

# Tour de Yorkshire

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- It began in 2015.
- It now takes place every year.
- It is over 300 miles long.



## Tour de Yorkshire Facts

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The race takes place over the three days before the May Day bank holiday.

## The Route

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- There is a stage every day.
- The route in Yorkshire is different every year.

In 2018, 2.6 million people came to watch the riders.

The person who has ridden the full route in the shortest time is the winner.



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## Tour de Yorkshire Facts

The race began in 2015 following the Tour de France in 2014, which came through Yorkshire. Since the first year, it has taken place over the three days leading up to the May Day bank holiday. It is called Tour de Yorkshire, rather than the Tour of Yorkshire because the race is organised by a French company based in Paris. In French, 'de' means 'of'.

## The Route

The race is split into three stages. A stage is covered every day. The three stages have differed every year. The routes are often decorated with yellow and blue bikes. People come to watch all parts of the race but the start and finish line are the most popular places.

The winner of the race is the person who has ridden the full route in the shortest time.



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Following on from the Tour de France in 2014, which saw part of the route travel through Yorkshire, the Tour de Yorkshire began. The three-day event started in 2015 and has occurred annually since then. Both men and women can compete; however, it is only the men who race for three days. Women cycle for one day only, usually on the second day of the tour.



## The History of the Tour de Yorkshire

Following on from the Tour de France's popularity in Yorkshire, it was decided that Yorkshire would host its own annual event. Taking place in the three days leading up to the May Day bank holiday, riders cycle over 300 miles (almost 500 kilometres). Rather than being called the Tour of Yorkshire, French organisers chose to give the tour name a French twist, replacing the word 'of' with 'de'.

## The Route

There are three stages to the race, with one being covered every day. Every year, the three routes have differed, with the hosts aiming to include different parts of Yorkshire.



Supporters are encouraged to decorate the streets with bikes, which are usually yellow and blue. Visitors line the streets during the event, with the start, finish and climb locations being most popular. 2018 saw 2.6 million spectators come to watch the race.

The overall winner of the Tour de Yorkshire is the cyclist who has ridden the full route in the quickest time, but does not have to have been in the lead all the time. A winner is also announced at the end of each stage.



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