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.

** Includes Richmond Link

** Not advisable in adverse weather conditions especially over winter months

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.
- **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.

### Parking

- 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.

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**HORSE RIDING IN THE NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES**

Swaledale, Arkengarthdale, Lower Wensleydale & Coverdale

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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.
**R1 Richmond - Marske**

**R2 Marske / Skelton Moor and Marske / Marrick / Fremington Edge**

6-21 miles 2-7 hours

2 circulars including the demanding but rewarding Marrick-Fremington Edge loop. Marske-Skelton Moor option is suitable for most riders. Build in time if using the picturesque Richmond link along lower Swaledale to Marske. Richmond to Marske and back makes for a delightful short ride.

**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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Please note that the promoted routes depicted are maintained to the best possible standards that the local authorities can afford, and whilst every effort has been made to ensure the routes and structures (i.e gates) are of a good standard at the time of launch, we would be grateful for ongoing feedback to ensure these routes continue to be accessible. Please see overleaf for contact numbers.
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HORSE RIDING IN THE NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES
Langthwaite Circulars R6 C1 approx. 5 miles - C2 approx. 9 miles

Riding Directions - (Clockwise C1, Anticlockwise C2)
Start Point  - Opposite The Charles Bathurst Inn Langthwaite for both circulars
Parking at CB Inn car park Tel: 01748 884567
Grid Reference - NY999031

Circular 1 - Covering the east flank of Arkengarthdale (yellow line)
1. Through G behind PH, down BW through 2 Gs, over bridge, pass L of West House and Scar House, then L uphill, stony through G, then grassy uphill (ignore BW track on R) and on through BG and G passing Hillside West on left.
2. Fork R in front of next gate, uphill on less defined track with wall on L. At sheepfold in the wall, head north to road over undefined moorland terrain (uneven and a little boggy in places, though periodically flailed).
3. North on road for approx. 150 yards, R into BW (old mining track) and R at T junction after approx 1 mile, and then take G on right after further 1/2 mile (mining track bends left here).
4. South down single track, becoming double then single, through G at field bottom, then - either L down stony hollow, through BG, R at double track, R onto raod, - or R, then L, down track with wall on left, to roadside gate, then R down road.
5. R after bridge and north on through road, past church, to start point.

Circular 2 - Covering west flank of Arkengarthdale (orange line)
1. North on road for approx 1.5 miles past Spencer Intake on right, then L onto BW at bridleway sign.
6. Continue along BW (old mining track), ST at junctions, uphill, steep and stony in parts, until junction at top with cairns.
7. L following cairns on right keeping to mining track.
8. Bear L at next junction, crossing line of shooting butts, and continue downhill until road is reached.
9. R at road and downhill to next BW sign on left.
10. Follow double track BW east for approx 1.5 miles until road is reached, L on road, through cattle grid gate, and L at next BW sign.
12. R at road then follow downhill till T-junction, then L back to start.
LANGTHWAITE CIRCULARS R6

Approx. 5mls. & 9mls. respectively

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