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Trip Notes

UK Cycling route - Robin Hood's Bay to Scarborough Coast and Forest



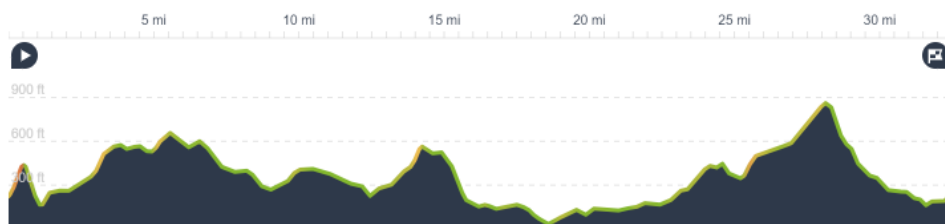
Route Info:

Distance: 33 miles (53KM)

Terrain: A hilly start, mainly on tarmac back roads and with a short section on the A171 and on the Cinder Track. The return route takes you along some coastal roads and allows for a couple of miles detour to Ravenscar.

The Highlights:

Start at Sea Fern Cottage, Fylingthorpe. Lunch at the Watermark Cafe in Scarborough on the beach front. Wykenham Forest - lovely country lanes edged in trees.



Highest Point: 850 ft
Lowest Point: 25 ft
Total Climb: 2450 ft

The Route:

Starting at Sea Fern Cottage in Fylingthorpe, head left out of Kingston Garth and left again onto Sled Gates. Head up the very steep hill and turn left at the bend where the road is signed unsuitable for long vehicles. Follow the road past Fyling Hall School and past the The Cinder Path. At the Junction turn right onto Bridge Holme Road and head towards Scarborough. At the next junction turn left onto the A171 and follow this for 300 m and take the first right onto Fylingdales. Cautiously, pull out right again onto the A171 for a mile and a half until you see the sign for Harwood Dale. Turn left towards Harwood Dale and maybe stop for coffee at The Grainary. Follow the road round and follow signs for Burniston and Scarborough. At the cross roads go straight across and follow the next sign right towards Scalby.

At the cross roads turn right along Limestone Road and at the T junction turn left towards Scarborough and then left again towards Scalby. Keep following the signs for Scalby along Hay Lane. Cross the A171 onto station road. Pick up the cycle path at Chichester Close and then exit the Cinder Track via Cleveland Avenue. At the junction turn right onto the A165 and at the roundabout turn left to the sea. Watermark Cafe is just around the corner.



Trip Notes

UK Cycling route - Robin Hood's Bay to Scarborough Coast and Forest Continued...

The Route continued:

From North Bay head inland to the A165. Turn right at the roundabout and onto the A165 Burniston Road. Join the A171 for a short section at Burniston and then turn off left onto Mill Lane towards Cloughton. This is pretty much a straight route through Crowdon and Staintondale until you reach Smugglers Rock B&B. You can turn off here onto Scarborough Road and head back to Sea Fern from here or follow the sign to Ravenscar to have a ride around the village that never was. Here you will find public toilets, a cafe, a hotel and a visitor centre for refreshments.

Once on the return journey, head for the TV mast along Scarborough Road, which will eventually take you down to the Cinder Track and back onto Bridge Holm Lane. Once on the road again follow the road up hill and back the way you came. Keep right after Fyling Hall School and the road eventually comes to a T junction. At this sharp bend, turn right onto Sled Gates and enjoy the last section down hill back to Sea Fern Cottage.

Places of interest:

Wykenham Forest

Ride through Hackness, on the outskirts of Wykeham Forest. This suburb of Dalby Forest has all the beauty, all the trails and is every bit as photogenic as the better known Dalby Forest. At this point there is an optional coffee stop at The Granary at Harwood Dale for stunning views and lovely food.

Scarborough

As Britain's first seaside resort, Scarborough has been a popular destination for holidaymakers for hundreds of years. Reigned over by a 12th-century castle, Scarborough has two pretty sandy beaches. The route takes you to North Bay where pretty multicoloured beach huts line the promenade and beach front cafes allow you to watch the surfers and children playing on the beach while you enjoy a bit of lunch.

Ravenscar

The town that never was. During the early 1900s, plans were made to turn the village into a tourist resort to rival the popularity of nearby Scarborough. Roads were made, foundations were laid and sewers dug out. However, the expansion of the village never happened – the plans were eventually abandoned when the company responsible for its development became bankrupt.



