

Passport 2 Pedalling

Great cycling activities for all the family in the Lake District and Cumbria.

With mountains and valleys, miles of mature forest, endless lake and coastal shores, the landscape of Cumbria makes an amazing place to go cycling.

Complete novice or seasoned cyclist, family and friends, individuals and groups, there are great routes across the county for everyone to discover and enjoy.

Inspired by the London games, Passport 2 Pedalling aims to make it easy to get involved in cycling in the Lake District and Cumbria and for everyone to have great fun on two wheels!

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take up the 2012 challenge!

Can you ride 2012 Cumbrian miles before the London games?

A few miles here and there or a weekend 'epic', join in at www.golakes.co.uk/p2p, record your rides and you could win new bikes worth up to £1,000!*

It's **FREE** to take part and open to everyone!

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Kirkland to Cleator Moor bike route

Route 2 - Kirkland



An easy bike ride from Kirkland to Cleator Moor mostly on traffic-free cycle paths, with views across into Ennerdale Valley.

Distance: 10.4 miles (16.8km)

Nearest Town: Egremont and Whitehaven

Start Location: Kirkland village

Directions to Start (by car):

From the A66, head south on the A5086. Kirkland is signed off to the left. From the A595 at Egremont turn off on to the A5508 towards Cleator Moor. At Cleator Moor turn right towards Ennerdale Bridge. Once at Ennerdale follow the road north to Kirkland.



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the route

Follow the blue "National Cycle Network C2C route 71" signs for the whole ride.

From the cross roads in Kirkland, head out west. After 740m turn left at the staggered cross roads, the school is on your left. After 300m on the road turn right on to the traffic free cycle path, signed with the C2C route 71 sign.

The path is on hard pack gravel and be aware it can be busy with other cyclists. 400m from the road is an art stone bench and a further 300m brings you to laser cut stone art.

280m further brings you to a split in the track. Turn left and be careful descending between the curved stone walls as cyclist may be riding up. The path bends right so slow down. You will arrive at a path junction with cycle speed calming barriers. Turn left onto main path. Remember this junction for the way back.

100m up the hill brings you to a quiet track crossing. Go straight over, signed to Cleator Moor, and keep following the path as it bends right through more barriers. The path is now a wide smooth tarmac surface.

The path then splits (you can go either way) but go left and slow down for the hairpins down and the climb up to the old railway platform. 500m further you go under a bridge and if you look left shortly after you can see into the Ennerdale Valley.

2km further bring you to a cross roads, go straight over. The path splits 1.2km on from the cross roads. Here follow the path signed to Cleator Moor and Moor Row. You will then go under a metal bridge with cycle barriers underneath. The left turn into Cleator Moor is 100m from the bridge - it's signed but easy to miss if you are going fast. Look out for the triangle of grass at the junction.

Turning left here brings you out onto the High Street in Cleator Moor. There are cafés and shops here for you to visit, then you can rejoin the cycle route and either retrace your steps or carry on all the way to Whitehaven Harbour if you are feeling energetic.

The route is signed all the way to Whitehaven Harbour but the last 1km is on busy roads.



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