

PLACES OF INTEREST



BELLINGHAM: Said to be sited on a Roman station. St Cuthbert's Church was consecrated in 1180 and is unique in having an arched stone roof built in response to the repeated burnings of its former wooden roof by border raiders. 'Cuddy's Well' is thought to have been used by St Cuthbert for baptisms, and to retain miraculous healing powers. **HARESHAW LINN** - a waterfall hidden in ancient woodland, is a short walk from Bellingham.



SNABDAUGH: The farmhouse dates back to the late 15th century. The oldest central part may be a tower or bastle. The Bastle was a fortified farm house built to withstand the frequent cross border raids by the Border Reivers. The stout walls protected both the family and their livestock.



GREENHAUGH: Situated in the Tarsset Burn valley, the village is overlooked by Kielder Forest and the vast moorland expanses of Hareshaw and Troughend Common. The Holly Bush Inn dates back to the early 18th century.



THORNEYBURN CHURCH: St Aidan's is an early 19th century parish church, built by the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital in 1818. A number of Churches and their associated vicarages were built following the Napoleonic Wars to give returning naval officers a 'living' after their services were no longer required by the Navy.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Bellingham & North Tyne Circular Cycle

Routes: Largely follow the existing National Cycle Network - Pennine Cycleway Route 68, Reivers Route 10 to Greenhaugh. There are hills to negotiate on all the routes, nothing too steep, but some long climbs.

Cycle Hire:

Purple Mountain, Kielder T: 01434 250532
The Bike Place, Kielder T: 01434 250457
The Bike Place, Bellingham T: 01434 220210

Cycle Repair:

The Bike Shop, Hexham T: 01434 601032
Bicycle Repair Man, Prudhoe T: 01434 830618

Other Cycle Routes:

Pennine Cycleway Route R68
Hadrian's Cycleway Route R72
Reivers Route R10

Remember!

Waterproofs, puncture repair kit and/or spare inner tube



Northumberland National Park



Bellingham & North Tyne

CIRCULAR CYCLE ROUTES



ROUTE 5: RED SQUIRREL

Start & Finish: Bellingham Square

Distance: 16 miles

Time: 2 hours

Route: Moderate with some hill climbs

Type of bike: Mountain bikes or hybrids

Description: Follows the North Tyne river valley, then climbs up to Greenhaugh and Thorneyburn with dramatic and panoramic views over the moorland along quiet country lanes

OS Map: Explorer OL42 and OL43 or Landranger 80 and 87

Local Facilities: Bellingham - toilets, cafes, pubs, shops, accommodation and Heritage Centre with Tourist Information

Nearest Railway Station: Hexham (Newcastle/Carlisle service) Trains carry a limited number of cycles free of charge on a 'first come, first served' basis. Pick up a timetable, or phone 08457 484950

Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

DIRECTIONS

Turn left out of Bellingham (Manchester Square) and head towards Bellingham Bridge, past St. Cuthbert's Church on your left.

A Right after crossing the bridge. R.68 and R.10. Keep to the R.10.

Pass Hesleyside Hall - the ancestral home of the Charlton's, a famous Border Reiving family. ★

Further on pass Snabdaugh - 15th century farmhouse and bastle. ★

Just after the hump back bridge detour up to the ruins of Dally Castle. ★

B Right at the junction (R.10) and follow road up the hill to Lanehead.

C Lanehead. Continue up hill to Greenhaugh, past Tarsset village hall on left.

Refreshment Stop. Holly Bush Inn or picnic in the Greenhaugh community orchard. ★

D Bear left towards Sidwood.

E Left to Thorneyburn and St. Aidan's Church. Go up the hill and onto the (gated) fell road.

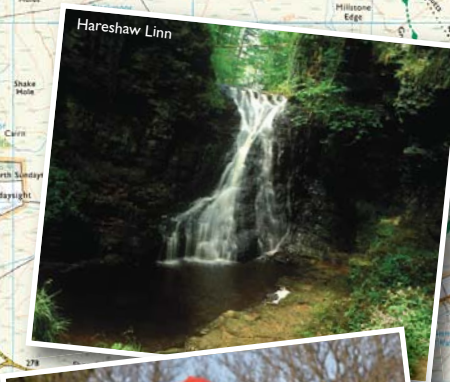
F Left. Rejoin the R.10 to Lanehead.

G Lanehead. Right. Back down the hill and retrace the route back to Bellingham - the way you came via Hesleyside.

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- >> Hilly section
- ⚠ Take care

RED SQUIRREL FACTS

Live in coniferous forest and broadleaf woodlands. Are a shy, solitary animal that nests in a drey, high up in the trees. Nibbled fir cones are often a sign of their presence.



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