



# OLD HARTLEY

EASY | 10 MILES



## OLD HARTLEY CYCLE ROUTE

This route takes in part of the National Route 1 of the National Cycle Network, which passes a plethora of historic sites including the world famous Lindisfarne and Bamburgh Castle, the ancient capital of Northumbria, as well as nature reserves until it crosses the border at Berwick-upon-Tweed and moves into the Tweed Valley. This small portion of the route is a 10-mile coastal ride, which can be extended to 15 miles for anybody who prefers a slightly longer ride.

### SURFACES

Some tarmac but mostly off-road.

### TRAFFIC

Mostly traffic-free but crosses a busy road at two points, plus 1.5 miles on the road.

### SUITABILITY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Yes, 10-mile route, longer route is suitable for older children (10 plus). Supervision is necessary at crossings. No difficult barriers.

### HILLS

No notably large hills.

### REFRESHMENTS/FACILITIES

There are cafes, a fish & chip shop with newly built picnic/play area, six pubs and three public toilets on the route.

### OTHER ROUTES IN THE AREA

The Coast & Castles cycle route (National Route 1) passes the Club Site (all of the short ride is along this and two thirds of the longer version). Stretches of the Sea to Sea (C2C), Hadrian's Cycle Way (National Route 72) and the Reivers Route (Regional Route 10) are all within 2 to 10 miles of the route.



### DIRECTIONS

- 1 From the Club Site follow National Route 1 (on the blue signs) along the coast, almost entirely traffic-free, shared with pedestrians and occasional horse riders, through the Dunes.
- 2 Leave the cycle route following Links Road. There is then a one-mile stretch along a road where extra care must be taken.
- 3 In Blyth, there is an opportunity to stop for refreshments, including ice cream and fish and chips. Return to Site by the same route.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSION

- 4 For a longer ride turn on to Fountain Head Bank. This entails cycling uphill along a road for half a mile inland past the old Hall, before following a former railway line through the countryside towards Whitley Bay to a point just beyond the Club Site and returning to the Site along the Links past St Mary's lighthouse and a small waterfowl reserve. We recommend taking an Ordnance Survey map if attempting the extended ride.

### DON'T MISS

“ Stop and admire St Mary's lighthouse a grade II listed building. It has not worked as a functioning lighthouse since 2012 but is regularly open to visitors. ”



This route has been suggested by Sustrans' Volunteer Rangers. The Caravan Club would always recommend that any children or young people under 18 years should be fully supervised by a responsible adult. Please be aware that using this route is entirely at your own risk. Extreme care should always be taken when cycling on site, remembering that traffic will be moving around the site and to observe speed limits. Particular attention should be paid when going round blind corners or emerging from paths.

# OLD HARTLEY CARAVAN CLUB SITE - ROUTE

