

Leg 3 - Ashbourne to Bakewell

Length: 20 miles

Time to allow for cycling: 2 hours 30 minutes



1 From the main entrance of the Ashbourne Camping and Caravanning Club site, turn left to join the A517 towards Ashbourne.

2 Follow the A517 for approximately 4.5 miles into Ashbourne, taking extra care along this road as the traffic can be quite heavy.

3 As you approach Ashbourne, at the traffic lights, continue straight ahead following the signs for Lichfield and Buxton (A515).

4 At the next mini roundabout, turn right towards Buxton on the A515 and into Station Road. Ashbourne Leisure Centre will be on your left hand side.

5 After 150 metres you will reach a set of traffic lights, with the Station Hotel on your right. Continue forward approximately 10 metres; turning immediately left, then right, following the marked cycle track (to join the The Tissington Trail) parallel with the A515.

6 Continue forward along The Tissington Trail (cycle route 68) for approximately 14 miles, turning right at the next cycle route intersection, taking the High Peak Trail - cycle route 54.

7 After approximately 2 miles, when you reach the picnic area at Friden, turn off the cycle track and rejoin the road. At the road (opposite DSF) turn right and head straight under the bridge, following the road for 1.5 miles until you reach a cross roads.

8 Turn right into Rake Lane – signpost Middleton. After 1 mile you will reach the centre of Middleton village. Turn left and follow the road for just under 1 mile until you reach a give way sign. Turn right onto the main road, following the signpost to Youlgreave.

9 Follow the main road into Youlgreave, continuing forward for 0.8 miles, passing the Farmyard Inn on your left and the Bulls Head Hotel on your right. When you reach the church in the centre of Youlgreave, turn immediately right into Bradford Road.

10 Continue ahead (with the graveyard on your left, down the hill and over the bridge) for approximately 0.5 miles. When the road takes a sharp left turn, continue directly ahead into Hopping Lane, following the signs to the Camping and Caravanning Club at Bakewell.