

Wakefield District Cycle Forum (WDCF) is a voluntary organisation. We aim to promote and campaign for better cycling facilities for all cyclists within the Wakefield District, represent all kinds of cyclists, improve cycling infrastructure and encourage cycling throughout the district. We organise many FREE events throughout the year, including Cycle Rides, Cycle Skills Courses, Bike Doctor (bicycle safety & health checks), basic Bicycle Maintenance Classes and Information/Advice Stalls. We also organise volunteer workdays on the Wakefield District cycle network. New members join on their first ride. It's free but not fully active until we give you a card. WDCF helps influence local decision making and meets periodically to determine priorities and activities.

For more information about the WDCF or to join please visit our website:
www.cycling-wakefield.org.uk
 Life membership is free. Our quarterly newsletter, rides programme, Wakefield Wheel and WoW maps are available on our web site.

Volunteering

Without our volunteers WDCF would not be able to provide our rides and events or be able to continue our campaigning.




We need volunteers to assist us with our work, including

- Ride leaders
- Back markers for rides
- Cycle skills course staffing
- Information stall staffing
- Workdays
- Steering group meetings & activities.

Training and qualifications are necessary for some roles but this is provided if required.

Even if you can only spare one or two hours a month, we would like to hear from you.

For more information email:- info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk

-  : cycling-wakefield.org.uk
-  : /WDCF1
-  : info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk



FREE
please take one

Free Guided Cycle Rides & Events 2025

www.cycling-wakefield.org.uk



RIDES

There's a Ride for everyone

The rides are of varied lengths and difficulty. We will always ride at the pace to suit the least experienced rider. We use traffic free routes & some minor roads. Most rides are suited to hybrid or mountain bikes.

Bad weather

The weather doesn't usually stop a ride. Ride leaders are always waiting at the start point so don't be put off, just dress for the weather. Where there are extreme weather warnings, rides may have to be cancelled and you should check our Facebook page for updates.

How to book on a ride

Just come along unless it states otherwise in the ride information.

How much does it cost?

WDCF rides are FREE.

What to bring on a Ride

Please see ride details for specific requirements, but it is always useful to bring:

- Yourself, friends & family
- A roadworthy bike
- Suitable clothing
- A bottle of water
- We also recommend that you wear a cycle helmet.

EVENTS

Cycle information stand

Wakefield District Cycle Forum stand with a mix of cycle information, maps, leaflets and advice

Cycle Skills Course

Practice your cycling skills, whatever your age. If you feel like a challenge, come along to one of our events where the cycle skills course is advertised and have a go. Bring your own bike or use one of ours.

Short Guided Rides

Short Guided rides are led by one of our trained leaders. Bring your own bike or use one of ours (available for most rides).

Bike Doctor and Bike Care & Puncture Repair Sessions – Qualified Bike Doctors

Bike Doctor: Bring your own bike and find out how to carry out basic bicycle maintenance tasks.

Bike Care & Puncture Repair: Find out how to look after your bike and mend a puncture. Booking for this class is required.

Email:- bikes@cycling-wakefield.org.uk

Explore The WoW and The Wheel guided by one of our experienced Ride Leaders

Check Facebook for dates to explore these routes without needing to consult a map.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WDCF1>

Read our newsletter.
Available from our website every quarter.

WDCF Loan Bikes

A limited number of WDCF bikes are available to borrow at our rides and events at Agbrigg, Pontefract Park, Nostell NT, Queen's Mill, Castleford, Rycroft LC, Hemsworth Waterpark and Thornes Park. There is no charge, but our bikes must be booked in advance by emailing :- rides@cycling-wakefield.org.uk

DETAILS

Easy Ride

Cycling at an easy-going pace, easy rides are ideal for beginners, families & those wanting to build their confidence. Duration 2-3 hours mainly off road. Distance up to 10 miles.

Steady Ride

If you're fairly confident on your bike, steady rides are the next step up. Cycling further at a comfortable pace. Duration 3 hours. Distances up to 20 miles mainly off road.

Steady Plus Ride

You'll need a good level of fitness and cycling experience. Duration 3-4 hours. Distances usually up to 25 miles with more on-road. Longer rides as stated on the calendar.

The WoW




A picturesque 21 mile ride using mostly traffic-free cycle tracks.

The Wakefield Wheel

A 38 mile challenging cycle ride using a mixture of on-road and traffic-free cycle tracks. Cycled at a steady pace.

If you're unsure which ride is for you please email:- info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk for advice.



