

STAGE 12: OSSETT TO OAKENSHAW

ENJOY THE SLOW TOUR ON THE NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK!

The Slow Tour is a guide to 21 of the best cycle routes in Yorkshire. It's been inspired by the Tour de France Grand Depart in Yorkshire in 2014 and funded by Public Health Teams in the region. All routes form part of the National Cycle Network - more than 14,000 miles of traffic-free paths, quiet lanes and on-road walking and cycling routes across the UK.

This route is part of National Routes 66 and 699, so just follow the signs.

KEY

- Slow Tour route
- On-road / Traffic-free National Cycle Network
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- Café
- Pub
- Restaurant
- Shop
- Railway with station
- Access point
- Take care here
- Attraction
- Picnic spot / Gardens
- Bike shop / Cycle hire

TAKE CARE!

- Share the path. Give way to pedestrians, horse riders and wheelchair users.
- The route through Dewsbury town centre is busy, watch out for cars, buses and pedestrians.

BIKE HIRE

Yorkshire has 'Bike Libraries' where you can borrow bikes, find out more at bikelibraries.yorkshire.com



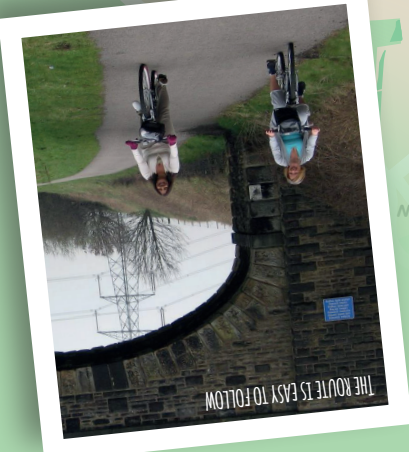
THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Dewsbury is the largest town in the Heavy Woolen district and has an impressive Milnster, many notable Victorian buildings, a lively market and Dewsbury Museum set in Crow Nest Park.

Dewsbury Country Park The route skirts the park, which was once a Landfill Site, but is now a much loved green space.

Local Nature Reserves Toad Holes Beck and Railway Terrace are home to a wide variety of butterflies and birds, as well as wildflower meadows.

To find more attractions visit www.visithuddersfield.com



OSSETT TO OAKENSHAW

Ossett to Oakenshaw 23 mile round trip (11.5 miles each way). This is approximately 3-4 hours.

This great ride begins at Ossett Town Hall and travels to Dewsbury, before heading north through the Spenn Valley to the southern edge of Bradford using the traffic-free Spenn Valley Greenway.

- From Ossett Town Hall, head south onto the West Wells Road where the route quickly becomes a traffic free path, following a former railway line. The route takes you through the Earlsheaton tunnel, complete with its bat friendly lighting.
- After the Portrait bench, with its sculptures of local people (including Brian Robinson – the first Brit to finish the Tour de France), you can head north into Dewsbury Town Centre passing the Sports Centre.
- To continue to Oakenshaw take a left to cross the River Calder on a viaduct. When the route joins the towpath turn right for the canal basin in Savile Town with pub/café, or left to join the Calder and Hebble Navigation.
- The canal loops around Dewsbury to join another former railway line, the Spenn Valley Greenway. From here there are 7 miles of wonderful traffic free pedalling, passing a selection of sculptures including metal sheep, giant hoops, digger seats and Tour de France themed mileposts.
- The path is gently uphill, and passes close to the town centres of Heckmondwike and Cleckheaton, which both have refreshment stops.
- After bridging over the M62, the route crosses the golf course to arrive in Oakenshaw, where you'll find Victoria Park, which has a play area and skate park, and the local nature reserves of Toad Holes Beck and Railway Terrace.
- This is the turning point to retrace the route back to the start. You can continue on National Route 66 to the centre of Bradford following a signed route on roads and through Bowling Park.




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The routes have something for everyone, whether you are a family, new to cycling or a regular cyclist. You can take public transport to the start of most routes and hire bikes there too.

**Tourist attractions ● heritage sites
cafés and pubs ● picnic spots ● canals
museums ● playgrounds ● artwork**

If you like this route, try out the other 20.

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