



## N2E (Newcastle to Edinburgh)

### Summary

A trailblazing route for Trailbrakes linking Newcastle and Edinburgh via remote wilderness! We follow old railways, forestry trails, bridleways and ancient drove roads through fantastic scenery. We cross the Scottish - English border, take on trails at Glentress and Kielder forest and climb up and over the Pentlands to Scotland's picturesque capital city.

### Highlights

Travelling through Roman country in North East England  
Fantastic trails around Kielder reservoir  
Tackling the highest man-made trails in England  
Crossing the Pentland hills and descending into Edinburgh

### Detailed itinerary

**Day 1.** Check into your accommodation and get your gear organised for the coming week. If you're feeling restless then check out some of the fabulous night spots in the vibrant capital of the North East but don't party too hard though – remember you have 5 days of biking ahead of you!

**Day 2.** Starting from Tynemouth we follow the river west, through the heart of Newcastle. Soon we leave the shiny bars and cafes of the Quayside behind and head onwards and literally upwards to Corbridge. Onto the path of Hadrian's Wall, our day ends with a wicked descent and a warm welcome in Chollerford.

**Day 3.** We start today with a dose of Roman history and follow Hadrian's Wall east, before turning north towards Kielder Forest. Weaving our way through dense forest we eventually reach Europe's largest man-made reservoir. Fantastic cycle trails lead us to the quiet village of Kielder for some pub-grub and a well earned rest.

**Day 4.** Your heart will be pumping from the word go today, with an awesome wilderness trail crossing the Border into Scotland. After a high speed descent we pick up the railway line which will lead us all the way to Hawick. Don't worry, no trains here (at least none that still move) just miles of scenic, satisfying biking through unspoilt countryside.

**Day 5.** We climb out of Hawick over the seemingly deserted Etrick Moors before a great downhill to lunch at the impressive Bowhill Estate. After a tasty lunch it's another big climb over Minch Moor followed by a sweet singletrack descent into the spectacular Tweed valley. From here it's an easy cruise into the bustling Borders market town of Peebles.

**Day 6.** The day starts on the superb single-track through Glentress forest. Then we wind our way through farmland on old drove roads towards the pretty town of West Linton. From here there is one final push up and one fantastic descent down the Pentland hills to drop us into Scotland's beautiful capital city, where you will find a welcome fit for a king (or queen) of the trails.

### Duration:

6 nights accommodation  
5 days cycling

### Average Daily Distance:

32 miles or 52 km

### Includes:

- 6 nights' accommodation
- Baggage transfers
- SMBLA qualified expert guide or comprehensive maps and directions
- Vehicle back up
- Transfers and transport as required

### Available on request:

- Pick up and drop off from:  
Train, Ferry, Airport or Bus  
in Newcastle or Edinburgh
- Bike and Kit Hire

### Grade:

Fitness Grading: **2/3**  
Technical Grading: **Blue**

### Price:

**From £410 per person** – See the full price list on the 'Newcastle to Edinburgh' page

### Dates:

Guided or self guided trips are available between March and October for groups of 2 or more. Contact us with the dates you have in mind.

If you are travelling individually please contact us to find out about available dates.



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### Accommodation and food

We use only tried and tested local accommodation providers who we know give a good quality service. They provide everything you could need after a long day in the saddle from secure bike storage to hot showers, hearty food and comfortable beds. **Luxury** accommodation is in a hotel of your choice from one of the many top class hotels available throughout the trip. **B & B** accommodation in biker friendly B&B's or small Inns is on a bed and breakfast basis. **Bunkhouse** accommodation is in bunkhouses or hostels and is on a self catering basis. Wherever you stay there will be access to shops, restaurants, pubs and hotels.

### Climate and weather

The east coast of the UK is generally drier than the west and usually fairly mild in the summer. However as we reach higher ground, conditions can and do change quickly and a cool wind can come in from the North Sea, so light waterproof and windproof layers are advisable.

### The trails

There is a range of different trails on this trip from purpose built cycle paths to old drove roads, forestry trails, and old railway lines. The surfaces are all generally hard packed or rocky trails. Some parts are technically challenging so some off-road experience will be required.

### Guided trips

Our guided trips are designed to give you a hassle free way to enjoy amazing biking on well planned routes. We include a qualified SMBLA guide who can help with aspects of your riding and take you on the best trails including hidden trail sections. As well as navigating for you, our guides also carry sufficient spares and tools to help you keep rolling in the event of a mechanical problem. First aid trained, they will also make sure you are well looked after on the trails.

### Self guided trips

Experience the same great trails and accommodation as on the guided trips but without the support and knowledge of a guide. We will still do all of the organising for you and you'll be provided with comprehensive trail maps, advice, transport, baggage transfers and a full itinerary. There will always be someone on the end of the phone in case of emergencies too.

### Vehicle support

Whether you go guided or self guided there will be a back up vehicle available to carry your baggage. Plus if you have any mechanical problems you can get assistance or if you just need to take it easy for a section, the vehicle will be there to help.

### Bike hire

We work with local bike shops to provide you the latest bikes for hire. There are a full range of bikes from standard hard-tails to flashy full-sussers! If you need to hire a bike please let us know at the time of booking and we can make sure to get the right bike for you. If bringing your own bike it is a good idea to check how you will get it to the start point especially if travelling by public transport.

### Transport and baggage transfers

We transport your bags between each night's accommodation leaving you free to carry a small day-pack with some spare clothes, food and drink. We can also help as much as possible with transfers to and from the airport/train/bus station at the start and the end of the journey. Again just give us as much notice as possible.

### Clothing and kit

Dress for the weather in Scotland! We often get 4 seasons in a day. Check out the kit list on the website or contact us for more detailed advice if you are not sure what to bring.