

White Rose Classic 2022 Rider Road Book

Yorkshire's Premier Sportive

Welcome to the White Rose Classic



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The White Rose Classic is a road cycling sportive in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales organised entirely by volunteers from Ilkley Cycling Club since 2012.

You get the chance to ride up hill and down dale in some of the most spectacular scenery Britain has to offer. No wonder the Tour de France came here in 2014, and the Tour de Yorkshire become an annual event until 2020. The we had the World Professional Road Racing Championships were held here in September 2019.

Whichever route you have chosen to ride on the day, use this document to prepare for where to park, Sign On, the Routes, the Climbs, the Timing, and, of course, the food to fuel you through the day. Take it all in now so that on the day of the Event you can enjoy yourself!

Changes for 2022



Following conversations with North Yorkshire Police regarding getting riders across the vary busy A59, we have been advised we can not allow riders to cross the A59 / B6451 junction which was the amended route for the 2021 edition following discussions with the Highways agency. We are now sending all riders via the 2019 route where you will join the A59 from Parkinsons Lane, head down to the A59 junction with Church Hill/Hall Lane and turn right on to Hall Lane, heading towards Westend.



- For 2022, we have removed the need to bring a 'Signed' waiver form at sign on as we try to make the event more sustainable and environmentally friendly. This has now been added to the T&C section of the website – please re-read the 'event disclaimer' section before attending the event [here](#)
- You still need to provide identification at 'Sign On' to obtain you ride number which will need to be signed for

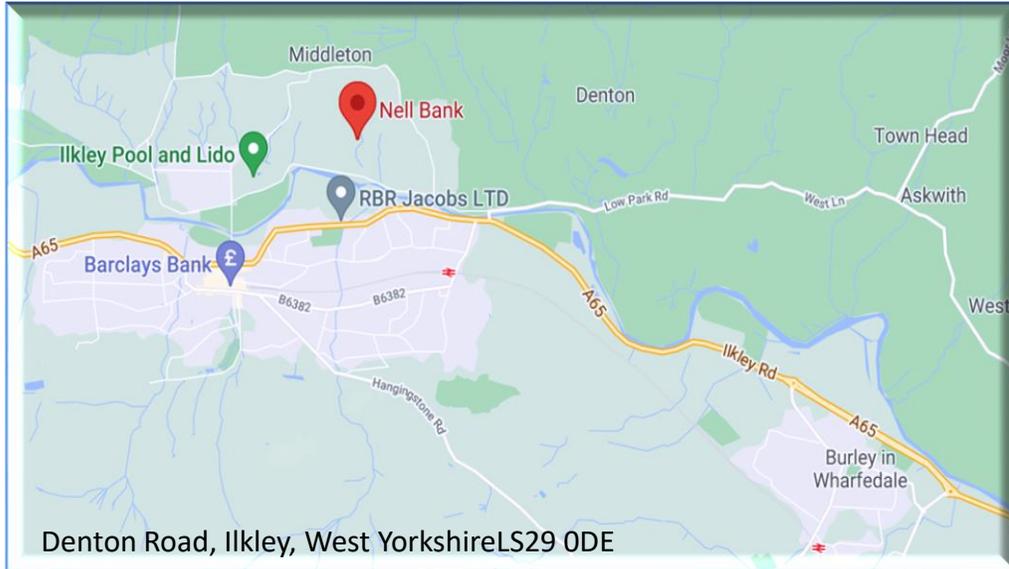


For 2022 we will not providing a ticket to obtain your free post ride meal – instead you just need to provide your name and ride number when collecting your meal.



HQ car par will open from 6.30am, Sign on is from 6.45pm with the first riders able to set off from 7am.

Nell Bank HQ - What you need to know.



Nell Bank Site Facilities

- Car parking – [Event Marshall's will direct you](#)
 - Please obey the car park signage as the event operates a separate carpark entrance and exit – this is for the safety of returning cyclists and you.
 - Riders also exit on to Denton Rd, please be careful and follow the instructions from the Marshalls.
- Toilets & Changing facilities onsite
- Campervans allowed – please contact Nell Bank directly for further details
- Family and Friends are welcome to watch riders finish – food and drink is also available to purchase. [PLEASE NOTE NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED](#)

HQ is open from: 6.30am until 6:30pm

- If you have not finished by 6:30pm (or, preferably when you know you cannot make it on time), call Event HQ at the number given to you at Sign On.
- Meal service ends at 5:00pm. For late arrivals, we'll do our best to provide a little sustenance for recovery.

Bike Racks

- There are bike racks for your bike when you Sign On and after the event.
- This is an unsecured location, you are responsible for your bike - secure your bike! We have never had trouble during the event, and we would like to keep it that way. Please follow these simple, common-sense rules:
- The same is true at all the feed stations. Don't assume that because others have left their bikes unattended that it is safe to leave your bike.

COVID-19

Whilst there are no official government or local council restrictions to follow, as an event we have an obligation to protect all staff, volunteers and riders. Therefore, please be considerate to others, follow any signage we have to display and follow good hygiene practices whilst at our HQ and Feed stations. 😊

What you need to know – Registration and Event Sign On



White Rose Classic uses it's own 'Timing System', therefore you need to **collect** your returnable timing wrist band at "Sign On" – we can not post these out – more details are on the next page.

- Sign On is open from 06:45am until 09:15
- Long Route riders need to have set off by 8.00am
- Medium Route riders need to have set off by 8.45am
- Short Route riders need to have set off by 9.30am

All riders must have left HQ by 9.30am

You will need to provide identification in order to receive your timing wristband (credit card, drivers licence, etc.).

Registrations close at midnight on Thursday 30th June 2022

Other Key Points for Sign On

- Please check your emergency contact details .
- Riders aged 12 – 15 must be accompanied by an adult.
 - If not already provided prior to event day – a parental consent form must be handed in for 12-15 year olds.
 - 12-15 year olds are only permitted to ride the 'Short Route'.
- If you have made a last minute decision to change route when signing on, please inform us at sign on and we will update your entry details. If you change routes while on the road, we will know when you pass by the next timing point.

