

CIRCULAR CYCLE RIDES FROM BERWICK

1. Exploring Berwick's Surroundings

The Rides (shown as red lines on the map)

The main route (22 miles) starts at the Youth Hostel, over the Old Bridge, along the coast to Cheswick on signed NCN1, across to Loanend via Unthank and Murton, rejoin NCN1, over Chain Bridge, past Paxton to Berwick. Shorter options given below.

- (1) **Hallowstell** At the end of Dock Road on the left hand side is the "holy man's fishery" where the monks from Holy Island fished for salmon in the Tweed.
- (2) **Cocklawburn** has a sandy beach with lots of rock pools to explore and is a good place for fossil hunting. There is now very little trace of the fishing shiels that were situated all down the coast. This was quite an industrial site with, among other businesses, the lime kilns of the Scremerston Lime Co.
- (3) **Cheswick** (o.e. Cheese village) no cheese but still a charming hamlet.
- (4) **Cat Inn** (01289 387251) Pub serving home cooked food.
- (5) **Oxford Farm** pyo fruit farm, shop selling home made preserves, cakes etc, café (01289 387253)
- (6) **Unthank** originally a farm occupied by squatters (from o.e. thanc = lease). Evidence of old coal mines and C18th tramway alongside B6354 to Tweedmouth.
- (7) **Murton** another typical Northumbrian farming community.
- (8) **Chain Bridge Honey Farm** exhibition of everything about bees, honey and honey products. **Vintage Bus Café** - home baked honey-related treats (01289 382362). **Union Chain Bridge** at opening in 1820, longest vehicle-carrying iron suspension bridge in world. Up river at **Fishwick** is earliest salmon fishery (C12th).
- (9) **Paxton House** 18th century Palladian country house, ice house, salmon fishing shiel on Tweed, restored Georgian kitchen, **Stables Café** - good home baking (01289 386291). In village **Cross Inn** (01289 386267) has excellent menu (Tweed salmon in season)

Option 1 (16 miles) turn right just after the Rob Roy up in front of the pottery and follow the B6354 to rejoin the main route near Murton.

Option 2 (8 miles) right at Sea House. through East Ord to Berwick.

- (10) **Pot-a-Doodle-Do** (Borewell Farm) read about their Countryside Stewardship Scheme whilst enjoying coffee and cakes in the café. (01289 307107)
- (11) **East Ord** was the home of farm workers and salmon fishermen on the River Tweed. **Berwick Garden Centre** (01289 302383) sells locally sourced fish and vegetables, café. **Salmon Inn** (01289 305227) pub with real ales, real food and real fire.

Option 3 (13 miles) right at Blue House Unthank, back to Berwick on B6354.

Option 4 (20 miles) right at Loanend, down to river, back through East Ord (11).

- (12) **Yare Ford** site of ford over the Tweed dating from prehistoric times, Note all the fishing shiels one or two still with lookout tower and one with cool store.