Trip Notes

UK Cycling route - Sandsend, Whitby and Robin Hoods Bay Circuit



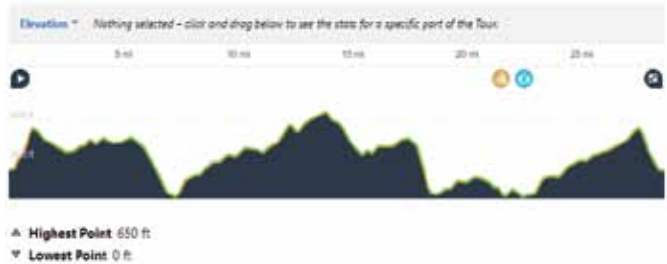
Route Info:

Distance: 28.5 miles (46KM)

Elevation: Total climb 2,200 ft

Terrain: Mostly quiet country lanes, but expect the coastal sections to be busy.

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The Highlights: From Sea Fern Cottage, Fylingthorpe explore some inland villages before enjoy the decent into Sandsend and views of the sea! Fish and chips for lunch in Whitby or Robin Hood's Bay.

The Route:

Starting at Sea Fern Cottage in Fylingthorpe, head up the side of Thrope Stores and follow the road round. At the T junction turn left towards Whitby and at the bend in High Hawsker follow the sign left towards Scarborough and then immediately right onto Back Lane. This leads you to the A171 where you can go straight across to Low Hawsker. Follow the road towards Sneaton Thorpe. Follow the road until you reach the B1416. At the B1416 turn right towards Ruswarp. After 1.5 miles you will reach the green iron bridge. Go over this and carry straight on up the hill until you reach the round about. Go straight accross and then left at the junction onto Castle Road.



Trip Notes

UK Cycling route - Sandsend, Whitby and Bay Continued...

The route continued:

As you see the sign for a major roundabout turn right onto Barkers Lane. At the junction turn left to Newholm. Keep bearing left until you see a sign for Dunsley Hall. Turn Down Dunsley Lane and at the junction bear left and head for Hutton Mulgrave. At the next T junction turn right onto Skelder Lane and follow the road through Hutton Mulgrave. At the crossroads turn right onto Low Lane and follow this road all the way to Lythe.

At Lythe turn right and enjoy a steep decent into Sandsend. There are a few beach front tea shops and public toilets here if you'd like to stop and explore a bit.

From Sandsend, follow the coastal road. Go straight on at the mini roundabout and take the next left to follow the coastal road into Whitby.

Snake down the Khyber Pass and along Pier Road and cross the River Esk at the swing bridge. Travel along Church Street and turn left up Green Lane and then right onto Hawsker Lane.

Follow Hawsker Lane until it reaches the A171 and join it for a short section until you are able to turn off left onto the B1447 towards Hawsker. Follow the road round until you see the sign for Fylingthorpe and back to Sea Fern Cottage or carry straight on for a detour to Robin Hood's Bay.

Places of interest:

Sendsend

This is arguably the prettiest resort on the Yorkshire Coast, Sandsend's 3-mile-long sandy beach is a popular summer destination, with its fine sands, lazy river inlet, beach cafes and fabulous coastal views. If all you want to do is just sit and look out to sea, this is a great spot, with a surprising number of good places to eat and drink too.

Robin Hood's Bay

Robin Hood's Bay represents Yorkshire's coastline at its most raw and elemental and is one of the most photographed villages in England. With its winding alleys and cobbled streets, red roofed former fishing cottages and unspoilt beach, it is a beautiful and peaceful place to explore, with a dark and exciting history of smugglers.

Whitby

This charming seaside town is the setting of Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' and the Gothic culture is certainly reflected in the Abbey ruins and in the town's quirky streets and shops. Yet to most Whitby is simply a charming coastal town, where holiday makers can build sandcastles on the beach, learn to surf and walk along the pier. It is still a working harbour so you can see the boats coming in and people fishing. You are able to take a boat tour around the harbour and perhaps spot some whales or dolphins.

Check out this Tour
Moors to Sea - Robin
Hood's Bay to Danby loop



↔ 72.2 km ↗ 1,170 m



Trip Notes

UK Cycling route - Robin Hood's Bay To Danby Self Guided.



