



Wye Valley Meander South

2-day Self-guided Cycling Holiday

A perfect weekend ride which begins in the Mid Wales town of Builth Wells, then follows the River Wye on a journey southwards to the book town of Hay-on-Wye, nestling below the Black Mountains on the edge of the Brecon Beacons. On the second day you head into England on a circular ride through a flatter but equally picturesque landscape visiting Herefordshire's Black and White villages.



Day 1

Builth Wells to Hay-on-Wye (22 miles)

The ride begins in Builth Wells, once a Victorian Spa Town and now home to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show which draws thousands of visitors annually. No major hills today, though plenty of high ground all around as you follow the Wye Valley on its meandering southerly course. Look out for Red Kites and Buzzards overhead, or stop off at Erwood Station – a craft centre and art gallery beside the river.



Approaching the Brecon Beacons, you cross the river at Glasbury and turn east for the world-famous book town of Hay-on-Wye. For a small town, Hay has a huge number of bookshops but also plenty of welcoming pubs! So after a rummage through the bookshelves, settle down and rest your limbs with a pint of Wye Valley ale at your elbow before retiring for a good night's sleep...



Day 2

Hay-on-Wye to Eardisley (20 miles)

The ride continues parallel to the River Wye as you enter England. The Black Mountains loom to the right but the gradient is gentle as you head north through the Black and White Villages and a quiet rural landscape of cider orchards



and browsing sheep. There are sleepy villages like Almeley, a 700 year old hamlet with several of the half-timbered houses typical of this region. Look out also for The Eardisley Oak – a magnificent tree which has been growing here for at least 6 centuries! You cross the River Wye again at Brobury via a fine red-brick bridge. This tiny village is home to Brobury House, set in eight acres of formal Victorian gardens and water meadows. Then it's back across the border to end your ride in Hay on Wye.

Tour summary

Duration	2 days
Distance	42 miles (67 km)
Grading	Moderate
Price	£165 per person based on 2 people sharing a twin/double room. Contact us for sole traveller/single occupancy rates.
Meals	Cooked breakfast included. Packed lunches & evening meals can be arranged on your behalf if required.
Options	Add an extra night at any stage of the tour, prices from £40pp per night.
Bike Hire	Bike hire is included in the tour price. For tandem bikes, please add £10pp 10% discount if you bring your own bike.

Remember, this itinerary is just the starting point.

Please contact us if you have any special requirements and we will be happy to tailor the tour to suit you.

