



Great Asby

There are information boards on the village green about local history, a joint project between the local community and Friends of the Lake District.

Call in at the Three Greyhounds pub for refreshments.



Andy Goldsworthy Sculpture

The world acclaimed landscape artist Andy Goldsworthy took dry-stone walling to new heights during the 1990's.

He enhanced old sheep wash-folds and animal pounds found along the ancient drove roads and built stone pinecone sculptures in pin-folds, once used as pounds to hold stray sheep from the fells.

Many of these landscape sculptures can still be seen today.

www.sheepfoldscumbria.co.uk



“Fabulous fells & shimmering, glimmering gills!”

Tebay Primary School Pupils, Years 4-6



Sunbiggin Tarn

This rare example of a limestone tarn and the surrounding common land is a protected Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), now looked after in part by Friends of the Lake District.

There are a wealth archaeological sites such as ancient farmsteads and quarry sites amongst limestone pavements and the common land is home to many examples of distinctive birds and plant life providing spectacular views of the surrounding landscape.

www.fld.org.uk/little-asby.html



The Dame School

The Old school house was built in 1780 and is still owned by Orton Manor Court, who plan to open it as a heritage centre.

Despite the school room only being 10ft square, 12 children at a time were taught reading, church catechism and how to knit and sew.

It was later used as a clubroom by hired lads working on the R aisbeck farms and last occupied as a residence, by an odd-job man and his son, in the mid 1920's.

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Hill Farming Landscape

The landscape has been shaped by local farmers for thousands of years. The lower land was divided by a patchwork of distinctive dry stone walls around the earliest farmsteads; each pasture having its own field barn, which provided shelter for the animals and storage for winter feed.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, the lower slopes were enclosed with often straight 'intake' walls, leaving the open fells as common land, used for summer grazing for the hardy Rough Fell sheep.

www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/jca17_tcm6-5111.pdf



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Orton Family Cycle Ride

This is a ride of two halves, following a figure of eight returning to Orton at the mid point, it follows relatively quiet lanes which makes it suitable as a family ride. To the east it loops around the fields and lanes beneath Orton Scar, to Raisbeck where you will find the ancient Gamelands stone circle, an Andy Goldsworthy 'Pinfold' sculpture and the quaint 'Dame School', dating to1780, which used to provide education for the local children.

To the west the slightly hillier loop ventures out along the country lanes to the edge of the Cumbria High Fells, to the pretty little hamlets of Scout Green and Greenholme, where there is a great place to paddle on a sunny day.

Start/finish:	Market Square, Orton
Distance:	17.7km (11 miles)
Time:	3-4 hours
Height gain:	250m
Terrain:	Roads and lanes around rolling countryside
Maps:	OS Landranger 91, OS Explorer OL19

1. **NY623082** Head south out of Orton on the B6260 to the first junction. Turn left over the humped back bridge onto the B62161 towards Raisbeck and follow it past the turning for Barn House B&B to a crossroads. Turn right towards Tebay and continue for 1.4km to another crossroads, this time turn left for Raisbeck.

2. **NY644075** Detour to the right to visit sites of Raisbeck, or just turn left at the T-junction and follow the lane back towards Orton. If you turn right, the Dame School is the small building on right. Alternatively, continue along right fork in road and the Goldsworthy 'Pinfold' sculpture is set back on left just before the bridge.

Retrace your steps and continue for 1km to a turning on the right along Knott Lane and back to visit Gamelands Stone Circle, or just keep going and take next right, signposted for Scarside, (sometimes gated).

Follow the lane round past Scarside and Friar Biggins. During summer months, pause here for refreshments at the marquee tea rooms at Scar Side Farm on the right or just continue along the lane to the junction with the B6261. Turn right and head back into Orton.

3. **NY622082** For the second half of the ride, head north then east out of Orton, past the Orton Village Stores and Post Office, on the B6261 climbing to a crossroads after 800m. Ignore the left and right forks, instead head straight-on and follow the moorland road under the M6 and railway towards Scout Green. Follow the road down through a hairpin bend and continue along it beside Birk Beck to Greenholme.

