

Weekend ride

ROUTE YC ADVENTURE WEEKENDER

• **Start/finish:** Whitby Railway Station • **Grid Ref:** NZ 89794 10854 • **Maps:** OS Landrangers 94, 101 • **Ride length:** 147km [91 miles]

• **Climbing:** 1,880m • **Bike type:** gravel bike or mountain bike, also suitable for trailers • **Ride level:** Regular



1 LONE TREE ON EGTON MOORE

This isolated tree is a stunning landmark on Egton High Moor. You will be able to spot it from afar on a clear day. This is the best location along the route to enjoy a sunset, overlooking the North York Moors National Park. In August a carpet of flowering heather adds to the intense beauty of the place.

4 Ravenscar

The former railway line serving Ravenscar is now the Cinder Track, a traffic-free cycle route. At the turn of the 20th century, plans were made to turn the village into a holiday resort. Roads and sewers were laid, but Ravenscar never achieved popularity and the development was left unfinished. The tea room at the former station is worth a stop.



5 ROBIN HOOD'S BAY

With its maze of tiny streets, the village was a smuggling hub during the late 18th century and is now a tourist magnet. The origin of its name is uncertain, but it is doubtful that Robin Hood was ever in the vicinity of the village. Enjoy the ride to the beach – and the 31% climb on your way back!

6 WHITBY ABBEY

Whitby is best known for its connection with Captain James Cook and Bram Stoker's Dracula. A landmark visible from afar is Whitby Abbey, which is situated overlooking the North Sea on the East Cliff above the town. Originally the site of a 7th century monastery, the current ruins are those of a later Benedictine abbey that was destroyed by Henry VIII.



2 Cropton Forest

Along with Langdale Forest and Dalby Forest, Cropton Forest forms part of the North Riding Forest Park within the North York Moors National Park. Quieter than nearby Dalby Forest, Cropton is great for gravel riding. The route goes through a mix of forests and moorland, with easily rideable trails and views down to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

3 Cayton Bay

There are many stunning views cycling along the Yorkshire Coast, but Cayton Bay stands out. This is a popular surf spot and, like the whole coast, is prone to heavy erosion. In April 2008 a major landslide caused tons of earth to slip down the cliff side at the edge of the bay.

