



# Great Greenhow, Pateley Bridge

## Introduction

A long cross country route with some prolonged climbs and epic views. More about distance than technical terrain it includes quiet roads, and remote stone tracks.

## The Route

1. From the car park, turn left and then take the first left after the garage and ride in to Beverley. Ride through the village and then take the road to the right, Peat Lane. Go up the hard climb and over the little bridge to the old quarry.

2. Take the bridleway track to the left, and follow until it fades into a faint path across the moor (this can be very boggy after wet weather). Keep the wall close on your right, cross a stream, wind your way through, and eventually come to a gate on your right. Go through the field, past the farm house, and down the track to the road.

3. Turn left, then first right (take care). Ride down the road, over the bridge and up the other side where you will come to a sharp corner to the left and a track through the gate to your right. Take this track, bear right at a junction, then follow

the track for 6km (3½ miles) to a T-junction. Turn right, up the hill, and follow the track for 1.5km (1 mile) to meet a road.

4. Turn right and take the road past Stump Cross Caverns and the village of Greenhow, and opposite the entrance to Hanson's Quarry, ride down the lane on the left.

5. At the end of the first straight go through the gate on the right follow this bridleway past Coldstones Farm and join the Nidderdale Way. Turn Left, and follow the along for 3km (2 miles). At the top of a long climb you join another track at a y-junction, continue forwards until you emerge over the old Merrifield Quarry and mine workings.

6. Take care as you descend through the old mine workings. At the bottom cross the wooden bridge and go up to the track. Follow this track downhill. It becomes tarmac passing

through a number of caravan sites. At T-junction turn left, and follow through Heathfield to meet main road.

7. Turn left and ride along the side of the reservoir until you reach Ramsgill. Go through Ramsgill, over the bridge and take the immediate right to ride through Bouthwaite. At the end of the road turn right again and follow the lane to its end where it becomes an unsurfaced track.

8. Follow this along the side of the reservoir, taking the right hand fork when offered. You will eventually climb above the damn, before turning right and descending a steep track and emerging in Wath.

9. Ride through the village and cross the bridge, turning left towards Pateley and follow the road back past the High School.



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## Distance

42 km  
(25 miles)

## Ascent

581 metres

## Grade

Severe

## Map

OS Explorer 298: Nidderdale

## Starting Point

Pateley Bridge Showground car park  
(Grid Ref: SE 157 654).

## Useful Information

- Toilets: Pateley Bridge.
- Pubs and cafes: Pateley Bridge, Stump Cross, Ramsgill, Wath.
- Train station: Harrogate (approx 15 miles).
- Bus: Transdev Harrogate & District 24 service.

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