



Otley Walks & Cycling Guide

This guide highlights a selection of recommended walks and cycling routes starting from Otley, West Yorkshire. Whether you're looking for a gentle riverside stroll, a woodland hike, or a scenic bike ride, Otley has something for everyone.

Recommended Walks

- Otley Circular (≈10 miles): A loop covering varied terrain around Otley – fields, moorland and riverside paths. A good full-day walk.
- Best of Otley Trail (town walk): A short heritage trail around the town, highlighting historic buildings and landmarks. Great for first-time visitors.
- Chevin Forest Walks: Woodland ridge walks with views across Wharfedale. Options from 2.5 miles upwards. Don't miss Surprise View.
- Washburn Valley Reservoir Walks: Gentle circuits around Fewston and Swinsty reservoirs – peaceful and scenic.
- Otley Four Walks / Four More Walks: Locally created routes (3–9 miles) taking in countryside, farmland and moorland around Otley.

Recommended Cycling Routes

- Otley Explorer (~33 km): A leisurely road cycling route through surrounding villages and countryside.
- Otley Cycle Club Routes: Longer road rides, including the Great Yorkshire Bike Ride (70+ miles).
- Chevin Bridleways: Approx. 6.5 km of bridleways on Danefield side of Chevin Forest, suitable for mountain bikes.
- Otley Safer Cycling Routes: Local routes designed to avoid main roads, great for family rides.
- Bikemap & MapMyRide Collections: Community-shared routes for road, gravel and MTB options around Otley.

For more maps and downloadable trails, see Visit Otley (www.visitotley.co.uk) and Chevin Forest Park (www.chevinforest.co.uk).