

“A dip into the North Pennines”. Sunday 21st June, 2009

Rideout leaders: Craig Hopkins, Jim Fij and Paddy Jarvis.

From	To	Road	Total Mileage	Notes
Seaton Burn	Ponteland via Berwick Hill		6	
Ponteland	Military Road via Throckley and Stamfordham	B6323 then B6309	18	
Military Road	Corbridge	B6318 then B6321	24	Right onto Military Rd for approx ½ mile before left turn at Wall Houses
Corbridge	Blanchland / Hunstansworth / Townfield / Westgate / St. John's Chapel	B6321 then A695, B6307, B6306 then unnamed	44	At Corbridge, over bridge right at R'About then 1st left. Shredded roads / loose gravel and a technical descent down to St. John's Chapel
St. John's Chapel	Stanhope	A689	53	
Stop at Durham Dales Centre (Approx 1:15 of riding)				
Stanhope	Barnard Castle via Eggleston	B6278	70	Right out of Durham Dales Centre then 1st left. 1st mile is newly surfaced and has loose chippings.
Barnard Castle	Reeth via Langthwaite	B6277 then unnamed	88	At A66, cross head west for 500yds then 1st left.
Lunch at Reeth (Approx 2:50 of riding)				
Options include 4+ pubs, 2+ cafe's, a ice cream parlour and a village shop at the southern end. For those wishing to browse it has a few shops and a National Parks Visitor Centre				
Reeth	Leyburn	Unnamed	96	Head south from Reeth. At Layburn, take a right into town, then left at R'About. ½ mile to Petrol.
Leyburn	Hawes	A684	114	Retrace road back to R'About. Left towards Hawes. Fast A-road but substantial traffic. Overtakes require extreme caution.
Hawes	Hardraw	Unnamed	116	On entry to Hawes, 1st right towards Hardraw.
Hardraw	Muker / Thwaite / Keld / Tan Hill	Unnamed	134	Take a left towards “Butter Tubs” Initially, narrow road with minimal passing places and lots of blind corners. After Keld, the initial climb has two horrendous 180 degree hair pins on a 30% incline.
Tan Hill	Whaw /Barnard Castle	Unnamed then B6277	147	At Tan Hill, turn right, head past the pub towards Whaw / Barnard Castle. At B6277 (7 ½ miles), retrace route back to A66, heading west for 500yds before heading back to Barnard.
Stop at Barnard Castle (Approx 4:00 of riding)				
Lots of cafe and pub options. Split from here depending on home location. I will lead group on A688/A671 through Bishop Auckland and Durham towards Gateshead, with the intended termination at Washington Services North. The A68/A1 can be picked-up on route if required.				