



CWAM Weekend Tour of the Lake District and Northern England

Friday 16th June to Sunday 18th June 2017

Trevor Smith writes

To address the absence of a weekend social ride from our calendar I have, with help from Simon Weir, compiled a tour comprising both an involving ride and some of the best scenery in England. The plan is to travel very light at a warm time of year, spending Friday and Saturday nights in Youth Hostels that provide bar service, breakfasts, evening meals at 7.00pm and a packed lunch if required. This will be shared adult accommodation at a cost of £30 a night plus food and drink. 2 bed accommodation is available for couples if required. Just type in a search for the hostels to view their web sites.

Total mileage is around 600 over the 2½ days, leaving us with a reasonable amount of time off the bikes. A brief route summary is given below.



Friday from 1-00pm A sprint up the M6 using the toll road and through the South Lakes to YHA Patterdale over the Whinlatter and Honister passes. About 190 miles.

Saturday am Includes Buttermere, Borrowdale, the Wrynose Pass, the beautiful Duddon Valley and Eskdale stopping at Coniston's Bluebird Cafe on the lakeside for lunch. About 110 miles.

Saturday pm Heading out of the Lakes

towards Kendal and Ingleton. Overnight stop at YHA Grinton Lodge, near Richmond. About 75 miles.

Sunday am Some spectacular roads heading south for Aysgarth, Hebdon Bridge, Saddleworth and Holmfirth (Last of the Summer Wine) with a lunch stop at Scott's Café near Glossop. About 108 miles.

Sunday pm Into Derbyshire for its biking highlights of Snake Pass, Hope Valley, Via Gellia and then strike out for Ashbourne and Derby to pick up the M1/M69 and a dash home. About 130 miles.





The ride is open to both full and associate members and the group will be limited to 10 bikes (pillion welcome) to enable good progress to be maintained. If you wish to take part or have a query, please email me and include a contact telephone number. Places will be allocated in the order I receive a firm commitment. Should the run be over-subscribed the formation of a second group will be considered.

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