

# The great RTPI cycle ride 2025



**RTPI North East**  
Royal Town Planning Institute

This year's RTPI North East Bike ride will be held on Friday 16 May and will take a scenic route through Northumberland. As in previous years, all RTPI members are welcome to take part (free of charge); and friends and colleagues from other related professions are also welcome to join us. There is a charge of £15 for all non RTPI members (which includes lunch). We are keen to ensure the Bike Ride is an inclusive event which can be enjoyed by riders with different levels of experience and so we are continuing to offer three different routes this year:

## **Route A** Circular route from Druridge Bay Country Park - c. 97 miles (all day)

**Route A** Route A will suit very experienced riders, with good fitness, who are comfortable cycling at 17-18 miles per hour. Riders will depart at around 08:30 and will cycle around 70 miles before lunch, meeting up with other riders at The Craster Arms in Beadnell. There will also be a mid-morning coffee stop at the Turks Head pub in Rothbury. After lunch the riders will join riders from Routes B and C in cycling back to Druridge Bay, and there will be a mid-afternoon break at The Running Fox at Longhoughton. ([Click here for route map](#))

## **Route B** Route B: Circular route from Druridge Bay - c. 73 miles (all day)

**Route B** will suit riders with a good level of fitness, who are comfortable cycling at 13-15 miles per hour. Riders will depart at around 08:45 and will cycle around 46 miles before lunch, meeting up with other riders at The Craster Arms in Beadnell - at around 13:00. As with riders on Route A there will be a mid-morning break at the Turks Head in Rothbury. After lunch the riders will join riders from Routes B and C in cycling back to Druridge Bay. ([Click here for route map](#))

## **Route C** Route C: Beadnell to Druridge Bay - c. 27 miles (afternoon only)

**Route C** will be suitable for riders of all levels of experience. Together with the riders on routes A and B, riders will set off from The Craster Arms in Beadnell after lunch (around 14:00) and will cycle to Druridge Bay, stopping off mid-ride at The Running Fox at Longhoughton for refreshments. ([Click here for route map](#))

## Start Times

Riders taking Route A and B should aim to arrive at Druridge Bay Car Park by **08:15 / 8:30**. A short briefing will take place for Route A riders at **8:25** and those riders will leave Druridge Bay at **8:30**. A briefing for Route B riders will take place at **8:45** and riders will leave Druridge Bay shortly afterwards.

A briefing for Route C riders will take place at The Craster Arms in Beadnell at **14:00** and all riders (Routes A, B and C) will leave The Craster Arms shortly after that.

## Transport

As in previous years it is anticipated that most riders choosing the longer rides (A and B) will drive to Druridge Bay, where car parking is available. Please car share where possible.

For riders doing Route C, transport will be provided to and from Newcastle (Newcastle Cycle Hub) will be available. ([www.thecyclehub.org](http://www.thecyclehub.org)).

Riders should arrive no later than **11:45** and the bus/trailer will depart at around **12:00**, arriving in Beadnell at c. **13:00**. Transport will also be provided back from Druridge Bay back to the Cycle Hub at the end of the ride.

Cycle hire is available at the Cycle Hub.

## Lunch and Refreshment Stops

**The Turks Head**  
[www.turksheadrothbury.co.uk/beer-garden](http://www.turksheadrothbury.co.uk/beer-garden)

**The Craster Arms**  
[www.northcoastcollective.co.uk/the-craster-arms](http://www.northcoastcollective.co.uk/the-craster-arms)

**The Running Fox**  
[www.runningfoxbakery.co.uk/longhoughton](http://www.runningfoxbakery.co.uk/longhoughton)

To sign up to the event [click here](#) or contact Kim Walker at the RTPI if you have any questions ([kim.walker@rtpi.org.uk](mailto:kim.walker@rtpi.org.uk)).

Registration in advance is essential and the deadline for registration is **Friday 9 May 2025**.