No riders under the age of 12 allowed

If you abandon the ride, please contact Event HQ using the number provided on the back of the race number for your bike.

What you need to know – Pre Ride Safety & Event Timing

The White Rose Classic is a non-competitive event. If you ride recklessly or endanger others, whether on the road, at timing points, or anywhere else while an Event Participant, you will be asked to drop out of the event.



- **You must** ensure your bike is road safe and in full working order before arriving at the event.
- **You must** be self sufficient on route and be able to fix any minor issues your self, i.e. flat tyres, dropped chains etc.
- **You must** have a hard- shell helmet conforming to CE standard EN1078 to be allowed to start.
- **We do not allow** ‘Tri-Bars’ – you will not be allowed to ride if you have these on your bike – these present a potential danger to other riders on route.



We will have a bike mechanic at HQ to check over your bike to ensure it is ready for the sportive. Any parts required to fix an issue will have to be paid by yourself.

The White Rose Classic uses it’s own timing system so please follow the following guidance to ensure we can give you an accurate time



- We will provide a timing wristband – place this on wrist before heading to the start line.
- Your rider number is printed on the wristband & includes timing chip. that you will dib at the start and at each timing point.
- You must dib the wristband with our timing marshals at the start, finish and at feed station.
- We will also provide a ride number for the front of your bike – mainly to aid the location of your event photograph.

Event Marshal’s



A select few locations along the road. They are there for everyone’s safety. Please follow their directions. If they want you to slow down or stop, it is for your safety!

What you need to know – Start & Finish Line

Start Line



- Follow the directions to the start line
- Line up in the Start Chute – we will group you in to small groups and release at 3 minute intervals
- You will be given a short rider briefing by the Start Marshal while the timing chip in your wristband is dibbed.
- Stay to the left hand side of the lane until you exit on to Denton Road – riders may be coming up on the right hand side to sign on.
- Until you reach Denton Road at the bottom of the drive from the Centre, you are in a “neutral zone.” Timing starts when you turn onto Denton Road.
- From this point on, your number is **live** on the timing system at wrclassic.live. Time to go when the Marshal releases your group!

Finish Line

- The Start Line will become the finish area after 9:30. Ride into the Finish Chute where your timing chip will be dibbed for the last time to register your complete time
 - Please dismount and hand back your timing wristband.
 - Walk your bike to the racks or back to your car before going to the finish village area.



Finish line closes at 18:30, call HQ if you are not there by that time!

What you need to know - HQ Start & Finish refreshments



Start your day the Italian way with cappuccino, flat white, espresso... from **Café Robson** who will be on site for you to purchase hot drinks. They also have a selectin of pre ride nibbles



Ilkley Brewery will be in the post ride village for you to purchase a post rider acholic beverage, riders are entitled to a discount on their first purchase.



When you've finished you are entitled to an free post-ride meal which is included in your entry fee. Meals will be served from 12:00 until 17:00, featuring freshly made dishes from Country Kitchen catering. Just provide your name and ride no for a meal.

*Drinks are not included in the free meal but can be purchased.



Yorkshire Dales ice cream van will be in HQ for Riders and Family/Friends to purchase ice creams etc. in the finishes village.



Roadside Therapy will in the post ride village for those riders who are looking for a post ride physio session – [Payment to be paid directly to Roadside Therapy](#)



Cycling Clothing will be at HQ all day selling a variety of Cycle clothing including the 2022 edition White Rose Classic Jersey which can be ordered [here](#)

What you need to know – Ride Safety



Dibbles Bridge

- The White Rose Classic is run on public highways. Riders must follow the Highway Code. Please be courteous and patient with other road users. These are roads that are shared by cyclists, drivers, horses and others year around. We want to make a good impression.
- There will be first-aid response vehicles on the road, provided by a professional service. The vehicles will be moving as the event progresses. If you need medical assistance whilst on the route, then call the Emergency Number listed provided prior on at Sign On, and we will contact the nearest available response vehicle to attend as soon as possible.
- If you abandon the ride in the middle, you **MUST** contact event headquarters to let us know on the emergency number provided at Sign On.
- **If the situation is a serious medical emergency**, you, or someone you are with, should **call 999 first**. If you are in an area with no mobile signal, please flag down another Event rider and ask them to call as soon as they get to a place with a signal, noting your location.

One special mention goes to an unexpectedly dangerous point at approximately mile 27 for all riders: the route on the B6265 jogs sharply right over **Dibbles Bridge** after a very fast downhill and exactly where the road drops in a 10%+ gradient. There will be a marshal waving a flag above this point. Please scrub your speed as soon as you can see the bridge or marshal. It comes up much faster than you think. This is the exact location of the tragic 1975 [Dibbles Bridge Coach Crash](#), still considered, “the worst-ever road accident in the United Kingdom.” More recently, they were two fatal accidents when local cyclists failed to negotiate the corner (not on the White Rose Classic).

- Be sensible about the clothing you bring. Some of the climbs approach an altitude of 2000 feet and are very exposed to strong winds and rain. Remember, in Yorkshire you can experience two, and sometimes three, seasons in a single day!

- Please ensure you have cash with you, debit/credit card etc in case you need to pay for something in an emergency, i.e. pay for mechanical services.

What you need to know – Other Points



The entire route is carefully signed, our goal is to make it easy for anyone to follow the route, even without a GPS.

- There are signs at main intersections, as well as intermediate signs to help reassure you are on the right track
- Pay particular attention to the signs where the routes split:
- After the Grassington feed station, the Short Route turns left onto the B6160, while the Medium and Long Routes turn right immediately after. This is a busy junction. Proceed carefully, particularly if you are turning right.
- After Kilnsey, the Long Route bears right, staying on the main road (B6160), while the Medium Route leaves the B6160 bearing left.

