

STAGE 5: SKIPTON TO BOLTON ABBEY

ENJOY THE SLOW TOUR ON THE NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK



The Slow Tour is a guide to 21 of the best cycle routes in Yorkshire.

It's been inspired by the Tour de France Grand Depart in Yorkshire in 2014 and funded by Public Health Teams in the region. All routes form part of the National Cycle Network - more than 14,000 miles of traffic-free paths, quiet lanes and on-road walking and cycling routes across the UK.

This route is part of National Route 696, so just follow the signs.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway

This heritage steam railway runs for 4 miles offering train rides every Sunday throughout the year and up to 7 days a week in summer.

Hesketh Farm Park

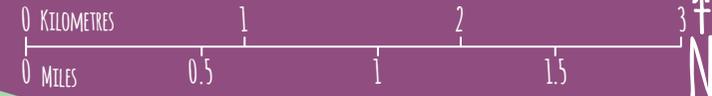
This fantastic working farm offers animal feeding, play areas, a straw maze and a great café.

Bolton Abbey Estate

Set in 30,000 acres of beautiful countryside, the estate boasts a ruined priory, riverside paths and excellent tea rooms and cafés.

KEY

- Slow Tour route On-road / Traffic-free
- National Cycle Network On-road / Traffic-free
- National Cycle Network route number
- Regional Cycle Route number
- Café / Pub
- Restaurant
- Railway with station
- Cycle hire
- Access point
- Take care here
- Attraction

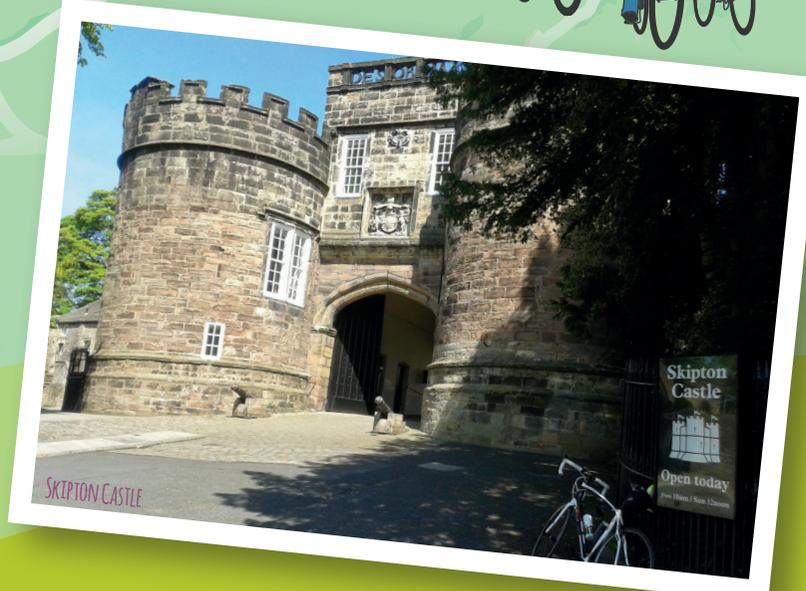
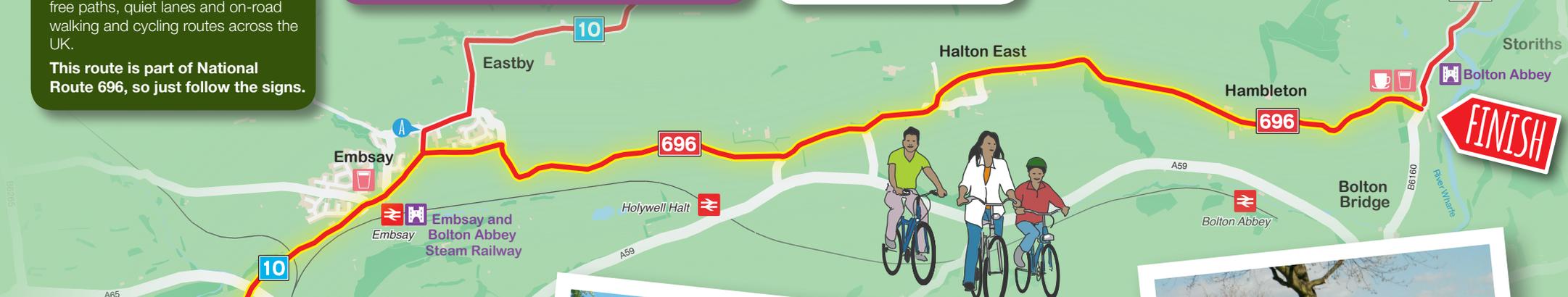


TAKE CARE!

