


THINGS TO SEE ON YOUR RIDE

WC - Toilet


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

■ **Bolton Castle** - built in the 14th century by **WC** Sir William Scrope. Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned here for 6 months in 1568.

■ **Hawes Ropeworks** - Watch traditional rope making and see how the twist is put in! Items are also available to purchase. Open Mon-Fri except bank hols, Christmas & New Year. Free Admission.

■ **Dales Countryside Museum** - has an **WC** interesting collection of artefacts and photos showing life in the upper dales.

■ **Wensleydale Creamery** - where cheese is **WC** produced only from milk of local cows including the famous Wallace and Gromit cheese! View the cheese making process.

■ **Hardraw Force** - at 97feet (29m) the longest  single drop waterfall in England. Entry via Green Dragon Pub.

■ **Buttertubs Pass** - between Wensleydale and Swaledale these deep, cold, limestone potholes were where farmers used to store the butter they failed to sell at Hawes market ready for collection the next day.

■ **Muker** - home of hand crafted knitwear **WC** (Swaledale Woollens) surrounded by spectacular, hay meadows- full of wild flowers between May and July.

■ **Gunnerside** - Once the heart of the lead mining **WC** industry now has a museum and smithy.

■ **Reeth** - This is the main centre of tourism in **WC** Swaledale with an exceptionally large village green. There is an excellent museum featuring the history and artefacts of lead mining in the area.

■ **Grinton Church** - St.Andrew's Church was known as the Cathedral of the Dale, being the only place where you could bury the dead. There was a 'corpse way' from Keld to Grinton and along which bodies were carried in wicker coffins: a journey of several days.

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:

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EXPLORING WENSLEYDALE BY BIKE CYCLE ROUTES AROUND LEYBURN

**44 mile
Two Dales Tour**



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LEYBURN - HAWES

Leave **Leyburn Market Place** **1** on A684, signed **Hawes**, next to Bolton Arms. Continue downhill for 1.5 miles to **Wensley**. Turn **RIGHT** by Memorial Cross, signed **Preston/Redmire**. **2** Continue for 3.5 miles to Redmire. **3** Continue on main road and after 3 miles go **STRAIGHT** on through Carperby. **4** After 4 miles go through **Askrigg** **5** and keep **STRAIGHT** ahead at next junction, signed **Harddraw**. In 3.5 miles turn **LEFT**, signed **Hawes**. **6** Descend to cross River Ure and in 1 mile enter Hawes. At junction with A684 turn **RIGHT**, signed **Sedbergh** **7** onto cobbled one-way road.

HAWES - REETH

Continue **STRAIGHT** ahead on main road through Hawes following signs for **Sedbergh** (for Wensleydale Creamery turn 1st left). Continue for 1.5 miles to Appersett and cross narrow bridge over River Ure then turn **RIGHT**, signed **Harddraw**. **8** After 1 mile turn **LEFT**, signed **Muker** **9** and begin a long ascent of the Buttertubs Pass.

Continue to summit and then descend for 1.5 miles to T-junction with B6270. Turn **RIGHT**, signed **Richmond** **10** and continue **STRAIGHT** ahead for 10 miles through Muker, Gunnerside, Low Row and Healaugh to Reeth.

REETH - LEYBURN

In Reeth continue on main road through village green, signed **Leyburn**. Continue through Fremington to Grinton and cross River Swale. Immediately after Bridge Inn, as main road bends left, turn **RIGHT**, signed **Leyburn**. **11** Begin ascent of Grinton Moor, passing Youth Hostel on the left after 0.5 miles. Continue to summit and then descend past army firing ranges. At crossroads go **STRAIGHT** ahead, signed **Leyburn**. **12** Continue for 2 miles to descend into Leyburn. At T-junction turn **RIGHT** to reach **Market Place**. **13**

