

# May – Short – Derwent & Blanchland Loop

Saturday, 02 May 2026 | Short Ride | 120–135 miles

Ride Leader: PoohBear

President: Yoda

Road Warden: PoohBear

## Start Points

	Location	Time
Main:	Durham A1 Services	09:30
Secondary:	Seaton Burn Services	10:30

## Route

Durham Services → Bishop Auckland via A688, then A689 to Crook.  
Crook → Wolsingham → Frosterley on A689.  
Frosterley → Stanhope (A689), then climb Crawleyside Bank on B6278 onto Stanhope Common.  
B6278 across the moors to Edmundbyers.  
Edmundbyers → Derwent Reservoir and Blanchland via local roads.  
From Derwent area, B6278/B6309 down towards Shotley Bridge.  
Shotley Bridge → Lanchester via A691/minor roads.  
Lanchester → Durham Services via B6302/A688 with minimal repeats.

## Planned Stops

Stop 1 (~45–55 mins): Stanhope or Frosterley – quick coffee.  
Stop 2 (~40–50 mins later): Derwent Reservoir visitor centre/café.  
Optional short scenic stop in Blanchland.

## Notes

Scenic and quiet roads; single-track tarmac OK.

## Sign-ups (2 riders)

### Main Start (2 riders)

Name	Bike	Phone	Emergency	Pillion	2nd Man	TEC
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### Secondary Start (0 riders)

No sign-ups