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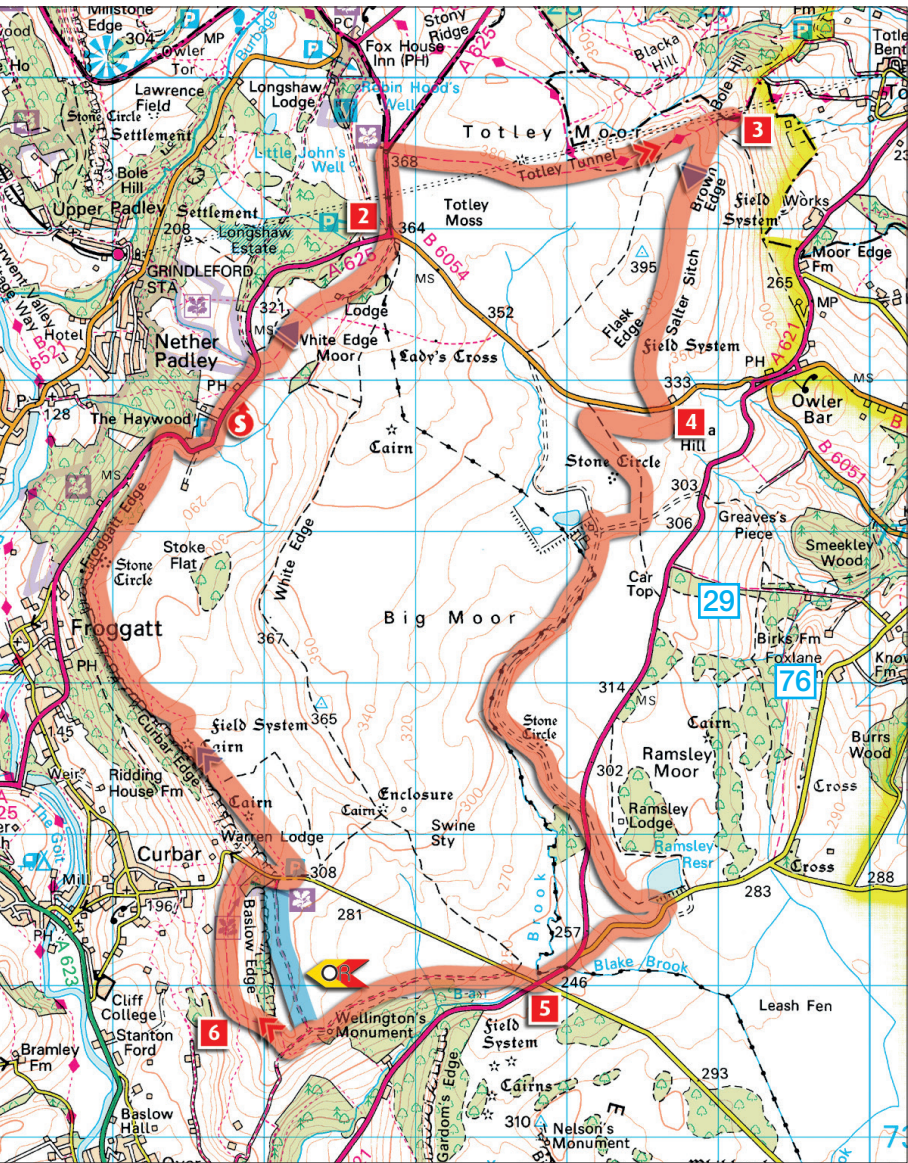
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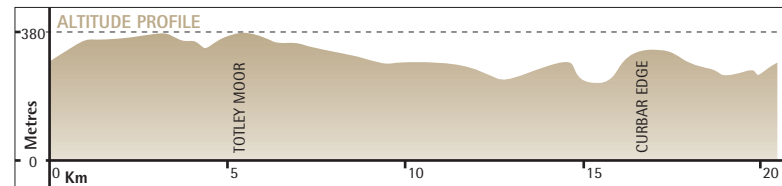
Introduction

A ride so new it's barely out of the wrapping, all thanks to the wonderful work being carried out by the Eastern Moors Partnership (National Trust and RSPB) and Ride Sheffield, opening up access for cyclists and horse riders and generally encouraging all users to enjoy these wonderful moors. A year before publication the Barbrook Valley trail was a no-go for bikes, and the path along Curbar and Froggatt Edges was only upgraded as we checked the final proofs of our new *White Peak Mountain Biking* guidebook. These two trails have filled the previously bridleway/byway-less void between Blacka and Totley, and the White Peak trails to the south. On a busy weekend day, you'll be sharing the trails so be sure to smile, say 'hi' and enjoy the cracking views along the gritstone edges.

