

## PLACES OF INTEREST



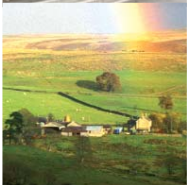
**BELLINGHAM:** Said to be sited on a Roman station. St Cuthbert's Church was consecrated in 1180 and is unique in having an arched stone roof built in response to the repeated burnings of its former wooden roof by border raiders. 'Cuddy's Well' is thought to have been used by St Cuthbert for baptisms, and to retain miraculous healing powers. **HARESHAW LINN** - a waterfall hidden in ancient woodland, is a short walk from Bellingham.



**SNABDAUGH:** The farmhouse dates back to the late 15th century. The oldest central part may be a tower or bastle. The Bastle was a fortified farm house built to withstand the frequent cross border raids by the Border Reivers. The stout walls protected both the family and their livestock.



**FALSTONE:** The village sits at the foot of Kielder dam which was built in 1976 to create the largest man made reservoir in Europe. A National Park Information Point can be found in Falstone Old School Tea Room along with a small shop. The village has a pub, the Blackcock Inn, which serves food and offers accommodation.



**GREENHAUGH:** Situated in the Tarsset Burn valley, the village is overlooked by Kielder Forest and the vast moorland expanses of Hareshaw and Troughend Common. The Holly Bush Inn dates back to the early 18th century.

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### Bellingham & North Tyne Circular Cycle Routes:

Largely follow the existing National Cycle Network - Pennine Cycleway Route 68, Reivers Route 10 to Greenhaugh. There are hills to negotiate on all the routes, nothing too steep, but some long climbs.

### Cycle Hire:

Purple Mountain, Kielder T: 01434 250532  
The Bike Place, Kielder T: 01434 250457  
The Bike Place, Bellingham T: 01434 220210

### Cycle Repair:

The Bike Shop, Hexham T: 01434 601032  
Bicycle Repair Man, Prudhoe T: 01434 830618

### Other Cycle Routes:

Pennine Cycleway Route R68  
Hadrian's Cycleway Route R72  
Reivers Route R10

### Remember!

Waterproofs, puncture repair kit and/or spare inner tube



Northumberland National Park

# Bellingham & North Tyne

## CIRCULAR CYCLE ROUTES



## ROUTE 4: SALMON

**Start & Finish:** Bellingham Square

**Distance:** 23 miles

**Time:** 3 - 4 hours

**Route:** Moderate with some hill climbs

**Type of bike:** Mountain bikes or hybrids

**Description:** Follow the migratory route of the salmon alongside the River North Tyne to Kielder along quiet country lanes and over open moorland

**OS Map:** Explorer OL42 and OL43 or Landranger 80 and 87

**Local Facilities:** Bellingham - toilets, cafes, pubs, shops, accommodation and Heritage Centre with Tourist Information

**Nearest Railway Station:** Hexham (Newcastle/Carlisle service) Trains carry a limited number of cycles free of charge on a 'first come, first served' basis. Pick up a timetable, or phone 08457 484950

**Traveline:** 0871 200 22 33

# DIRECTIONS

Turn left out of Bellingham (Manchester Square) and head towards Bellingham Bridge, past St. Cuthbert's Church on your left.

**A** Right after crossing the bridge. R.68 and R.10. Keep to the R.10.

Pass Hesleyside Hall - the ancestral home of the Charlton's, a famous Border Reiving family. ★

Further on pass Snabdaugh - 15th century farmhouse and bastle. ★

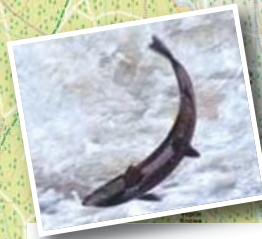
Just after the hump back bridge detour up to the ruins of Dally Castle. ★

**B** Right at the junction, R.10 and follow road up the hill to Lanehead.

**C** Lanehead. Turn left, R.10. Follow R.10 to Falstone.

**D** Falstone. ★ Refreshment stop. Take time to visit 'Stell', a local work of art on the river-bank, remembering the villages drowned by Kielder Reservoir, and a perfect place to picnic.

**RETURN to Bellingham the way you came.**



## SALMON FACTS

The River Tyne is England's premier Salmon River. Salmon can be seen leaping up river in autumn time trying return to the river of their birth to spawn after 1- 4 years at sea.

**Alternative Off Road Section**  
(4 km) **Mountain bikes only**



## 'STELL'

Artist Colin Wilbourn worked with local people to produce this innovative art work with the theme of a "homely place amongst rugged surroundings." Stell is a Northumbrian word for a sheepfold.

- Parking
- Tourist Information
- Toilets
- Historic Building or Site
- Museum/Visitor Attraction
- Cafe/Pub
- Shops
- Church
- Bus/Public Transport
- Camping/Caravan Site
- Walks
- ★ Places of interest
- >> Hilly section
- Take care

## Alternative Extended Return Route

- E** Retrace the route from Falstone to Rushend. Turn sharp left.
- F** Right. Over Thorneyburn Common, and past St. Aidan's Church.
- G** Right. Follow lane into Greenhaugh. Go through the village.
- H** Left. Signposted 'Elsdon/Otterburn'.
- I** 'T' junction. Right. Signposted 'Bellingham'.

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## Alternative Short Return Route

