



Moor to Sea Cycle Network

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2: Whitby to Ravenscar



Cycle route info:

Distance: 11 miles (17.7km)

Time: 1½ to 2½ hours

Start: Whitby railway station

Grid ref: NZ 898 107

Map: Ordnance Survey OL27

Terrain: easy cycling, on a fairly flat gravel surface



Discover the best coastal scenery on the entire Moor to Sea Network on this classic ride between Whitby and the sweeping headland of Ravenscar, via Hawsker and Robin Hood's Bay. At the start of the route you cycle over the River Esk, high up on a viaduct which seems far too grand for a cycle path but, of course, like the rest of the trail, it was originally designed for the railway. This entire route is now part the 'Cinder Track', following the line of the former Whitby to Scarborough railway – it's well signposted throughout.

Directions: Whitby to Ravenscar

Turn L out of Whitby station along Bagdale and, at the roundabout, go straight on up South End Gardens. Pass under the bridge and take the path immediately to the L. Keep L up a track to turn R on to the old railway line and eventually over a viaduct.

Continue along to the Trailways cycle hire centre in the old railway station at Hawsker. Cross the main road at the signal-controlled crossing and rejoin the Cinder Track.

At Robin Hood's Bay, follow the signs down onto Mount Pleasant North, cross Station Road and bear R up into the main car park. Continue straight on past Robin Hood's Bay Surgery (on L) and former station buildings (on R), descending down a narrow lane to Thorpe Lane. Turn R, then immediately L back onto the Cinder Track, following the signs over two further minor roads.

Ascending to Ravenscar, turn L off the Cinder Track and R up the brick path, passing Ravenscar Visitor Centre on L. At the entrance to the Raven Hall Hotel, turn R to continue on the route towards Scarborough.



Directions: Ravenscar to Whitby

Cycle down the path, with Ravenscar Visitor Centre on R. Go on down the brick path then turn L onto the Cinder Track.

Approaching Robin Hood's Bay, turn R on Thorpe Lane, then fork L up a narrow lane, emerging by former station buildings in the main car park. Continue straight ahead through the car park, and at Station Road go L and then R along Mount Pleasant North. Follow signs up to the L to join the Cinder Track and continue straight ahead.

At Hawsker, cross the main road at the signal-controlled crossing and follow the Cinder Track along the side of Trailways cycle hire centre (located in the former station).

On reaching Whitby, cross over a viaduct. About 600m after this point leave the trail and fork L, then keep to the R down the bank. At the road, turn R under the bridge onto South End Gardens. At the roundabout, go straight over into Whitby and follow the road to the station.

Route highlights!

Investigate the industrial past at the Peak Alum Works.
Explore the winding streets and alleys of Robin Hood's Bay.
Stand right above the River Esk on the mighty Larpool Viaduct.
Fish and chips in Whitby – it's obligatory!

Facilities

Whitby has a tourist information centre, plus a full range of accommodation, cafés, restaurants and other facilities.

Refreshments and cycle hire en route at Trailways in Hawsker. Cafés and pubs in Robin Hood's Bay (just off the cycle route – note, it's a very steep descent into the old village, though there are also facilities in the upper village).

Ravenscar has a Visitor Centre that sells drinks and ice cream, and there's also the Raven Hall Hotel (bar and restaurant), and Ravenscar Tea Rooms.