

Holme to Hutton Roof

11 miles (17km) Challenge

Start & parking: Holme, either in the small car park by the Spar shop or along North Road.

Nearest train station: Arnside – follow the start of the Arnside to Kirkby Lonsdale ride to the crossing of the A6 by the Oasis Wildlife Centre and take the first left towards Holme.

Refreshments: Smithy Inn, Holme.

This short steep ride is rewarded with some very fine views in all directions from the highpoints at Hutton Roof church and the summit between Newbiggin Crags and Hutton Roof Crags: north towards the Howgills, east towards Ingleborough and the Yorkshire Dales, southwest across Morecambe Bay and northwest towards the Lakeland Fells. But you have to work to earn your rewards! An easy flat section north of Holme to Farleton leads on to a tiny, gated road with grass growing up the middle and verges full of wildflowers in the spring and summer. This network of forgotten lane climbs then undulates for four miles to reach the highest point of any of the rides described, a mighty 630ft (192m) south of the limestone crags of Farleton Fell. A fast descent leads to a total contrast – a flat lane across lush pasture to return to Holme.

2 At the T-junction at the end of Old Lane turn **R** towards the gorse-covered slopes of Farleton Fell.

1 With your back to the Smithy Inn in Holme turn **L** then **L** again onto North Road. After ½ mile, at the end of the houses in Holme turn **L** onto Old Lane.



9 At the T-junction in Holme bear **L** (no sign) past Marwin House B&B. At the next T-junction by the Smithy Inn and Spar shop turn **R** to return to the start.

8 Pass through a tunnel. At the T-junction turn **L** (no sign). Go through a tunnel under the railway and after about ½ mile, with the main road in sight about 200yds ahead, take the first **R** (no sign).

3 At the X-roads with the A6070 go **SA** signposted Farleton. Easy to miss: ignore two left turns and take the next road to the **R** climbing gently between high hedges (no sign).

7 Long descent. At the T-junction with the A6070 turn **R** (no sign) then shortly first **L**.

6 Climb to the highpoint (192m/630ft) with fine views to the Howgills, Barbon Fells and the fells above Longsleddale. At the T-junction (with the drive to Whin Yeats ahead) turn **L** to continue uphill signposted Burton, Carnforth (the sign is behind you).

5 After ½ mile and immediately before Hutton Roof church turn **R*** uphill signposted Clawthorpe, Burton.

**OR for refreshments in Kirkby Lonsdale go SA then turn first L following signs for 'Kirkby Lonsdale' then 'Biggins' to enter Kirkby Lonsdale via the bollards at the end of Biggins Road, at the junction with the A65.*

4 Follow this gated road for just over 2 miles. At the X-roads at the top of a long climb turn **R** signposted Hutton Roof to continue uphill.