GPX files are available for all 3 Routes in the routes section on the next few pages of this guide.

You are responsible for the condition of your bike and for simple repairs out on the road, such as fixing punctures. Please bring with you a couple spare tubes, a pump, and a multitool. Even if you don't know how to use them, you are likely to find someone who can.



- Our local shop, Wheelbase Yorkshire, will be set up with a gazebo at event HQ, there are they if you would like your bike checking over to ensure it is ok to ride the route.

- We will also have a bike mechanic based at the Grassington Feed stop.



“There are also local bike shops in Hawes and Settle if you need any spare parts”

For 2022 we are unable to provide a ‘Sweep Vehicle, so if all else fails you will need to make your way home via the nearest village or town. There is train service that covers part of the Settle Medium and Hawes Long Routes.

Feed Stops



Grassington Feed Stop

Open 08:00-13:00

The Grassington Feed Stop is at ['Wharfedale Rugby Club'](#) on the edge of Grassington with Thresfield.

- All routes stop here: Mile 29. First timing point is here.
- Open: 07.45 – 12.00pm

For separate purchase, we will have an local independent coffee stall set up for those looking for a proper jolt of coffee and various cold drinks and snacks.

Toilets are available around the side of the Rugby Club. Please use the toilets – not the walls or bushes in the car park.

They'll be a selection of pre made sandwiches, pastries, Fruit loafs, Bananas and Haribo's along with fresh water, energy gels and bars.

Hawes Creamery

Open 09:00-13:30

We are hosted in Hawes by the famed [Wensleydale Creamery](#). This is a popular place, so please keep your bikes out of the way of cars and others in the area

This is a "lite" feed station with energy drinks, gels, fruit, sweets etc.

Toilets are available in building next to the feed station.

Long Route only: mile 52

Settle Feed Stop

Open 10:00-15:30

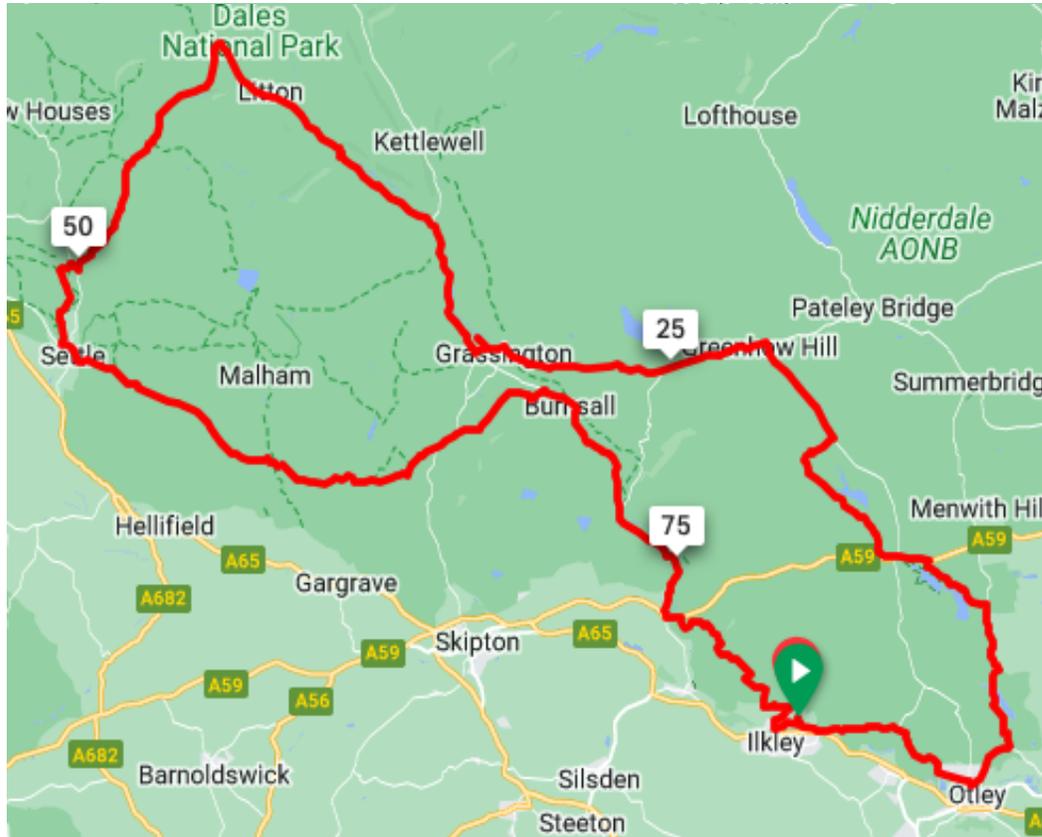
Outside the [Settle Area Swimming Pool](#) on the B6480

Port-a-loos are available at the feed station.

They'll be a selection of pre made sandwiches, pastries, Fruit loafs, Bananas and Haribo's along with fresh water, energy gels and bars.

Medium Route: mile 53 and Long Route: mile 89

Short Route

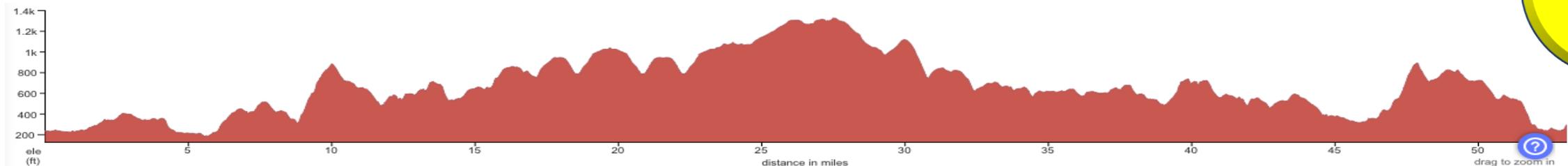


The White Rose Short Route is perfect for those taking on a first sportive challenge who want to see why so many cyclists are drawn to Yorkshire.

