

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 Rides & Events 2026

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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 bike and have it examined and repaired where possible.
Bike Care & Puncture Repair: Find out how to look after your bike and mend a puncture.
Email: bikes@cycling-wakefield.org.uk for more info.

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.

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.



LOCATIONS

Agbrigg Community Centre WF1 5BB
Meet outside the café

Castleford, Queens Mill WF10 1JL
Meet outside the entrance to the mill building

Hemsworth Water Park WF9 5JB
Meet in the car park (Possible car park charge)

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)




The Darrington Hotel, WF8 3BL
Meet in the car park (Road ride)

Thornes Park, WF2 8TY
Meet outside the stadium

WDCF Loan Bikes

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













 Parking at start
 Cycle parking at start
 Café at start

 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 2026

March	April	May	June	July	Holiday Wednesdays
No Easy Rides in Jan / Feb 2026					Cycle information stand Cycle Skills Course Short Guided Rides
Sat 7 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	Sat 4 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	Sat 2 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	Sat 6 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	Sat 4 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	
Sun 8 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sat 11 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	Sat 9 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	Sat 13 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	Sat 11 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	July 22, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT 
Sat 14 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	Sun 12 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sun 10 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sun 14 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sun 12 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	July 29, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT 
Sun 15 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys CP	Sat 18 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	Sat 16 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	Sat 20 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	Sat 18 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	August 5, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT 
Sat 21 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	Sun 19 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys CP	Sun 17 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys CP	Sun 21 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys CP	Sun 19 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys CP	August 12, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT 
Sun 22 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	Sat 25 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	Sat 23 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	Tue 23 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sat 25 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	August 19, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT 
Tue 24 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sun 26 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	Sun 24 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	Sat 27 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	Sun 26 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	August 26, 11:00-14:00 Holiday Event Nostell NT 
Sat 28 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	Tue 28 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Tue 26 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sun 28 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	Tue 28 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	
Get Cycling Keep Smiling	Interested? Please email: info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk	Website: - www.cycling-wakefield.org.uk	Facebook: /WDCF1 (Events Page)	Borrow a bike for one of our rides? Please email: rides@cycling-wakefield.org.uk	Read our newsletter. Available from our website every quarter

August	September	October	November	December	Steady Rides
Sat 1 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	Sat 5 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	Sat 3 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	Sat 7 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	Sat 5 Easy Start 10:30 Thornes Park	When we have a Ride Leader available
Sat 8 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	Sat 12 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	Sat 10 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	Sun 8 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sat 12 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	1 st Saturday Steady Plus Start 10:00 Darrington
Sun 9 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sun 13 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sun 11 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sat 14 Easy Start 10:30 Fitzwilliam Hemsworth Waterpark	Sun 13 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT   'Santa Ride'	1 st Sunday Steady Start 10:00 WoW Start sites vary in 2026. Please see Facebook
Sat 15 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	Sat 19 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	Sat 17 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	Sun 15 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys Leisure Centre	Sat 19 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill  'Santa Ride'	2 nd Saturday Steady Start 10:00 Queen's Mill
Sun 16 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys Leisure Centre	Sun 20 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys Leisure Centre	Sun 18 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys Leisure Centre	Sat 21 Easy Start 10:30 Castleford Queen's Mill	Sun 20 Easy Start 10:30 Pugneys Leisure Centre	2 nd Tuesday Steady Start 10:00 Pontefract Park
Sat 22 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	Tue 22 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sat 24 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	Sun 22 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	Tue 22 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	3 rd Saturday Steady Start 10:00 Thornes CP
Sun 23 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	Sat 26 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	Sun 25 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	Tue 24 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sat 26 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	We ride in most conditions but err on the side of caution when there are weather warnings issued and in the event of flooding.
Tue 25 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sun 27 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	Tue 27 Easy Start 10:30 Nostell NT 	Sat 28 Easy Start 10:30 Agbrigg Community Centre	Sun 27 Easy Start 10:30 Pontefract Park Aspire	
				Merry Christmas!! 	Get Cycling Keep Smiling
Get Cycling Keep Smiling	Borrow a bike for one of our rides, where available? Please email: rides@cycling-wakefield.org.uk	Interested? Please email: info@cycling-wakefield.org.uk	Facebook: /WDCF1 (Events Page) Website: - www.cycling-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 2027