

# Along the Wall

18 miles (29 km) - **Moderate/Challenge**

**Start:** Moot Hall in Brampton

For part of this ride you'll actually be cycling on the line of Hadrian's Wall and following Hadrian's Cycleway to reach Birdoswald Roman Fort. For the rest you'll be mainly on quiet roads through lovely countryside with the North Pennine and Lakeland fells in the distance. One steep, but short, climb up to Banks.

**Public transport:** Station (3 km) on Tyne valley line. Hadrian's Wall Bus and other bus services.

**Cycle Hire:** Off Capon Tree Road (2 km).

**Refreshments:** Various options in Brampton; tearoom at Birdoswald; Centurion Inn in Walton.

**Public toilets:** In Brampton (near White Lion Hotel)

## Key to route descriptions

TR	=	turn right
TL	=	turn left
R	=	right
L	=	left
SA	=	straight ahead
jct	=	junction
xroads	=	cross roads
(72)	=	National Cycle Network (route number)

**1** Bear R from the Moot Hall main entrance down along the narrow road then TR and then TL (sign to Lanercost) on Hadrian's Cycleway (72).

**2** Keep on Hadrian's Cycleway (72) over Lanercost Bridge and past Lanercost Priory as the road bears R through the village.

**3** Stay on Hadrian's Cycleway (72) as it climbs steeply into Banks and onto a wonderful section of Hadrian's Wall with turrets and a signal tower to reach Birdoswald fort.

**4** Retrace the route from Birdoswald back to Wall Bowers and TR to follow a very small road (sign to Miller Hill).

**5** At T jct TR, then TL (sign to Burtholme and Walton) onto the straight country lane.

**6** TR (sign to Walton) bringing you back to the line of Hadrian's Wall and a short section of Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail (watch out for walkers!) and over Dovecote Bridge.

**7** Keep L through Walton passing the Centurion Inn on your L.

**8** At the A6071 TL (take care) and follow this busier road back to Brampton.

**9** TL on reaching Brampton (along Greenfield Lane) and follow the road round to the T jct. TR and then TL back into Market Place and the Moot Hall. Optional: TR opposite the Greenfield Lane turning and cycle to the end of road to look at the site of another Roman Fort, where Brampton Old Church now stands.