At 53.1 miles it is plenty long enough to get a feel for the beauty - and challenges - of the area. The route is no pushover, tackling the famous Norwood Edge climb and innumerable short, and sometimes steep “bumps” along the way, before a well-earned rest at the [Grassington feed stop](#).

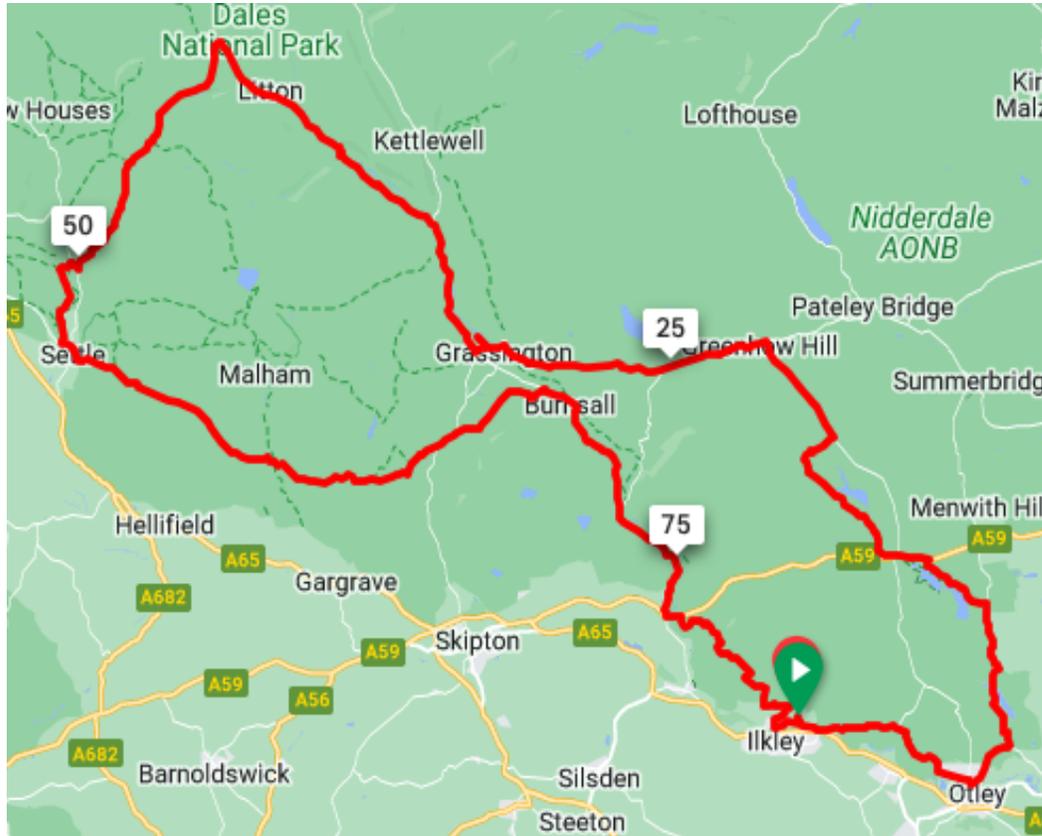
After leaving the Grassington feed stop you head down the Wharfedale valley past Bolton Abbey, the last challenge of the day is the Langbar climb, before the downhill to finish back in Ilkley.

RIDE WITH GPS – [SHORT ROUTE FILE](#)



Riders can bypass the final climb which will be sign posted on the day

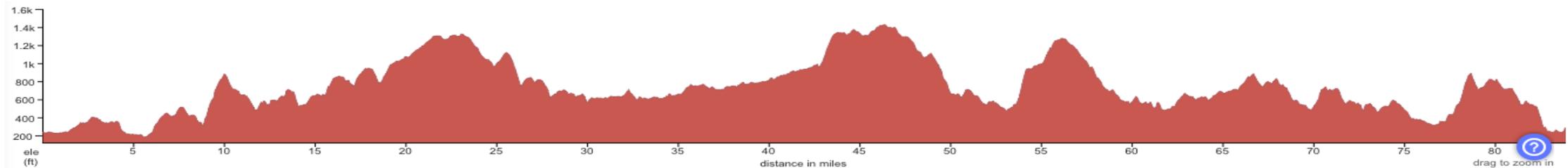
Medium Route



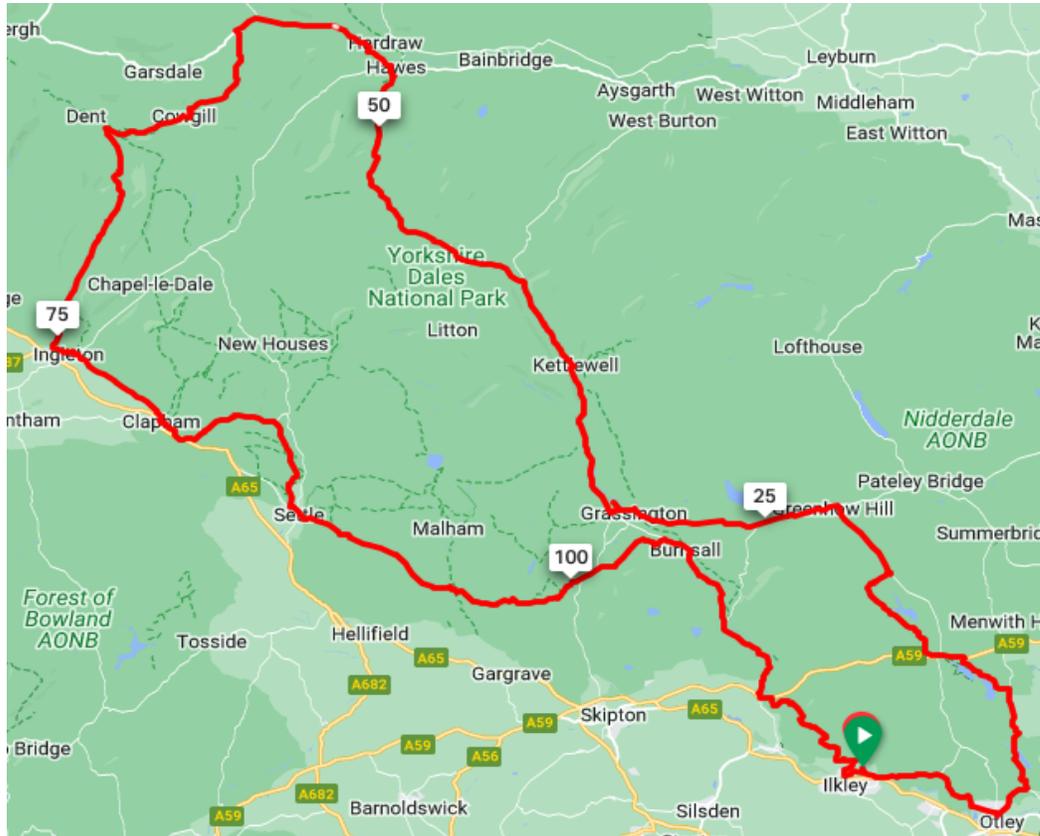
At 83.8 miles, you will ride into the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, starting up Norwood Edge, over Greenhow to the [first feed stop in Grassington](#). From Kilnsey in Wharfedale the Route ventures into remote Littondale and Silverdale, past Pen-Y-Ghent, before dropping into the ancient Ribblesdale market town of Settle and the [final feed stop at Settle Swimming Pool](#).