-  Parking at start
-  Cycle parking at start
-  Café at start

LOCATIONS

Agbrigg Community Centre WF1 5BB
Meet outside the cafe





Castleford, Queens Mill WF10 1JL

Meet outside the entrance to the mill building

Nostell NT, WF4 1QE

Meet in front of the house (Car park charge for non-NT members)

Pontefract Park, WF8 4RA

Meet outside the entrance to Aspire LC

Pugneys Country Park, WF2 7EQ

Meet outside the café (Car Park Charge) Bikes directly from The Bike Hub

Rycroft Leisure Centre WF4 2BB

Meet outside the cafe



Hemsworth Water Park WF9 5JB

Meet in the car park


The Darrington Hotel, WF8 3BL




Meet in the car park (Road ride)

Thornes Park, WF2 8TY

Meet outside the stadium

-  Toilets at start
-  Café stop
-  Loan bike available

Open the leaflet for a full list of rides and events

Wakefield District Cycle Forum Guided Cycle Rides and Events 2025

March	April	May	June	July	Holiday Wednesdays
No Easy Rides in Jan / Feb 2025	Sat 5 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Sat 3 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Sat 7 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Sat 5 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Cycle information stand Cycle Skills Course Short Guided Rides
Sat 1 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Sun 13 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sun 11 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sun 8 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sun 13 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	
Sun 9 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sat 19 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	Sat 17 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	Sun 15 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	Sat 19 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	July 23, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT
Sat 15 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	Sat 19 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	Sat 17 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	Sat 21 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	Sat 19 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	July 30, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT
Sat 15 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	Sun 20 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	Sun 18 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	Sat 21 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	Sun 20 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	August 6, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT
Sun 16 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	Tue 22 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sat 24 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	Sun 22 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	Tue 22 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	August 13, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT
Sat 22 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	Sat 26 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	Sun 25 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	Tue 24 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sat 26 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	August 20, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT
Sun 23 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	Sun 27 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	Tue 27 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sat 28 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	Sun 27 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	August 27, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT
Tue 25 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30					
Get Cycling Keep Smiling	Interested? Please email: info@cyclimg-wakefield.org.uk	Website: - www.cyclimg-wakefield.org.uk	Facebook: /WDCF1 (Events Page)	Borrow a bike for one of our rides? Please email: rides@cyclimg-wakefield.org.uk	Read our newsletter. Available from our website every quarter

August	September	October	November	December	Steady Rides
Sat 2 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Sat 6 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Sat 4 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Sat 1 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	Sat 6 Easy Thornes Park Start 10:30	When we have a Ride Leader available
Sun 10 Steady Thornes Park All day special WoW Please see Facebook for details.	Sun 14 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sun 12 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sun 9 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sun 14 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30 'Santa Ride'	1 st Saturday Steady Start 10:00 Darrington
Sun 10 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sat 20 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	Sat 18 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	Sat 15 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	Sat 20 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30 'Santa Ride'	1 st Sunday Steady Start 10:00 WoW Start sites vary in 2025. Please see Facebook
Sat 16 Easy Castleford Queen's Mill Start 10:30	Sat 20 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	Sat 18 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	Sat 15 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	Sat 20 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	2 nd Saturday Steady Start 10:00 Queen's Mill
Sat 16 Easy New Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark Start 10:30	Sun 21 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	Sun 19 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	Sun 16 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	Sun 21 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	2 nd Tuesday Steady Start 10:00 Pontefract Park
Sun 17 Easy Rycroft Leisure Centre Start 10:30	Tue 23 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sat 25 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	Sat 22 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	Tue 23 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	3 rd Saturday Steady Start 10:00 Thornes CP
Sat 23 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	Sat 27 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	Sun 26 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	Sun 23 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	Sat 27 Easy Agbrigg Community Centre Start 10:30	We ride in most conditions but err on the side of caution when there are weather warnings issued and in the event of flooding.
Sun 24 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	Sun 28 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	Tue 28 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Tue 25 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30	Sun 28 Easy Pontefract Park Aspire Start 10:30	
Tue 26 Easy Nostell NT Start 10:30				Merry Christmas!!	Get Cycling Keep Smiling
Borrow a bike for one of our rides, where available? Please email: rides@cyclimg-wakefield.org.uk	Interested? Please email: info@cyclimg-wakefield.org.uk	Interested? Please email: info@cyclimg-wakefield.org.uk	Facebook: /WDCF1 (Events Page) Website: - www.cyclimg-wakefield.org.uk	'Santa Rides' Dress up yourself and/or your bike for these festive rides. Free hot drink & mince pies Merry Christmas!!	No easy rides Jan / Feb 2026