The Ride

This is a fairly zippy ride, without too much in the way of ascent and descent, but it is a great ride, passing over lovely moorland and along the fine gritstone trail above Curbar and Froggatt Edges. From the lay-by near The Grouse pub (mmm, steak pie) head up the road before picking up a bridleway on the right. Climb up to the Owl Bar Road and loop over Totley Moor before heading south to the tranquil Barbrook Valley. Whizz briefly on the road and head over to Baslow where you can drop under the edge on singletrack, or stay on the crag-top path. Pass over Curbar Gap onto the Curbar crag-top path and cruise along, with fun jumps along the way. The drop from Curbar to Froggatt provides the ride's technical interest, before more cruising back to the A625 and the car. Yay for a forward-thinking, modern approach to countryside access!

Find out more: www.easternmoors.org.uk



EASTERN MOORS TOUR **GRADE:** ▲▶▲

TOTAL DISTANCE: 20KM » TOTAL ASCENT: 380M » TIME: 1-2 HRS » START/FINISH: LAY-BY BY THE GROUSE, ON A625 » START GRID REF: SK 257778 » SATNAV: S11 7TZ » PARKING: LAY-BY ON A625, OR NATIONAL TRUST NETHER PADLEY PAY & DISPLAY » OS MAP: EXPLORER OL24 THE PEAK DISTRICT - WHITE PEAK AREA » PUB: THE GROUSE INN, FROGGATT TEL: 01433 630 423 » CAFÉ: WEEKEND SNACK VAN, CURBAR GAP CAR PARK; LONGSHAW CAFE, JUST OFF ROUTE TEL: 01433 637 904.

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Directions – Eastern Moors Tour



- ➡ From the lay-by (or NT car park) ride up the A625 past the Grouse Inn and take the second bridgeway on the **R**, just after the bend. Climb steadily on a grassy trail heading for White Edge Lodge. Pass to the **R** of the lodge, onto the drive and take this to meet the road at the junction of the A625 and B6054.
- 2 **Carefully** negotiate this busy junction so as to head effectively **SA** on the A625 in the direction of Fox House/Sheffield. After 500m, turn **R** signed *Sheffield*, and then turn immediately **R** through a gate onto a bridgeway. Follow this for just over 2km, ignoring junctions, level at first and eventually descending fast and rocky to meet a gate at a wall.
- 3 **Turn around** and ride back up the way you came for approx. 100m (you *could* have stopped on the way down, but why would you?) and take a grassy path forking slightly **L** uphill just after passing a gate on the right. Path climbs and then levels after approx. 800m. Continue **SA**, joining a doubletrack and continue **SA** to meet the B6054 road by a building.
- 4 Go **SA** over the road, and through a gap in the wall at the left-hand end of the lay-by. Turn **R** through the gate and ride alongside the wall, on a mix of grassy singletrack and surfaced trail. After about 400m, just before a wide gate in the wall on the right, turn **L** onto a wide grassy track and follow the Eastern Moors bridgeway markers. Fork **R** after 500m to meet a tarmac lane and turn **R** onto this towards the house. Turn **L** onto the Barbrook Valley bridgeway and follow this for over 2km to meet the A621. **Carefully** cross the A621, go through the gate opposite and follow the trail around Ramsley Moor. Watch out for a marker pointing **R** and follow this down to the road. Turn **R** down the road and then **L** at the A621 for a couple of hundred metres. (There are plans to open a bridgeway which cuts the corner here, thereby missing the A621 entirely.)
- 5 Turn **R** at the crossroads and then **L** onto a signed byway at the top of the small hill. Follow this for 1.5km towards Baslow Edge. *Keep **SA** and descend past a bench. Turn **R** not long after the bench, through a small quarry and drop fast below Baslow Edge.



*(wet weather option)

Turn **R** shortly after Wellington's Monument along the broad track above Baslow Edge to join the Curbar Gap road. Continue **SA**, rejoining the directions midway through point 6.

- 6 **Easy-to-miss:** after 500m, turn **R** at a signed junction onto the bridgeway below Baslow Edge. Follow this, technical and/or boggy in places, depending on time of year, through a couple of gates, to join the Curbar Gap road. Turn **R** up this and then sharp **L** at a wide track towards the top. Climb to a gate, through this and onto the Curbar-Froggatt bridgeway. After about 1.2km, keep **R** as all hells breaks loose as it descends towards Froggatt – this is the official bridgeway, straight ahead is much more technical. Keep **SA** above Froggatt, eventually joining the A625. **Carefully** turn **R** onto the road and climb back to the lay-by/NT car park.

Making a day of it

This ride is ideal for linking into the Blacka and Totley Moor riding found just north in the Dark Peak (see Vertebrate's *Peak District Mountain Biking* and *White Peak Mountain Biking* guidebooks) or into a variety of White Peak Rides: to the east, the various Linacre riding; and to the south and west the Calver, Great Longstone and Bakewell rides.



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