From Settle you tackle the steepest climb of the day, Albert Hill, before sweeping back down to revisit the Grassington feed stop. The route then heads down the Wharfe Valley to the final climb up Langbar and a welcome downhill finish in Ilkley.

RIDE WITH GPS – [MEDIUM ROUTE FILE](#)



Long Route



At 118.5 miles, the epic long route takes in the climbs of Norwood Edge, Fleet Moss, Garsdale Head (Coal Road), Deepdale/Kingsdale, Albert Hill, and finishing with a final climb over our local hill at Langbar and then a welcome downhill finish in Ilkley.

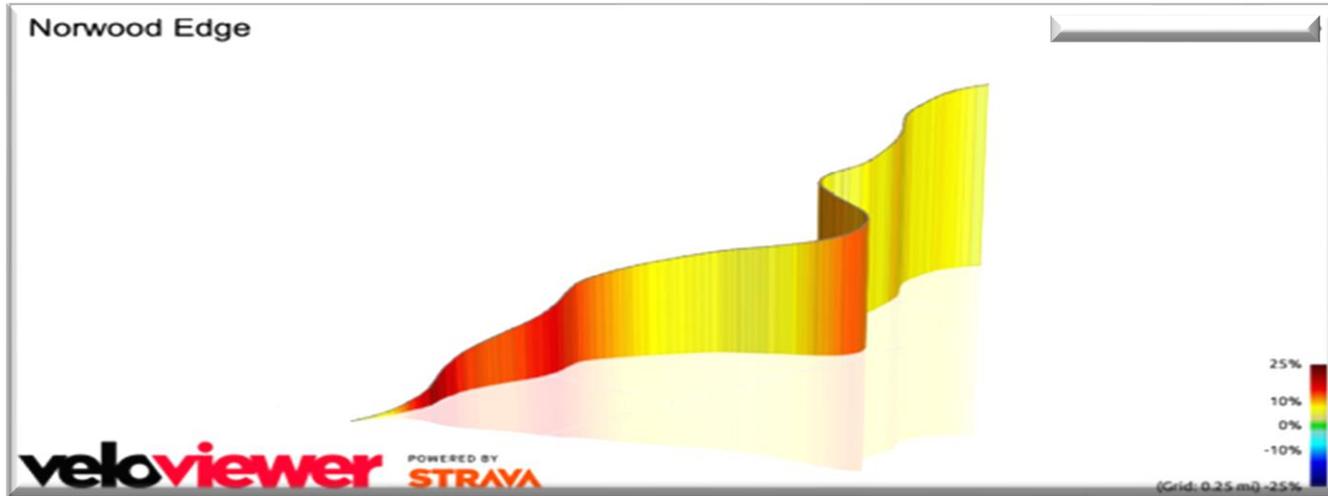
With over 10,000ft/3000m of ascent, it is a challenge for all riders, but gives you an opportunity to take in the most dramatic views of the Yorkshire Dales, including all the famous 3 Peaks: Pen-Y-Ghent, Wharfedale, and Ingleborough. Riding the Long Route you will know why the Tour de France came to ride the Yorkshire Dales!

3 feed stops, [Grassington Rugby Club](#), [Hawes Creamery](#) & [Settle Swimming Pool](#)

RIDE WITH GPS – [LONG ROUTE FILE](#)