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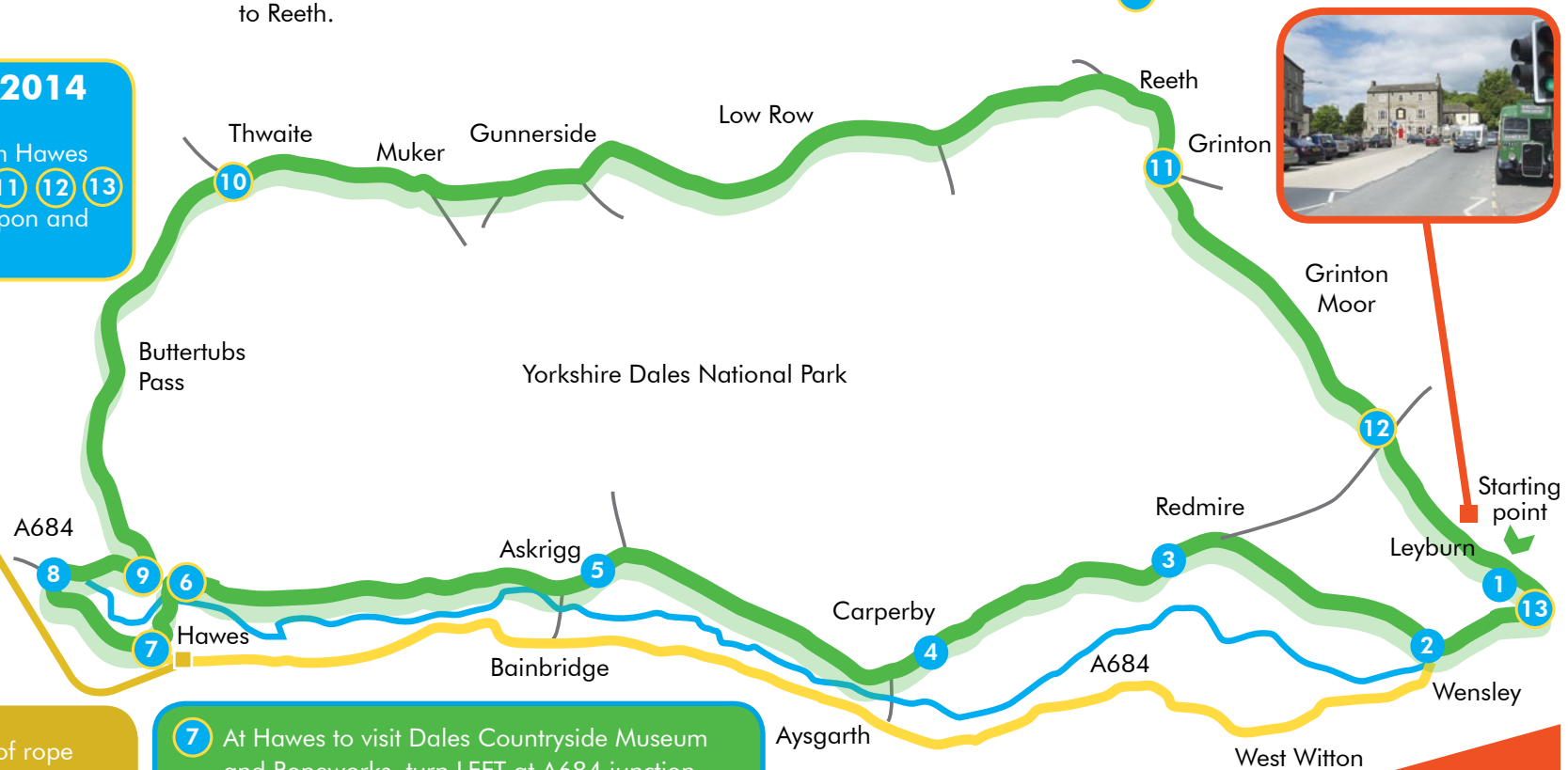
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Stage 1 of the 'Grand Depart' runs from Hawes to Leyburn via points **7** **6** **9** **10** **11** **12** **13** on the map and then on to Masham, Ripon and Harrogate.



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7 At Hawes to visit Dales Countryside Museum and Ropeworks, turn **LEFT** at A684 junction.



This route along Wensleydale and Swaledale includes two Tour de France mountain climbs.