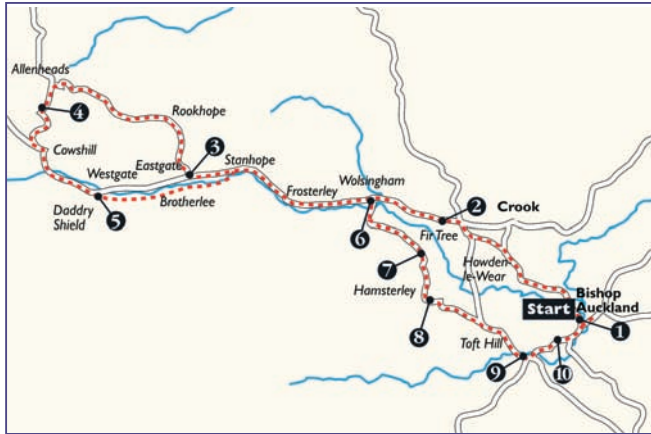


Bishop Auckland - Weardale

(undulating with sharp climbs) - 65 miles



1. Beginning in the Market Place, Bishop Auckland, head out over the viaduct on the A689 towards Howden then on to Fir Tree, turning right at T-junction onto A68 to Harperley roundabout;
2. Turn left towards Wolsingham on the A689 (passing POW Camp on left) and follow through Wolsingham, Frosterley and Stanhope to Eastgate
3. In Eastgate turn right to Rookhope (gardens) and follow through village on towards Allersheads;
4. Descend the hill (taking care on hairpins) and turn left to Cowshill;
5. Follow A689 back towards Daddy Shield (passing Weardale Museum on left) and turn right just before bridge onto minor road (signed Brotherlee) and follow to Stanhope
6. Continue down the Dale on A689 to Wolsingham turning right in village onto the Causeway and up Wears Bank;
7. Past top of climb fork left onto minor road then left after climb to Hamsterley
8. At T-junction turn left through village then bear right (signed Toft Hill) and follow to T-junction at top of hill;

More Info

- Wear Valley District Council
- Durham County Council
- Tourist Information Centre, Bishop Auckland
- Tourist Information Centre, Stanhope

9. Turn left (signed West Auckland) then left again at next T-junction, follow for 1/4 mile then bear right and immediately left (signed West Auckland) and follow to T-junction with A68
10. Descend bank to West Auckland, keep left and follow road through village and back to Bishop Auckland

Parking

There are several large car parks throughout the Town Centre, or there is parking at The Batts beside the River Wear.

Ordnance Survey Maps

OS Explorer Sheet 307 'Consett & Derwent Reservoir'

OS Explorer Sheet 305 'Bishop Auckland'

OS Explorer Sheet 31 'North Pennines'

Public Toilets

Public Conveniences are located at the Durham Dales Centre and also in the West End of Stanhope.

There are Public Conveniences at Bishop Auckland Bus Station. They are open daily 7am – 8pm, all year.

Public Conveniences can be found at the Recreation Ground in Wolsingham and are open daily.

Places of Interest

Bishop Auckland Viaduct	see page. 4
Auckland Castle	see page. 6
Wolsingham Properties	see page. 6
Auckland Deer House	see page. 7
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