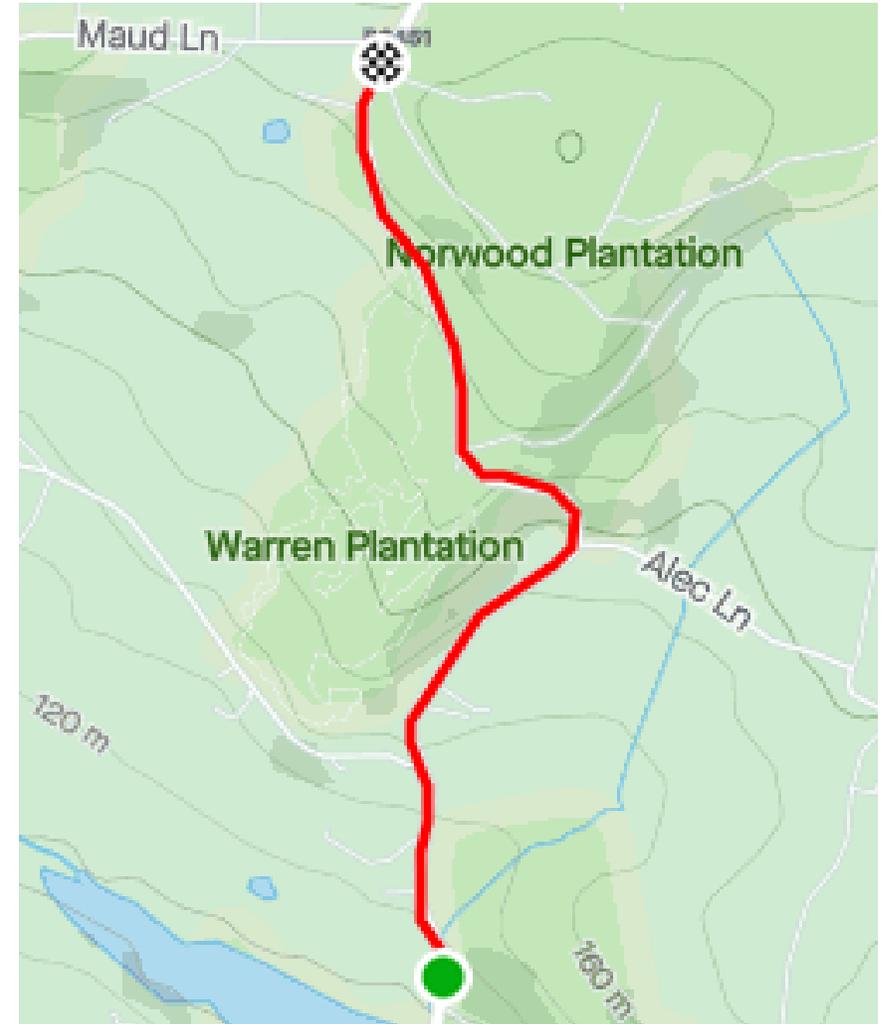


Norwood Edge Climb



- All Routes: mile 9.5, kilometre 15
- First major climb of the day is Norwood Edge, or, as locals would have it, “Nor’d Edge.”
- 1.2m 1.9km, average 9%, max 16%, ascent 551 ft 168m, Strava Cat 3
- #53 on Simon Warren’s list of the 100 Greatest Climbs, rating 5/10.
- This climb comes less than 10 miles into the ride. Don’t blow yourself up when you tackle it. It’s a relatively steady climb, so take it that way, and leave plenty in the tank for what is to come later in the day!

[Strava - White Rose Classic Segment - Norwood Edge](#)