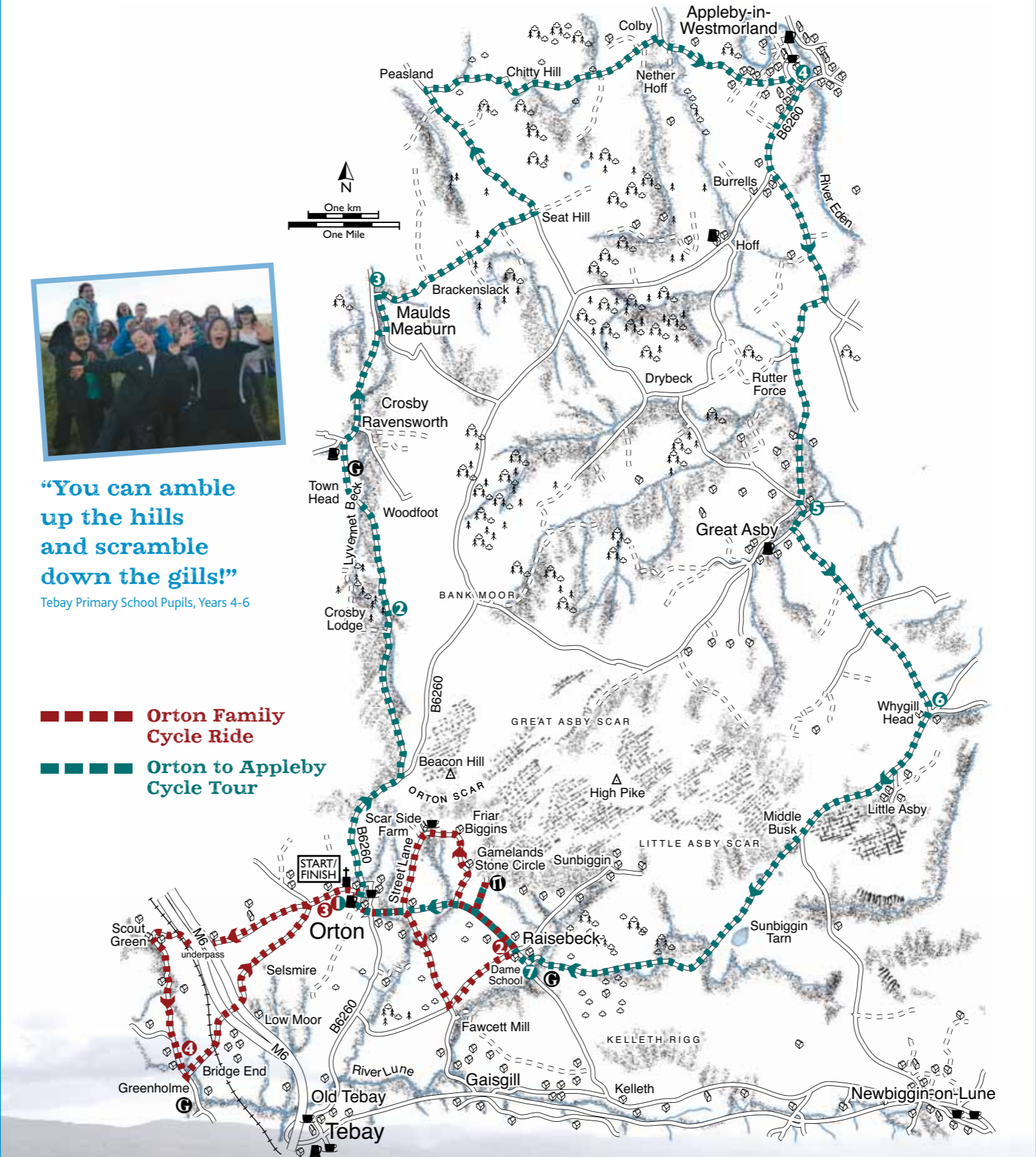
4. **NY597057** At the fork in Greenholme turn left, re-cross Birk Beck and then follow the road as it climbs over the railway and the M6 back to the junction with the B6261. Turn right and descend back to Orton, for a well earned drink in the George Hotel or the Silver Yard Café.



“You can amble up the hills and scramble down the gills!”

Tebay Primary School Pupils, Years 4-6

- Orton Family Cycle Ride
- Orton to Appleby Cycle Tour



Orton to Appleby Cycle Tour

The network of quiet lanes and roads that link the hamlets and villages in this corner of Lune, Lyvennet and Eden valleys, provide a seemingly endless variety of route options. For keen cyclists new to the area the perfect introductory ride is one that starts in Orton then works its way down the Lyvennet Valley via Crosby Ravensworth and Maulds Meaburn to Appleby, returning via Great Asby.

Along the way you will take in some well-graded climbs and some wonderful cruising descents, most importantly though, you will see some of England's finest countryside. Little Asby Fell and Sunbiggin Tarn are SSSI sites, part owned by the Friends of the Lake District, boasting acres of unspoilt open limestone fell with a rich diversity of wildflowers, birds and wildlife.

Start/finish:	Market Square, Orton
Distance:	43km (26.7 miles)
Time:	5 hours
Height gain:	720m
Terrain:	Roads and lanes around rolling countryside
Maps:	OS Landranger 91, OS Explorer OL19

1. **NY623082** From the square, head north out of Orton on the B6260, past the Silver Yard Café, Deli and Gallery, climbing up to a junction on Orton Scar. Take the left fork and follow the road north to Crosby Ravensworth, passing an Andy Goldsworthy 'Pinfold' sculpture on the right as you enter the village.

2. **NY620147** Turn right and head north through Crosby Ravensworth to Maulds Meaburn. Turn right at the first junction in the village, then across Lyvennet Beck turn immediately left and head past the houses to a T-junction.

3. **NY625167** Turn right and climb up Brakenslack Lane and over to a T-junction. Turn left and follow the road north-west for 2.3km to a junction. Turn right towards Colby and follow the road to the right down into Appleby.

4. **NY684198** If you have time, Appleby is well worth exploring and a great place to stop for refreshments. If not, turn right and join the B6260 which is followed south for 1.3km to a fork. Take the left branch Towards Great Asby for 2km to a turning on the right, join it and follow the road west, then south, past Rutter Force (which is also worth a little detour to visit) towards Great Asby.

5. **NY685138** At the junction before Great Asby, turn left, carry straight on at the next junction, then immediately after it turn left and make the steep climb to Whygill Head (for a rest go to Great Asby village green, enjoy the river, and read about village history).

6. **NY703** Turn right at the Whygill Head crossroads and head south-west past Sunbiggin Tarn, then west to Raisbeck. Cross Little Asby Common, owned by Friends of the Lake District and rich in wildlife

7. **NY646073** At the junction take left fork to see another Goldsworthy Pinfold Sculpture, set back on the left just before the bridge. Retrace your steps to fork in the road and continue on past the Dame School (on the left) and follow the lane towards Orton. Knott Lane on the right will take you for one last detour to visit Gamelands Stone Circle before you reach Orton for a well earned drink in the George Hotel or the Silver Yard café.

