



Moor to Sea Cycle Network

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4: Highwood Brow to Ravenscar



Cycle route info:

Distance: 14 miles (22.5km)

Time: 2½ to 3½ hours

Start: Highwood Brow car park

Grid ref: SE 942 889

Map: Ordnance Survey OL27

Terrain: undulating, on quiet back roads and forest tracks, with some steep ascents and descents



The description 'Moor to Sea' could hardly sum up this section of the route any better. Your first, long-awaited glimpse of the sea comes shortly after the Falcon Inn and the best views are over Harwood Dale and from the Ravenscar headland. The ride is along a variety of surfaces and includes some steep hills – take extra care coming down from Highwood Brow car park as sweeping through the trees gives the descent the feel of a ski run!

Directions: Highwood Brow to Ravenscar

From Highwood Brow car park pass through two large stones onto a tarmac track which soon becomes a stony track (be careful – steep descent for 400m). A track joins from the R but keep L and downhill. At the road turn R and then take the first L towards Langdale End. Fork R and ride 1km up into Broxa, passing through the village to follow a broad flat, yellow-stoned road through Broxa Forest.

After about 5km turn L onto a narrow path for 20m to reach a main road. Cross over and on the other side of an island with some trees on it, in the middle of a car park, take the level track for spectacular views out over Harwood Dale. At the end of the track turn L almost back in the same direction you have just come, signposted 'Silpho Brow'. Turn L at the main road, then immediately R up a forest road. Follow it round to the L, round a barrier and into the forest. Turn L at a major forest crossroads. After a kink in the road take the next R.

Turn R on the busy A171 and after about 100m turn L past the Falcon Inn and then L again, signposted 'Staintondale 2 miles/Ravenscar 2.5 miles'. Turn L to Moorland House and, after the house, continue onwards along a gorse-fringed track, swinging R to head for a sail-less windmill.

Emerge onto the road at The Smugglers Rock Country House. Keep straight on down Ravenhall Road to the Raven Hall Hotel entrance.



Directions: Ravenscar to Highwood Brow

From the Raven Hall Hotel entrance, cycle up the road away from the coast and past a church. At a sail-less windmill continue in the same direction, down a track passing The Smugglers Rock Country House to the R. As the track bends round to the L it becomes gorse-fringed and continues past Moorland House. At the T-junction with the road turn R and, at the next T-junction, turn R again to pass the Falcon Inn.

Turn R to join the busy A171 for 100m before turning L down a forest road. At a T-junction turn L and, after a kink in the road, turn R at a forest crossroads. Fork L to emerge from the forest at a barrier and follow the road round to the R to a tarmac road. Turn L and immediately R, passing Thirley Cote Farm.

At a junction at the top of a steep hill turn sharp R down a pretty woodland track with spectacular views of Harwood Dale. It emerges at a car park. Cross over the main road onto a narrow path for 20m and turn R into Broxa Forest along a yellow-stoned forest road. Continue along it for about 5km until emerging into the open along a narrow tarmac road to Broxa village.

Pass through the village and at the next junction turn L onto Broxa Lane and then take the first road R towards Snainton. About 1km after crossing the river, turn L down a track into the forest. Keep straight ahead all the way up to the car park at Highwood Brow.

Route highlights!

Surprise views from the Broxa Forest escarpment.
Butterflies in summer, flitting on the forest tracks.
A rest stop at the Falcon Inn.

Facilities

Refreshments at the Grainary Tea Rooms in Harwood Dale, the Moorcock Inn at Langdale End and the Falcon Inn on the A171. There's also a picnic area at Highwood Brow.

Ravenscar has a National Trust Visitor Centre with drinks and ice cream, the Raven Hall Hotel (bar and restaurant) and Ravenscar Tea Rooms.

