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Wheel Easy Ride Report 351

Tour de France's Yorkshire visit sparks excitement in British cycling's home

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Wheel Easy led rides for today were cancelled due to the weather.

However, in true Wheel Easy spirit Martin W offered to lead a walk and Phil S an off road ride.



Mountain Bike Ride

Eight riders liked the idea of an off road snow ride in slightly warmer than expected conditions. As there hadn't been any extra snow over night, some of the surfaces were very slippery due to packed snow and ice making fat tyres essential. Unfortunately Rachel was equipped with the slickest of slicks causing her to have a very brief ride, but well done for staying upright. Two more riders headed home after Hookstone Woods leaving the remaining five to continue on through Birkham woods to Knaresbough and a coffee stop by the river. We returned to Harrogate by the Beryl Burton and on this occasion the poor quality of the surface was not an issue. Phil S



Walk

The mountain bikers upheld the cycling honours today and a keen group led by Phil headed off as 14 of us set off walking towards that wild trading outpost called Fodders. Rachel soon reappeared on her bike finding that slick tyres on ice made for an interesting combination and so she took to the roads. Clambering under the viaduct we all just about managed to keep upright, and being grabbed by lots of Wheel Easy females certainly brightened my day! As we arrived at Fodders Yvonne, Sarah and Monica arrived running across the fields in some style. So we made a big party for coffee, and the discussion was all about Le Tour and the press coverage. Afterwards we all meandered homeward. A good alternative to a bike ride on a snowy Sunday morning. Martin W

