



## THINGS TO SEE ON YOUR RIDE

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-  - 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.
- **White Rose Candles, Wensley** - see candles being handmade.
- **Wensley Church** - the 13th century Church has many interesting features.
- **River Ure** - look right as you ride along Low Lane. Wensleydale is the only dale not named after its river.
- **Middleham Bridge** - cross the castellated bridge which was built in 1830 by voluntary subscription.
- **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.
- **Cover Bridge Inn** - a 17th century inn where a former inkeeper is reputed to have kept the secret recipe for Wensleydale Cheese.
- **Ulshaw Bridge** - has an octagonal sundial base inscribed 'R W 1674', the year the bridge was built.
- **Spennithorne Hall** - can be seen for miles due to its distinctive orange colour.

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- **Spennithorne Church** - houses the Sebastopol Cross, brought back from the Crimean War by General Sir Charles van Straubenzee, a resident of Spennithorne.
- **Harmby Waterfall** - magnificent, especially after heavy rain.
- **Tennants Auction House** - the largest purpose built auction house in the country with a restaurant open weekdays and sale days.
- **Leyburn Station** - re-opened in 2003 with a café and well stocked bookshop.

## 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

10 mile circular via  
Middleham



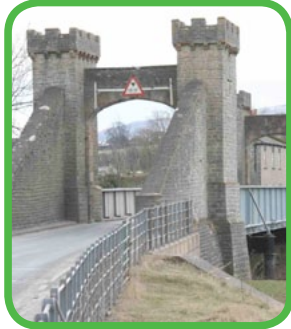
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## LEYBURN - MIDDLEHAM

Leave **Leyburn Market Place** ① on A684, signed **Hawes**, next to Bolton Arms. Continue downhill for 1.5 miles to **Wensley** passing White Rose Candles on your left at Three Horseshoes pub. Turn LEFT ② at Church, signed **Middleham / Masham**.

Continue on Low Lane, alongside River Ure for 1.5 miles to T-junction. Turn RIGHT ③ onto **A6108**, signed **Middleham**.

Cross Middleham Bridge and after 1 mile enter **Middleham**. Continue uphill past garage into cobbled Market Place. Turn LEFT ④, signed **Ripon**, at White Swan. For the Castle turn right at Market Cross and see Information Board on right.



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This route has a mix of quiet lanes and main routes linking historic villages.

## MIDDLEHAM - SPENNITHORNE

Follow A6108 downhill out of village and continue for 1 mile, turning LEFT ⑤ at 1st junction, signed **Spennithorne** (Cover Bridge Inn). Cross narrow stone bridge - Ulshaw Bridge.

Continue straight ahead, going gradually uphill for 0.5 miles then take 1st LEFT ⑥, signed **Spennithorne**. Continue for 1 mile to the village. As you continue uphill through the village you will pass the Hall and Church on your right. Go STRAIGHT ahead ⑦ at next junction, signed **Finghall**, passing village school.

## SPENNITHORNE - LEYBURN

In 0.5 miles turn LEFT ⑧ at next junction, signed **Leyburn**. Continue for 1 mile to T-junction with A684, turn LEFT ⑨, signed **Leyburn**.

For **Harmby Waterfall** turn LEFT at next junction, opposite Pheasant Inn, and follow footpath sign on left after 30m.

Continue on A684 to Leyburn passing Tennants Auction House on your right. After passing the town boundary sign, Leyburn Station is 100m on your right. At petrol station go STRAIGHT ahead and in 200m enter Market Place ⑩

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

