

## Cycle Route from Appleby: Orton Fells



Ancient Orton village (with its own chocolate factory) makes a welcome midway refreshment stop after you've ridden out of the Eden Valley and entered the grey limestone of the Orton Fells area. Skirt around Great Asby Scar National Nature Reserve (some of Britain's best limestone pavement) passing through Great Asby, another attractive village on your way back to Appleby. Partly on old drove roads amidst outstanding scenery, and sections of the Pennine Cycleway (68), the Walney to Wear and Whitby Cycle Route (20) and National Route 71.

- Start/finish: Appleby TIC in the town centre (pay and display car park is signed)
- Distance: 27.3 miles (44km) Shortcut shown on map
- Grade: Long - Hard (all on road)
- Refreshments: Pub in Crosby Ravensworth; shop, coffee house, tearoom and hotel in Orton; pub in Great Asby
- Public loos: Appleby, Orton

1. Find the Tourist Information Centre in Boroughgate, go up towards the castle entrance and bear R. Turn R at the green and follow blue 71 signs to Colby, then turning L towards Kings Meaburn.
2. Turn R (signed Kings Meaburn) and then first L (signed Maulds Meaburn).
3. Bear L and continue following the Lyvennet river upstream through Maulds Meaburn and Crosby Ravensworth onto open limestone moorland.
4. Turn R and enjoy the free wheel down Orton Scar into Orton - check your brakes first!
5. Keep L though the village and turn L over the stone bridge following blue 68 and 20 signs through Raisebeck. The Howgill Fells are on the R.
6. Turn L again following blue 68 and 20 signs (signed Asby and Soulby).
7. Turn L uphill at the X roads following blue 68 and 71 signs to Great Asby.
8. Turn L into Great Asby. Turn R just past the pub over narrow stone bridge and R again.
9. Turn L and follow road (and blue 68 and 71 signs) back through Burrells to Appleby town centre.

This map is provided for guidance only. You are strongly advised to take appropriate maps with you on all cycle rides and walks. The OS map covering this area is OL19.

## Further information

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