

RESPECT, PROTECT AND ENJOY...

MADE FOR CYCLING...

The Tour de Yorkshire is an annual international bike race taking in some of the county's most spectacular scenery. Holding a 2.1 European tour UCI classification, the inaugural race attracted some of the world's best cyclists including Sir Bradley Wiggins and Marcel Kittel.

A new feature for 2016 will be the Tour de Yorkshire caravan, which will travel ahead of the race and visit key points on the route, stopping to give out gifts and entertain spectators.

Welcome to Yorkshire and A.S.O, the organisers, are strongly committed to ongoing development of what has become a breathtaking annual race in a county made for cycling. This is another huge milestone for Yorkshire as we position the county as the cycling heartland of Europe.

Not only is Yorkshire the largest county in Britain, it is also wonderfully diverse, offering romantic moorland, pretty villages, lively cities and grand coastlines. You'll find world-class attractions, award winning sights and Michelin Star restaurants aplenty, but you'll also discover that Yorkshire has retained its own charm. With three National Parks - the Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors and the Peak District you won't find better countryside anywhere in Britain.

Stage 1

The 2016 race will start in the beautiful East Yorkshire market town of Beverley as this stage takes the riders on a journey of market towns from East to West covering 185km and finishing in the town centre of Settle.

Stage 2

Stage two marks an important milestone for the Tour de Yorkshire, as the women's race will be held on the same route as the men's with the women starting in the morning and the men in the early afternoon. The route begins in Otley, home town of current women's road World Champion Lizzie Armitstead and will take the riders on a stage of champions which will finish after 136km with a sprint finish in Doncaster.

Stage 3

The third and final day is the stage of Captain Cook, starting in his birthplace of Middlesbrough and finishing in the famous family seaside town of Scarborough. This stage will appeal to climbers as it includes six King of the Mountain classifications (KOM) over a 198km distance.

PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY...

Be prepared and make it a day

- to remember:
- Plan ahead
- Choose now where you want to watch.
- Go online
- Go to letouryorkshire.com to work out how you'll get there.
- Set off early
- Expect your journey to take a little longer than usual, so give yourself plenty of time.
- Keep it simple
- The best option might be walking or, of course, getting on your bike!



Roads along the route
The impact on the roads will be limited. In most cases the roads will be closed on a rolling road basis lasting no more than an hour. The only exception will be the start and finish locations and some climbs where the road closures will be longer. Road closures will be managed by the police. Please remember not to park on the race route. To find out further details including public links go to: letouryorkshire.com

Respect other people Consider the local community and others enjoying the race; don't block gates, driveways or roads; leave gates and property as you find them; and follow paths.
Protect the environment Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
Enjoy the race Plan ahead and be prepared, follow advice and local signs.
Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Tour de Yorkshire pass through some of the most beautiful countryside in the UK. Help us to keep it this way by following these simple guidelines.

Grass verges

Grass verges are home to protected species of wildflowers and wildlife. Avoid parking on them, or near dry stone walls where you might cause damage.
Fires and barbecues Be extremely careful with flames and cigarettes - it only takes one spark to start a fire. Avoid barbecues to protect farmland, the countryside and others.

Dogs

Keep them on a short lead to protect them and nearby wildlife. Stick to footpaths and bridleways - open moorland and dogs are not allowed on most heather moorland. Keeping your dog on a lead is important, especially near the race. There have been crashes in the past when dogs have escaped onto the route.

Dry stone walls

In Yorkshire, we have miles and miles of wonderful dry stone walls. Preserve and protect our dry stone walls by not sitting or climbing on them and only park in allocated areas.
Photography Take pictures but do so safely and don't obstruct the riders. Please be extra careful with selfie sticks.

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Legends will be made and routes around our county will be immortalised. Not only will this reinforce our aim of making Yorkshire a cycling heartland of Europe, but will also continue the global promotion of our amazing county as a must-see visitor destination. Let the race begin.

This year will once again see as we celebrate the 2nd year of the Tour de Yorkshire international cycle race following a hugely successful inaugural race in 2015.



The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) is the Official Charity of the Tour de Yorkshire 2016. The RNLI saves lives at sea and its volunteer lifeboat crews provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the UK and Ireland coasts. While its lifeboat stations help keep people safe on more than 220 beaches, there are nine lifeboat stations in Yorkshire and in 2015, volunteer crews from these lifeboat stations rescued 257 people. The RNLI is independent of the Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. To give or to get involved visit www.rnli.org