- Be aware that there are some hills on route so it may not be suitable for small children.
- Busy roads leaving Skipton.

TAKE A BREAK!

- Cavendish Arms, Embsay offers great food and has a pub garden.
- The Tea Cottage, Bolton Abbey is a quintessential tea room that overlooks the Priory Church and Ruins.
- Devonshire Arms, Bolton Abbey is a 17th-century country inn which does fantastic cream teas.



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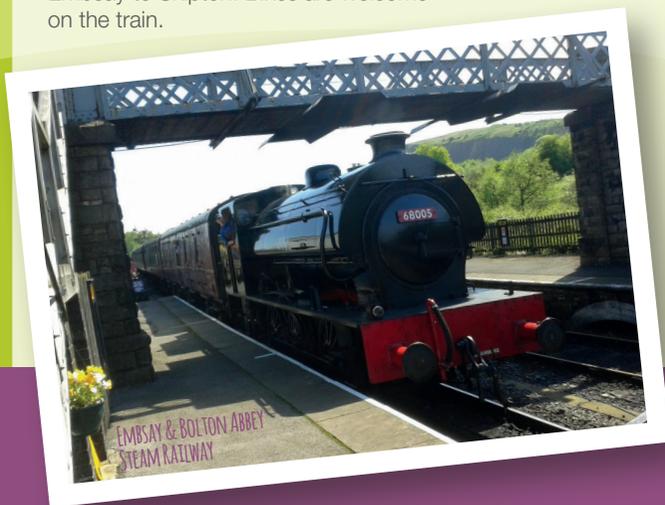


SKIPTON TO BOLTON ABBEY

Skipton to Bolton Abbey 14 mile round trip (7 miles each way). This is approximately 2.5 hours

This dramatic ride takes you from the bustling market town of Skipton, with its impressive Castle and regular outdoor market, through beautiful countryside, before arriving at the magnificent ruins of Bolton Abbey in the Yorkshire Dales.

- Exit Skipton Station, turn right, follow the main street to the top of the town, and at the roundabout bear right. After 0.5 miles turn left on the road signed Embsay. After 1 mile enter the village of Embsay with its historic steam railway, climb the hill past the Railway, and turn right at the village shop and post office.
- Follow signs to Bolton Abbey along quiet country lanes with wonderfully scenic views all the way.
- There are a number of tourist attractions on the route, including the Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway, Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream Farm, Hesketh Farm Park, and, of course, Bolton Abbey Estate itself with the Abbey and the River Wharfe Valley passing through the famous Strid Gorge.
- Make sure you spend some time enjoying the magnificent ruins, stunning natural setting, river walks, stepping stones, cafes and picnic spots at Bolton Abbey Estate.
- Retrace the route back to Skipton.
- An alternative is to return using the Steam Railway. Cycle along the bridleway opposite the Devonshire Arms, leading to Bolton Abbey Station. Part of the route can then be covered by train to Embsay Station and by bike from Embsay to Skipton. Bikes are welcome on the train.



OVERVIEW MAP



STAGE 5

Skipton to Bolton Abbey

SLOW TOUR 
OF YORKSHIRE
ON THE NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK



The Slow Tour is a guide to 21 of the best cycle routes across Yorkshire on the National Cycle Network.

The routes have something for everyone, whether you are a family, new to cycling or a regular cyclist. You can take public transport to the start of most routes and hire bikes there too.

**Tourist attractions ● heritage sites
cafés and pubs ● picnic spots ● canals
museums ● playgrounds ● artwork**

If you like this route, try out the other 20.

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