

# CIRCULAR CYCLE RIDES FROM BERWICK

## 3. To the Castles of Tweed and Till

**The Rides** (shown as red lines on the map)

**The Main Route (39.5 miles).** Follow the Pennine Cycleway (NCN68) out of Berwick to Paxton, Norham, Etal and Kimmerston. Leave NCN68, cycle over Barmoor, through Lowick to Cheswick. Follow NCN1 back into Berwick.

- (1) **Paxton House** 18th century Palladian country house, ice house, salmon fishing shiel on Tweed, restored Georgian kitchen, **Stables Café** - good home baking (01289 386291). In village **Cross Inn** (01289 386267) has excellent menu.
- (2) **Union Chain Bridge** when opened in 1820 was longest vehicle-carrying iron suspension bridge in world. Up river at **Fishwick** is earliest salmon fishery (C12th). **Chain Bridge Honey Farm** exhibition of everything about bees, honey and honey products. **Vintage Bus Café** - home baked honey-related treats (01289 382362).
- (3) **Horncliffe House** (closed to public) Palladian style country house built c.1800 for William Alder. **Fishers Arms** cask ale, snacks, steaks (01289 386866).
- (4) **Norham** C12th castle of Prince Bishops of Durham guarding border, painted by Turner. **Mason's Arms** (01289 382326) for refreshment. Shops for picnic goodies to eat on village green. Foreman the Butcher for pies, cheese, even a bottle of wine. Ford the Baker- locally baked bread, sweet/savoury treats.
- (5) **Etal** Castle guarding ford over Till (award-winning exhibition of Battle of Flodden). **Lavender Tea Rooms** (01890 820777) - refreshments or picnic food to eat in castle grounds. Thatched **Black Bull Inn** (01890 82020) - hot meals.
- (6) **Heatherslaw Mill** (01890 820338) Water-powered mill, tea rooms - home baking, shop - selling own flour cakes and biscuits, miniature railway to Etal.
- (7) **Ford** Castle (closed to public), estate village, Lady Waterford Hall (01890 820338) - amazing wall paintings. **The Old Dairy** Coffee Shop in former estate dairy (01890 820325) architectural antiques and bric-a-brac.
- (8) **Routin Linn** prehistoric cup and ring carvings in rocks - treat with respect
- (9) **Lowick The White Swan** (01289 388249), **The Black Bull** (01289 3882ct.28) or village shop to buy the stuff of picnics. You are cycling along the **Devil's Causeway** - a Roman highway linking Hadrian's Wall to Tweedmouth.
- (10) **Cocklawburn** sandy beach, rock pools to explore, fossil hunting.

**Easier ride (31.9 miles)** leave the main ride near Duddo and cycle through Berrington to rejoin main ride,

- (11) **Duddo** Duddo Tower south of village and Duddo Five Stones to north.

**Shorter ride (24.1 miles)** leave Berwick down coast on NCN1 to Cheswick, cycle through Ancroft, West Allerdean to Velvet Hall. Follow NCN68 back to Berwick via Chain Bridge and Paxton.

- (12) **Ancroft** a fortified pele tower added to C11th church in C13th.
- (13) **West Allerdean Plough Inn** (01289 387206) for refreshment. **Shoresdean** relics of C19th colliery. Views to Cheviots and over Tweed valley.

