



Ribble Valley Villages

Start Point

Waddington SD 729 4386

Distance/Time



29 miles (46.6km)
2.5 to 3 hours

Terrain

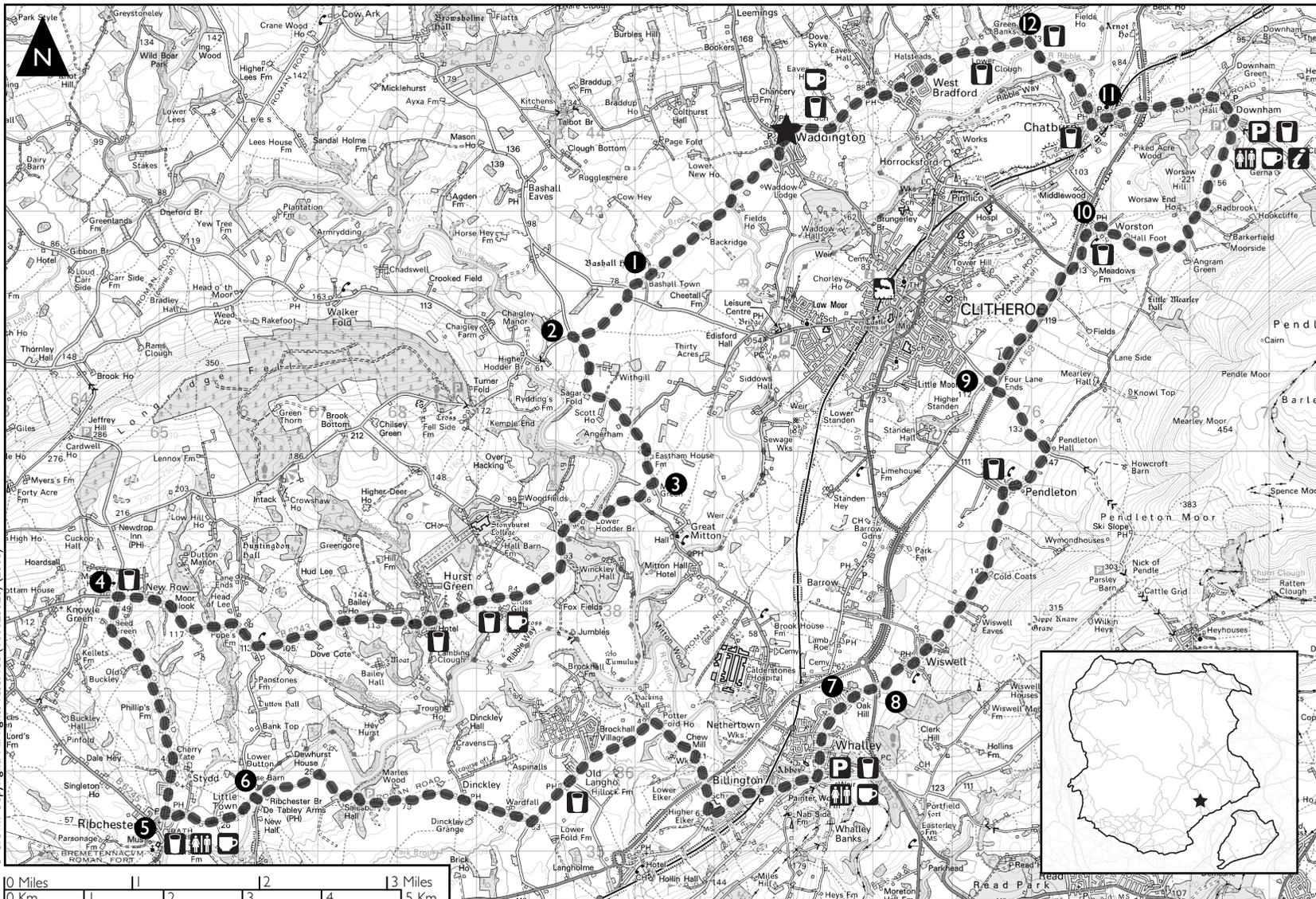
This route is all on road, mostly flat

Key to Facilities

- Toilets, Car park
- Post Office, Pub, Station,
- Café, Shop, Information

GPS Waypoints (OS grid refs)