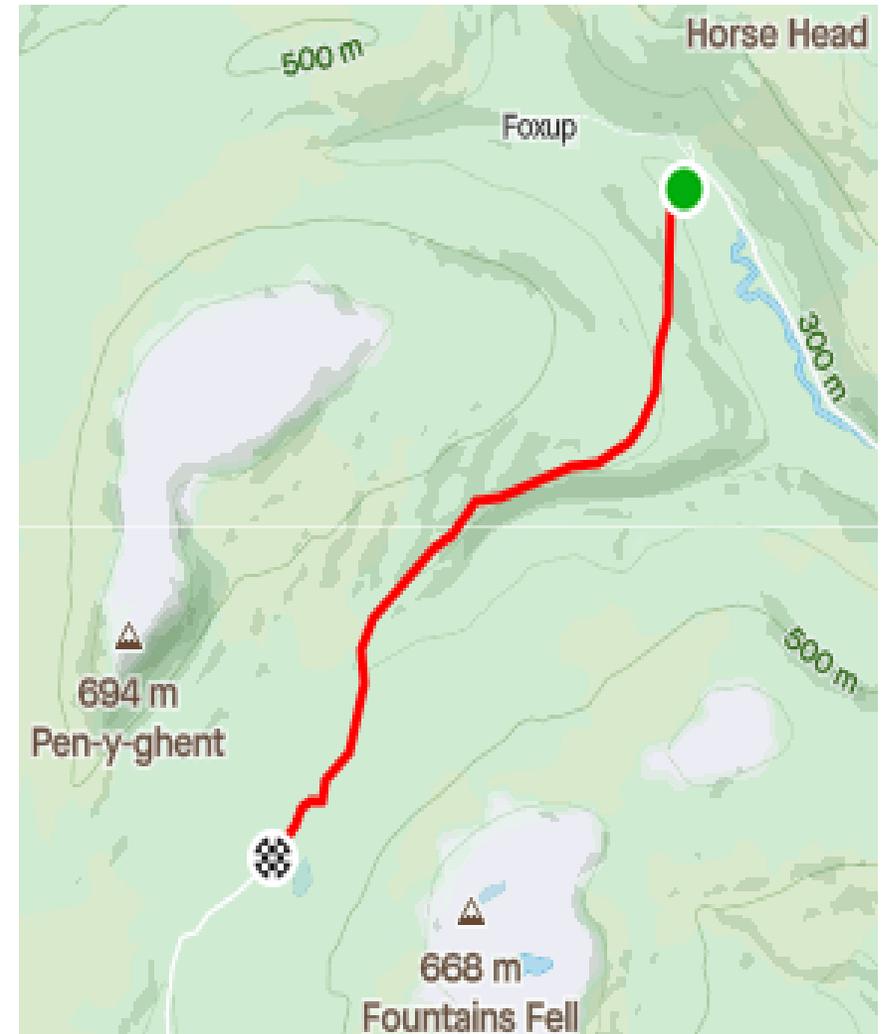


Silverdale / Halton Gill Climb

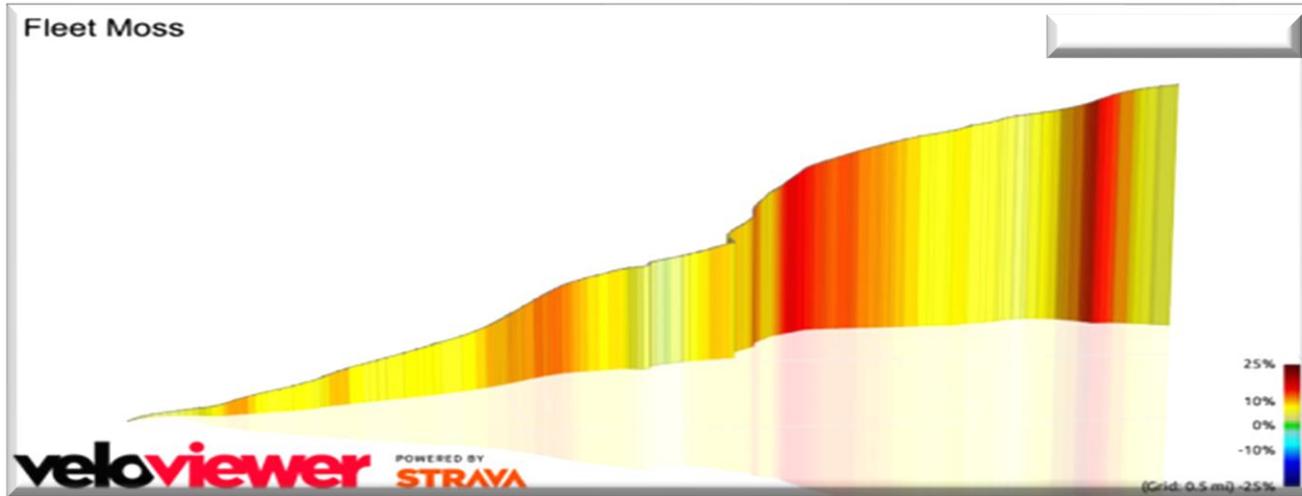


- Medium Route: mile 42, kilometre 68
- One of the prettiest climbs in all of Yorkshire. You can imagine yourself in a very remote part of the world, with Pen-Y-Ghent, one of the famous Yorkshire 3 Peaks looming on the right.
- 3.6m 5.9km, average 2%, Max 12%, ascent 467ft/142m
- This climb is mostly front- loaded. Although it feels like it goes on forever, after the first mile you have done the bulk of the climbing and you can start to enjoy the rare solitude.
- The descent into Stainforth that follows requires **caution**. It is steep and very fast

[Strava - White Rose Classic Segment - Halton Gill](#)



Fleet Moss Climb

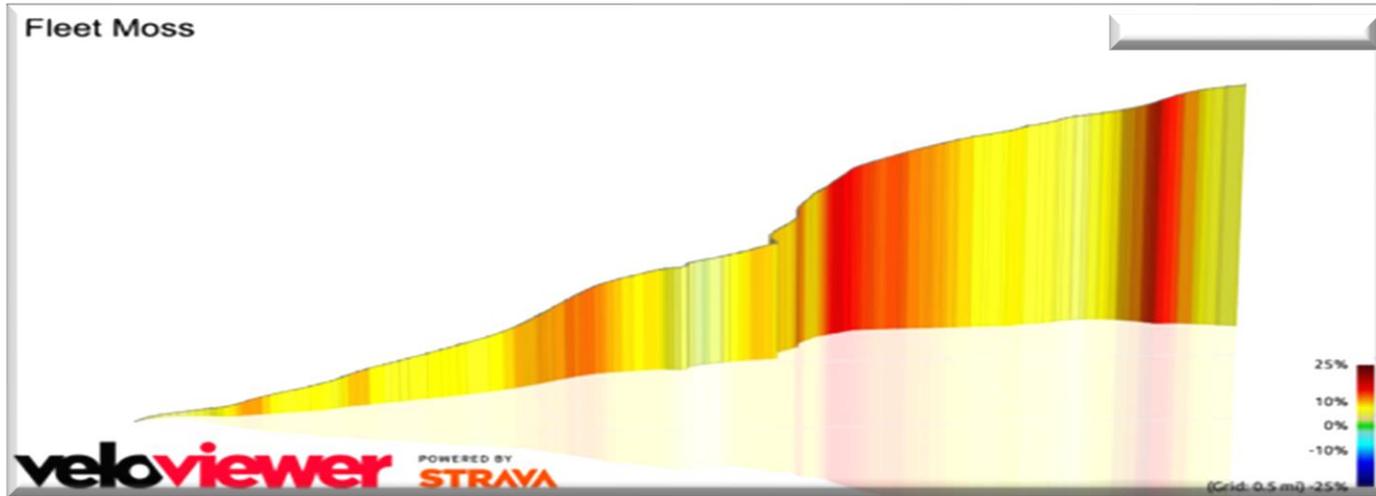


- Long Route: mile 46 kilometre
- This is one of the iconic climbs of the Yorkshire Dales. Although the Strava segment starts at the hamlet of Oughtershaw, you have been climbing steadily for over 10 miles, “starting” the climb at an altitude of over 1100 feet.
- 2.1m 3.5km, average 7%, max 18%, ascent 771ft/235m, Strava Cat 3.
- #50 on Simon Warren’s list of the 100 Greatest Climbs, rating 9/10
- As you near the top, there are some steep ramps of nearly 20%, and if the wind is blowing, hold on tightly as you are very exposed at an altitude of almost 2000ft/600m.

