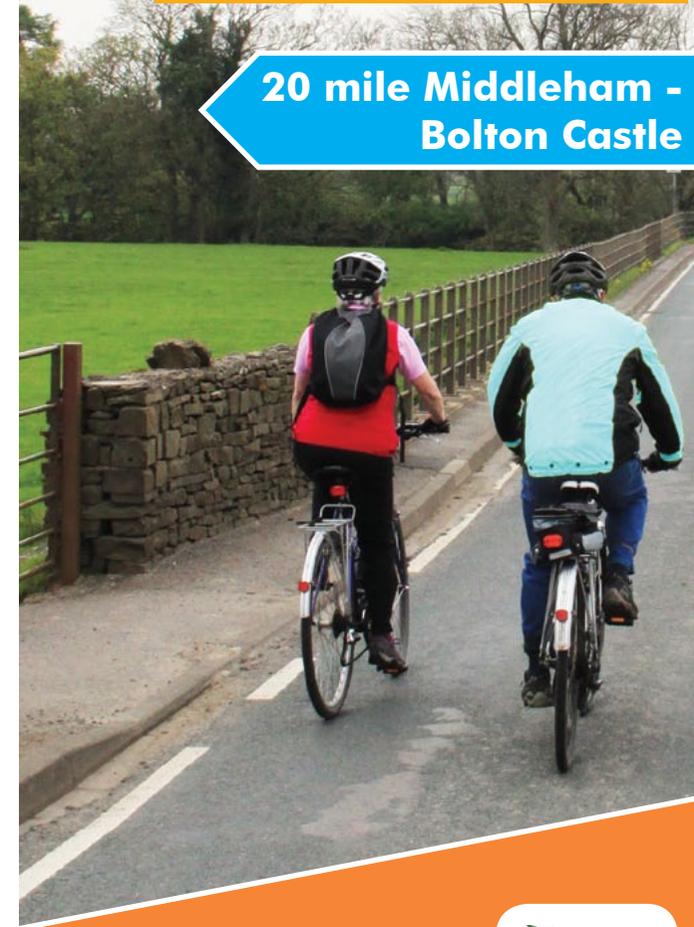
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EXPLORING WENSLEYDALE BY BIKE CYCLE ROUTES AROUND LEYBURN

**20 mile Middleham -
Bolton Castle**



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LEYBURN - MIDDLEHAM

Leave Leyburn **Market Place** ① on A684, signed **Bedale**, passing St Matthew's Church. Go STRAIGHT on at Petrol Station and pass railway station on the left. Continue to **Harmby** and take 2nd RIGHT, after scrap yard, signed **Finghall** ② Continue downhill on quiet lane to T-junction, turn RIGHT, signed **Spennithorne** ③ Continue straight ahead to pass Church and Hall on the left. After leaving village continue for 0.5 miles to T-junction and turn RIGHT, signed **East Witton** ④

Continue downhill for 0.5 miles and cross the River Ure at Ulshaw Bridge. At T-junction with A6108 turn RIGHT, signed **Middleham** ⑤ After 1 mile enter Middleham. For Middleham Castle turn LEFT at **Market Cross** ⑥

MIDDLEHAM - CASTLE BOLTON

Continue on A6108 through the **Market Place**, signed **Leyburn** ⑥ Continue downhill for 1 mile to cross Middleham Bridge. Take next LEFT, signed **Wensley** ⑦ Continue for 2 miles to village green and turn RIGHT at T-junction, signed **Leyburn** ⑧ Uphill on A684, take next LEFT, signed **Preston/ Redmire** ⑨

Continue for 2 miles and pass under railway bridge into Redmire. Continue downhill through village. 0.5 miles after leaving village turn RIGHT, signed **Castle Bolton** ⑩ Continue up long hill to enter village with Bolton Castle on the left.

CASTLE BOLTON - LEYBURN

Continue through village, signed **Reeth** ⑪ After 0.5 miles, cross bridge then at junction with Grinton Road bear LEFT on to gated road, signed **Cycleway** ⑫ Go STRAIGHT ahead for 1 mile through 2 more gates (there may be livestock in fields - please close gates). At end of gated road, turn LEFT onto main road signed **Wensley**. ⑬ After ¾ mile turn LEFT signed **Preston-under-Scar**. ⑭

Continue uphill through and out of village, signed **Richmond**. At T-junction turn RIGHT signed **Bellerby**. ⑮ In 1 mile at cross-roads turn RIGHT, signed **Leyburn** ⑯ Continue downhill past quarry. At T-junction in Leyburn turn RIGHT to re-enter Market Place ⑰

Cycle racks are located at the top of the Market Place near the War Memorial.



TOUR DE FRANCE 2014

Stage 1 of the 'Grand Depart' on July 5 runs along the A6108 from Leyburn through Points ⑦ ⑥ ⑤ on the map and then on to Masham, Ripon and Harrogate.



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This moderately hilly route links the two castles of Wensleydale.