

Points of interest

See pages 22-23 in the booklet for full details.

- ◆ A Baybridge
- ◆ B Bronze Age settlements
- ◆ C The Carriers' Way
- ◆ D Barn at Wester Byres



This barn at Wester Byres was used to store bark chips used in the Hexhamshire leather tanning industry

◆ E Dukesfield

◆ F Ladycross Quarry



Thin sandstone slabs cut by hand at Ladycross Quarry

◆ G Blanchland Moor

◆ H Pennypie House

◆ I Shildon Engine House



The 19th century engine house at Shildon

◆ J Blanchland



Roofs in Blanchland are made out of sandstone from Ladycross Quarry

NORTH PENNINES
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Route 3: Blanchland

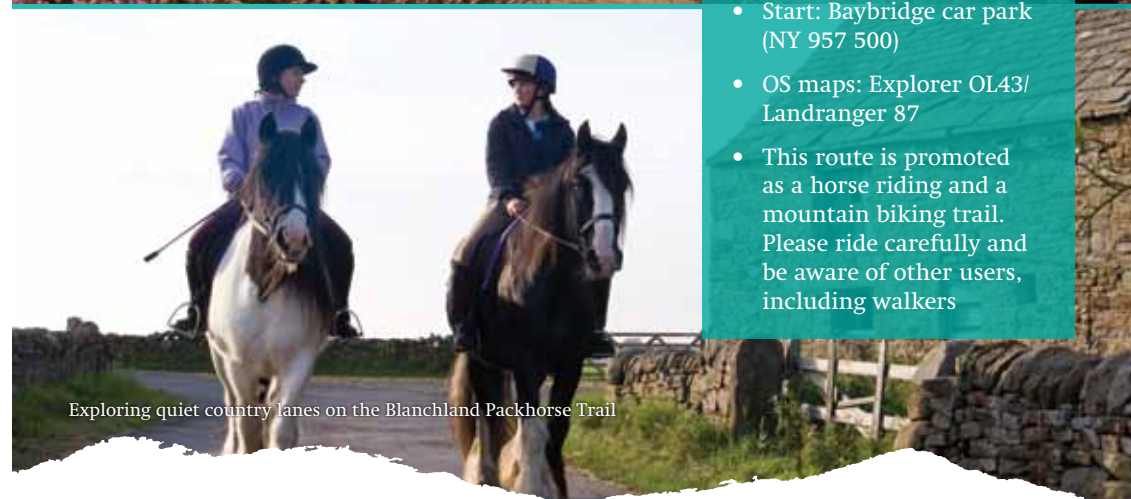
This stunning ride starts at Baybridge, close to the village of Blanchland. You'll follow the Carriers' Way across Bulbeck Common, alive with the evocative calls of wading birds in the spring and early summer.



Cycling across Blanchland Moor is an exhilarating ride

Fact file

- Length: 21km (13 miles)
- Off-road: 70%
- Ascent: 1,027m (3,370ft)
- Terrain: Steep climb at start, followed by undulating moorland riding. Stony tracks and rough ground in places
- Start: Baybridge car park (NY 957 500)
- OS maps: Explorer OL43/Landranger 87
- This route is promoted as a horse riding and a mountain biking trail. Please ride carefully and be aware of other users, including walkers



Exploring quiet country lanes on the Blanchland Packhorse Trail

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Key

- L – left
- R – right
- TL – turn left
- TR – turn right
- SA – straight ahead
- SP – signposted
- Xrds – crossroads
- Tj – T-junction

Directions

- 1 TL out of car park and take the 3rd L up a steep hill – SP No through road
- 2 Bear R and continue uphill on the road
- 3 SA through gate. TL immediately after pumping station – SP bridgeway. TR through gate and follow bridgeway with the wall on your L
- 4 Go through gate, continue SA on the track across Birkside Fell. After the next gate bear L on grassy track
- 5 TR onto the Carrier's Way
- 6 SA through gate. Continue ahead – SP bridgeway
- 7 SA at Xrds
- 8 TL and go through the bridlegate. Follow the SP Byway downhill
- 9 Towards the bottom of the stony track TR up a short climb – SP bridgeway

- 10 At Embley Farm TL and go through the farmyard. SA on track, following bridgeway signs
- 11 At the ford – SA on the road
- 12 At the S-bend, bear R uphill on the road
- 13 At the sharp R-hand bend go SA through gate – SP bridgeway. After 200m bear R
- 14 SA, passing Steel Hall on your L
- 15 Continue past Dukesfield Hall. TR at the road
- 16 At the Xrds TR SP Ladycross
- 17 At the entrance to Ladycross Quarry continue ahead on track – SP Byway. Continue SA at the next 2 junctions
- 18 SA through gate onto the moor. Continue ahead. After c. 75m continue SA at the fork
- 19 SA through the gate
- 20 SA through the gate and down the track
- 21 At the bottom of the hill bear R, go through the ford and continue ahead on the track to return to Baybridge. Continue SA to go to Blanchland

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