[Strava - White Rose Classic Segment - Fleet Moss](#)



Coal Road Climb



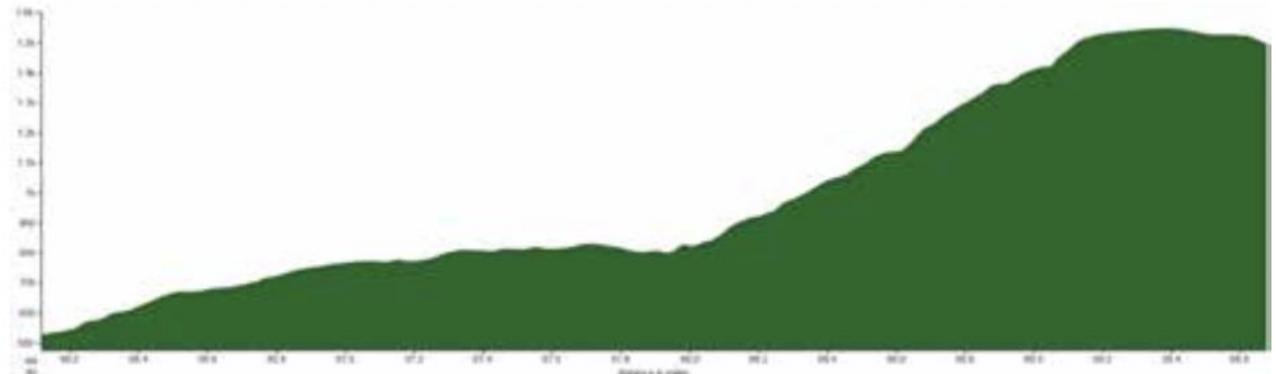
- Long Route: mile 59 kilometre 95
- Sounds kind of tame, eh? Don't be fooled, this is one of the toughest of the day. It is also remote & exposed. If the wind is blowing or there is rain, button up before the ascent. — 1.6m/2.7km, average 8%, max 20%+, ascent 715ft/218m, Strava Cat 3
- #73 on Simon Warren's list of the 100 Greatest Climbs, rating 7/10
- The Coal Road has some cruel pitches at the bottom that are over 20% and it has a summit that somehow keeps moving away as you approach. Take your time, because even from the top of this brute, you still have 50 miles to ride!
- There is a **special caution** on the descent from the Coal Road. It gets very steep, with hairpin bends just as you drop into the road in Dentdale. **Scrub your speed as soon as you see the trees along the road.**



Deepdale / Kingsdale Climb



- Long Route: mile 66, kilometre 106
- As per the 2019 route, **turn right instead of left** at the bottom of Coal Road. You have 3 miles down secluded Dentedale until you turn up a very quiet road for some serious work.
- There are 4 gates on this road. [This will not be marshalled at the gate, so please leave it as you found it, open or closed.](#)
- 2.9m/4.6km, average 6%, max >20%, ascent 930ft/280m.
- Depending, of course, on the wind and how clear it is, the descent through Kingsdale down to Ingleton is one of the finest in Britain. You can save a lot of energy here letting gravity whisk you down to the valley, with only a few turns requiring brakes to check your speed.



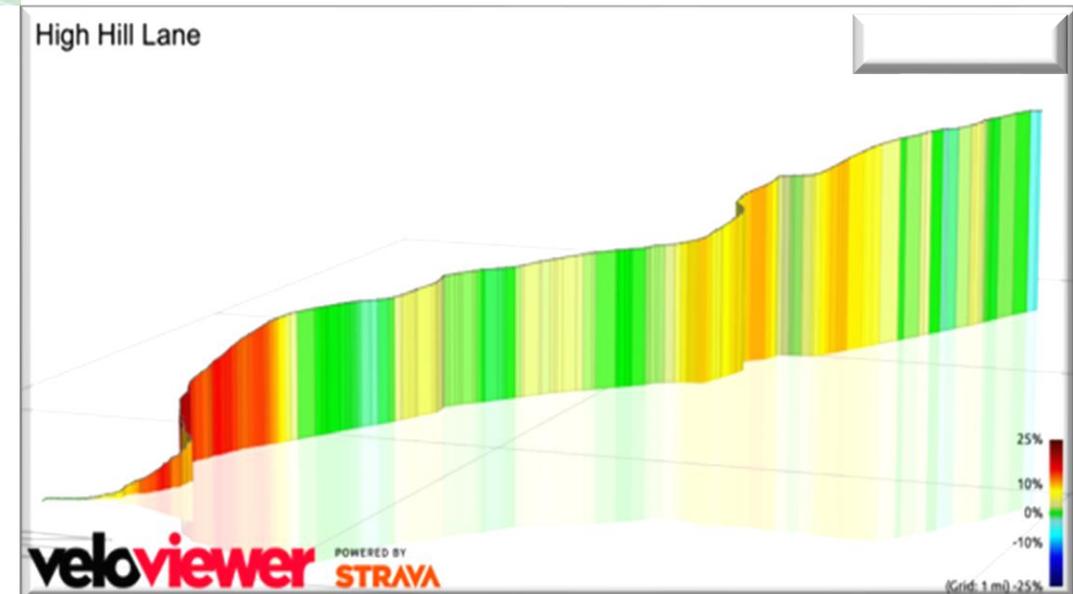
Albert Hill Climb



- Medium Route: mile 53.5, kilometre 86
- Long Route: mile 89, kilometre 143
- This is a tough climb, with a long section of 20% and more, on the appropriately named, High Hill Lane. It is a classic Yorkshire climb, with one false summit after another.

- 2.3m 3.75km, average 6%, max 20%+, ascent 712ft 217m, Strava Cat 3.
- This is the one that you have been saving your energy for! Keep a little in the tank for a glorious descent before the final climb before the finish back in Ilkley.
- The road is quite narrow in places, so between cars and riders weaving up the road, you may need a little patience to stay safe.

[Strava - White Rose Classic Segment - Albert Hill](#)



Langbar – The Final Climb



- Short Route: mile 42, kilometre 68 (If you choose to climb it)
- Medium Route: mile 79, kilometre 127
- Long Route: mile 114.5, kilometre 184
- The last climb of the day! It is shared across all routes, and is an Ilkley Cycling Club favourite for bragging rights at t'pub.

- 1.3m 2.1km, average 7%, max 16%, ascent 494ft 151m, Strava Cat 4
- Don't be fooled by the average here.
- Langbar has a couple of extended 15%+ sections... and it is at the end of the day. Save a little for for this one, but savour the top, as it is (mostly) downhill from here!

[Strava - White Rose Classic Segment - Proper Langbar](#)