Highest Point: 775 ft
Lowest Point: 25 ft

Route Info:

Distance: 45 miles (or 28 miles when cutting back at Egton to Egton Bridge via Egton Clif).

Terrain: There are many challenging hills, mainly on tarmac country roads. If the swing bridge in Whitby is only open to pedestrians you may need to dismount.

Total Climb: 3825ft

The Highlights: Start at Sea Fern Cottage Fylingthorpe. Enjoy 360 degree views of the National Park at Danby Beacon and stop for lunch at The Yorkshire Cycle Hub at Fryup. Optional afternoon break stop at Grosmont.

GPX: Provided to keep note referal to a minimum.

The Route:

Starting at Sea Fern Cottage in Fylingthorpe, head up the side of Thrope Stores and follow the road round onto the Whitby Road through High Hawsker. After a brief section on the A171 turn left onto The Cinder Track Cycle Way to Ruswarp. At Ruswarp join Larpool Lane and pick up the North Sea Cycle Route At Ruswarp, cross the bridge to the other side of the River Esk.

Take a left at the Bridge Inn towards Sleights. Before the junction turn right towards Brigswath and turn right onto Coach Road. At the roundabout turn left onto the A171 for a very short section before turning left towards Aislaby. At Aislaby (public toilets) take the main road left towards Egton. When the road forks take the left to Egton. At the junction follow the cycle network sign right to Egton.

From Egton High Street take a left at the cenataph towards Guisborough and at the cross roads head left again. Take a right sign posted Glaisdale and following the cycle route signs towards Danby Beacon and through Stonegate Mill. Before Lealholm turn right towards Oakley Wells then turn left past the Danby Moors National Park Centre and toilets. Carry on down Lodge Lane turning off right at the bend and then left onto Castle Lane.



Trip Notes

UK Cycling route - Robin Hood's Bay To Danby - Self guided continued...

The route continued:

Carry on towards Fryup and The Yorkshire Cycle Hub bike cafe. From Yorkshire Cycle Hub turn left up Nuns Green Lane and follow the road to Glaisdale. Carry on past the station and over the River Esk via the bridge.

From Egton Lane, take the first left onto Broom House Lane until you reach Egton Bridge (public toilets). Turn right and take the bridge over the river and then left towards Key Green. Take a left onto Lease Rigg Lane and head towards Grosmont.

There is another potential cafe and toilet stop at Grosmont. From the main street take a left onto Eskdaleside and then it is onwards towards Eskdale and Iburndale. This is essentially a straight road with a slight dog leg onto Coach Road in Sleights for a few meters before turning right onto Iburndale Lane.

Follow the road uphill to UGGLEBARNBY. At the top of the road turn left and then right onto Sneaton Lane and follow the road round past the mine and onto the A171 for a few meters before turning right towards Fylingthorpe and Robin Hood's Bay. Enjoy spectacular views of the bay during a steep decent down to Fylingthorpe and back to Sea Fern Cottage.

Places of interest:

Whitby Abbey

The ruins of Whitby Abbey are among the most celebrated sights of North Yorkshire. The first monastery here, founded in about 657, became one of the most important religious centres in the Anglo-Saxon world. In 664 it was the setting for the Synod of Whitby, a landmark in the history of the Church in England. The headland is now dominated by the shell of the 13th-century church of the Benedictine Abbey founded after the Norman Conquest.

The River Esk

The source of the River Esk is approximately 400m above sea level on Westerdale Moor. Here a series of small streams called the Esklets merge. The river then flows for 28 miles (45 km) through sparsely populated areas of open moorland and farmland to flow into the sea at Whitby.

Danby North York Moors Visitor Centre

Danby Lodge is a visitor centre, set in an idyllic spot on the banks of the River Esk, near Danby. From the doorstep, you can see pretty much everything that makes the North York Moors National Park so special: moorland, woodland, farmland, miles of hedges and drystone walls, historic buildings – all basking in glorious peace and quiet.

Grosmont

Grosmont (pronounced 'Growmont') was once a hive of industry but is now a peaceful village huddled in the Esk Valley. The village owes its size to the discovery of ironstone in 1836, when George Stephenson's original railway from Whitby to Pickering was being built. Although the ironstone industry is long gone, the railway still dominates the village. As well as heritage services on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, there's an adjoining platform for the Esk Valley Railway which runs from Middlesbrough to Whitby, making Grosmont easily accessible by train.