

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.



HESLEYSIDE HALL: The house is the home of the Charlton family, and was built in 1719 with later alterations and an earlier core. It stands on or near the site of a 14th century tower or bastle house. Nearby in the Chirdon Burn valley is the remains of **DALLY CASTLE** - built in the 13th century as a 'hall-house' (a defensible building) for a Scottish nobleman.



GREENHAUGH: Situated in the Tarslet 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.



BLACK MIDDENS BASTLE: A fortified farmhouse built in the 16th - 17th centuries to withstand the frequent cross border raids by the Border Reivers. The stout walls protected the family and their livestock. **REIVERS** - were lawless feuding families who lived in the Border region, who frequently raided each other's property, fighting, killing, (to be 'bereaved') and stealing livestock.

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 1: BLACK GROUSE

Start & Finish: Bellingham Square

Distance: 18 miles

Time: 2 hours

Route: Moderate with some hill climbs

Type of Bike: Mountain bikes or hybrids

Description: Follows the existing National Cycle Network, R.68 and R.10, to Greenhaugh in a circular route 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 castle. ★

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**, pass **Holly Bush Inn** and **Greenhaugh First School** on left. Refreshment Stop. Holly Bush Inn or picnic in the Greenhaugh community orchard.

D Right, signposted 'Black MiddensBastle/High Green'.

E Right at cross-roads, signposted 'High Green'.

Take the opportunity to ride over to **Black Middens Bastle**. ★

BLACK GROUSE FACTS

A distinctive looking bird found on moorland. Habitat loss and overgrazing have resulted in their decline. Black grouse are also known as blackcocks (male) and greyhens (female), because of their colour.



Road up to Sundaysight



Black Middens Bastle



Dally Castle



Snabdaugh



F 'T' junction. Right. Garrettsields. CAUTION. BE AWARE OF TRACK TO RIGHT IN 400 MTRS.

G CAUTION. RIGHT. To Sundaysight
This is an open fell road, rough in places with a grassy central section leading to Sundaysight. The route offers splendid views south and west giving riders a great sense of wilderness and isolation.

H 'T' junction. Left. Signposted 'Elsdon/Otterburn'.

I 'T' junction. Right. Signposted 'Bellingham'. Return to start.

- Parking
- Tourist Information
- Toilets
- Historic Building or Site
- Museum/Visitor Attraction
- Cafe/Pub
- Shops
- Church
- Bus/Public Transport
- Camping/Caravan Site
- Walks
- Places of interest
- > >> Hilly section
- ⚠ Take care

Whilst we have made every effort to suggest routes that are safe for cycling on legal rights of way, neither the producers or publishers of this leaflet can accept any responsibility arising from its use.