These circular rides use existing and well maintained public rights of way which take in some of the most spectacular scenery of the northern Yorkshire Dales including Swaledale, Lower Wensleydale and tributaries. The routes cater for a range of abilities and use mainly bridleways, green lanes and some unclassified county roads. The nature of the countryside in the dales means many of the routes are rugged and hilly. There are limited opportunities to canter but why rush through such fantastic scenery? Local British Horse Society volunteer John Presgrave devised and mapped the routes with the support of Richmondshire and Bedale Bridleway Group, Public Rights of Way team at North Yorkshire County Council & Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The bespoke guide maps are specifically designed for horse rider use and provide an easy-to-follow route from a start point which can be reached by horsebox or trailer. Project logos are on occasional way marker and fingerposts. A PDF guide map for each can be downloaded for printout or loaded to most current smartphones via www.northyorks.gov.uk/rides. These routes are also part of the British Horse Society (BHS) National Equestrian Route Network which can be accessed via www.bhs.org.uk. Information on local accommodation and related amenities can also be found by visiting the BHS website, Welcome to Yorkshire and YDNP websites.

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Please note that by the very nature of the geology of the Northern Yorkshire Dales most of the circular networks will have some degrees of difficulty. It is advisable not to ride alone.

The BHS recommends before undertaking any of the above routes, horse & rider should be adequately insured against public liability. The BHS can provide public & personal cover for members. For more information or to join call 02476 840506.

CODE OF RIDING

- Care of the land - please do not stray off the line of the route.
- Courtesy to others - pay heed to walkers, cyclists and car park users.
- Acknowledge courtesy shown by drivers; observe the Highway Code.
- Consider the landowner/farmer - leave gates as you find them, ride slowly past livestock, and observe local and seasonal notices, especially during shooting (Aug - Feb), lambing and bird nesting times.

Following a route

- Descriptions in bespoke guide maps are correct at time of issue, but landmarks or rights of ways may change, and way marking limited esp. in the YDNP.
- Take the relevant OS Explorer 1:25000 (302,304,0L30) and compass.

Packing

- Riders are responsible for finding safe and appropriate parking.
- Start points shown on map do not guarantee suitable parking.

Preparation

- Wear BS standard hard hat, comfortable riding boots and lower leg protection.
- BHS advises riders wear high visibility clothing while riding on roads.
- Carry mobile (limited coverage), money/card, tie up string, head collar and lead rope.
- It is advisable to pack sufficient food and drink and take appropriate clothing.
- Include waterproofs. Transparent A4 map case worn around neck is useful.
- Please be mindful of rapid weather changes especially over high ground.

Feedback

- Report back any route maintenance related problems to NYCC Rights of Way tel: 0845 8727374 or YDNP ranger service tel: 0300 4560030.
R1 Richmond - Marske
6-21 miles 2-7 hours
2 circulars including the demanding but rewarding Marske-Fremington Edge loop.
Richmond to Marske and back makes for a delightful short ride.

R2 Marske / Skelton Moor and Marske / Marrick / Fremington Edge
6-21 miles 2-7 hours
2 circulars both taking in the remote lead mined moors with breath-taking views of
Swaledale & pastoral stretches above the river Swale. Some steep, stony sections.
Be prepared for weather changes at the higher elevations.

R3 Harkerside / Whitaside / Grinton 8-11 miles 2-4 hours
2 circulars both taking in the remote lead mined moors with breath-taking views of
Swaledale & pastoral stretches above the river Swale. Some steep, stony sections.
Be prepared for weather changes at the higher elevations.

R4 Carlton / Melmerby Moor / West Burton 10 miles 3-4 hours
Circular includes a steep and stony climb out of Walden Beck but affords fantastic vistas
along most of its length, including Bishopdale, Coverdale and views across to Great
Whernside and over to the North York Moors. Pubs / toilets in Carlton & West Burton.
Accommodation at Brough Farm, Middleham, nr. Leyburn (see individual guide map).

R5 Thornton Watlass Circular 9 miles 2-3 hours
A very relaxing ride of few gradients and including green lanes. Quiet road stretches mainly
offering wide verges. Especially pleasant by the River Ure and with the bonus of a
pub en route in Thornton Watlass.

R6 Langthwaite Circualrs 5-9 miles 2-4 hours
2 circulars either side of the impressive but remote Arkengarthdale, both of which scale the lead
mined moors using old mining tracks, stony in parts, and pass through the picturesque village of
Langthwaite. Pub / refreshments / accommodation at end of both circulars.
Circular 2 suitable for most riders. Circular 1 requires focus on terrain
and navigation over Windegg Ings.
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HORSE RIDING IN THE NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES
Harkerside Circulars R3 C1 approx. 11 miles - C2 approx. 8 miles

Riding Directions:
C1 orange line & numbering clockwise from  S Grid Reference: SE038962
C2 yellow line & numbering anticlockwise from  S Grid Reference: SE011983

Circular 1-Gibbon Hill-Whitaside-Harkerside
Start point  S 1.7 miles south of Grinton

1. South west uphill passing cairns RHS, fence RHS, through BG downhill and R at T junction (Dents House).
2. West along Apedale Road, steep stony climb after 1 mile, levelling, through HG, & descending to next available R (small cairn).
3. Follow double track for approx. 2 miles passing shooting lodge LHS, next L.
4. North downhill on double track until road (single track BW option near bottom), R on road (wide verges), past Harkerside Place LHS, to BW on R.
5. Through G, follow BW track uphill, meeting track from L, then uphill through G, continue up stony track, then along, and L at next junction onto less defined track, becoming double track, across stream, through HG.
6. Continue east, R at 1st available grassy track uphill, passing shooting butts on RHS, cross gravelled track, ST uphill to road, R and south along road to start point.  S

Circular 2- Swaledale Low Houses-Whitaside-Harkerside Moor
Start point  S 2.2 miles west of Grinton

1. West along road, ST at junction, R onto green lane (Low Lane) and follow until road and house on L, immediate L through G (BW signpost).
2. Up steep grassy BW (surface uneven and a little boggy in parts), keeping wall on RHS, through gateway at top on R, then L before ford, uphill through HG, stream on RHS until Birks End and road at top.
3. R along road, L at BW sign, double track uphill taking 1st available double track to L (small cairn), follow approx. 2 miles passing shooting lodge on LHS. (For shorter option, next L downhill to road, then L to start point  S.)
4. ST up steep stony track, to and across Harkerside Moor, descend to next junction.
5. L and follow double track along then downhill to G, then downhill a few yards and fork L down to G at road, then L along wide verged road till start point  S is reached.
HARKERSIDE CIRCULARS R3
C1 (Orange) and C2 (Yellow)
Approx. 11mls. and 8mls. respectively
This guide to be used in conjunction
with OS Explorer OL30

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mile (approx. - not to scale)