

**Audax UK**  
**York Permanents: Tour of the Wolds 200**  
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### **Background**

This document describes the Tour of the Wolds 200km Permanent, nominally based in York. The route is a combination of the flat lanes of the Vale of York and the rolling chalk hills of the Yorkshire Wolds, with the control at Helmsley being right on the southern edge of the North York Moors. The majority of the lumps lie between Beverley and Helmsley and although there's nothing particularly long and protracted, low gears might well have their uses.

### **Route Details**

The designated control towns, with suggestions for controls, are:

- **York (start)**  
Suggested start is the railway station – not only is it fairly central but it also has toilets (on platform 3) plus a coffee stall and a shop on the concourse, both of which are open until quite late.
- **Howden (32km)**  
The diner near Boothferry Bridge is a good bet, and there are garages etc. near the motorway.
- **Beverley (64km)**  
Cafes, ATMs etc. in market place, Tesco near bus station. Burgess's (just inside North Bar) make the best ice-cream in this arm of the galaxy.
- **Driffield (84km)**  
The garage by the station has a stamp, ATMs
- **Helmsley (140km)**  
Old Police Station Café (until 5pm-ish), Crown Hotel (until 11pm), ATMs in town square
- **Boroughbridge (175km)**  
ATMs etc. on High Street, the Spar shop is open late
- **York (203km)**  
The railway station is the best bet, but anywhere with the boundary of the A64 and A1237 is acceptable.

These distances are based on the shortest practical route between controls, which may or may not involve riding on main roads. It is up to you to work out a route which you find acceptable. By and large, the route uses B-roads and country lanes, and some of the main roads around York have attendant cycle tracks. If you plan to start in York, an early start is advised so that you have more chance of missing the worst of any traffic (most riders have started at 7am or 8am)

As with most permanents, the exact choice of route is up to you providing you pass through all the controls. You may start the ride at any of the listed controls, but please state as much on your entry form otherwise I will assume a York start. You may ride the route in a clockwise or anticlockwise direction, but again please state which.

### **Entry**

The standard entry fee for permanents is £2.50 (as of November 2009) with a completed AUK entry form and two C5 envelopes. Although I usually have brevet cards in stock, you are advised to send your entry in 3-4 weeks prior to your ride in case I have to order more cards.