- ★ SD 7291 4386
- ① SD 7115 4208
- ② SD 7020 4140
- ③ SD 7124 3957
- ④ SD 6448 3817
- ⑤ SD 6508 3540
- ⑥ SD 6628 3561
- ⑦ SD 7356 3676
- ⑧ SD 7403 3703
- ⑨ SD 7546 4086
- ⑩ SD 7669 4267
- ⑪ SD 7694 4413
- ⑫ SD 7595 4515



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About This Ride

This ride through a wonderful unspoilt area takes in both, contrasting sides of the Ribble Valley and passes through several attractive and tranquil villages as well as a number of sites of historical interest. Riding is generally on the flat, with a few short climbs.

This route is described from a start point at Waddington, however you could equally well start from any other point along the route such as Downham, Chatburn, Whalley or Ribchester. Alternatively you could start from the railway station at Clitheroe.

Public Transport

Clitheroe railway station is at the heart of this route, and is easily accessible from Manchester, Preston and Blackburn.

Route Description

★ Start GPS: SD 7291 4386

Starting at Waddington car park, take the road straight ahead, passing immediately out into open country. Here you are on a section of the Lancashire Cycleway. Follow the blue signs for the next 6km (3.7 miles) until Great Mitton.

1 GPS: SD 7115 4208

Possible stop off point at Bashall Barn - shop, café and brewery!

2 GPS: SD 7020 4140

Turn left at the T-junction

3 GPS: SD 7124 3957

Follow the main road at the next T-junction turn right, or detour left to Mitton village to see the 13th Century All Hallows church, parish church of the Shireburn family of Stonyhurst, or to visit the Three Fishes pub and Mitton Hall Hotel. Continue to follow the main road through Hurst Green.

4 GPS: SD 6448 3817

At the Halls Arms crossroads turn left.

5 GPS: SD 6508 3540

In the centre of Ribchester turn left, although you may want to explore the village and visit the Roman museum.

6 GPS: SD 6628 3561

After leaving the village go over the bridge to cross the river Ribble, then turn immediately left, and follow another section of the Lancashire Cycleway through Dinkley, Old Langho and Billington to Whalley (follow the blue signs)

7 GPS: SD 7356 3676

On leaving Whalley turn right, signposted to Oakhill College, Wiswell and Pendleton, still following NCN 91.

8 GPS: SD 7403 3703

Cross the A671 with care and continue into Wiswell and Pendleton. Follow the NCN 91 signs as you drop down to the A59 from Pendleton Hall.

9 GPS: SD 7546 4086

Cross the A59 with great care, and turn right after 25m onto a very quiet lane that eventually leads you back to re-cross the A59 and onto a cycle path into Worston village.

10 GPS: SD 7669 4267

Turn right (signposted to Downham) along a designated Quiet Lane. In Downham, stop a while to enjoy this picturesque village with its pub and tea shop. Leave the village in the direction of Chatburn.

11 GPS: SD 7694 4413

Turn left at the T junction next to Hudsons Ice Cream, and then right after the Post Office for Grindleton.

12 GPS: SD 7595 4515

Turn left and follow the road back to Waddington.

Other Information

Downham - well known as a backdrop to a few film and TV series, home to Lord Clitheroe and a largely unspoilt estate village.

Ribchester Roman museum - built on the site of the Roman fort and settlement Bremetenacum Veteranorum, this is the Lancashire's only Roman museum, open all year round.

Stonyhurst College - this famous Jesuit public school was founded in 1794, the grade I listed building is reputed to be one of the largest buildings under one roof in Europe. Set in 400 acres of beautiful country estate, the College is open during the summer holidays and hosts the annual Food Lovers Festival in the summer.