

# The Otterburn Ranges

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### ④ Clennell Street and Usway Burn (yellow route on map)

Distance approx. 21.5km (13.5 miles).

A ride for experienced riders on tracks and narrow paths into the heart of Cheviot country.

**Start:** From the car park at Alwinton turn left. Cross the bridge over the burn and onto Clennell Street. Climb for 4km to Wholehope.

Follow the track NW for 6km, to where it meets the track from Uswayford below Hazely Law. Return S by the track over The Middle and through the forest, 1.5km to Fairhaugh.

Cross the bridge to go past the house. The bridleway is a narrow path 50m on your right, after the house.

Follow this for 6km along the Usway burn – some sheer drops to your right. It becomes a wide path and then a road to Shillmoor.

At Shillmoor cross the River Coquet. Turn left for a 4.5km return to Alwinton along the valley road.

### More sheep than people!

Clennell Street is a drove road which crosses the Border Ridge where Scottish cattle and sheep were driven down for sale at English markets.

Sheep have been grazed in the Cheviots since the 13/14th centuries. Look out for white-faced Cheviots which have been bred in these windswept hills for over 600 years, or the horned Scottish Blackface.

The circular stone pens you see are 'stells' which offer shelter to sheep in the winter.

