

BB Mountaineering Club – May BH – MTB Trip: Kielder, Northumberland



MTB Meet – May BH 2018 4 Day BH Weekend Trip	Kielder Forest – Northumberland <i>Guide cost: £ TBC</i>	Friday 4th - Monday 7th May 2018
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Kielder Water & Forest sits within the beautiful Northumberland National Park in the North East of England, just North of Hexham. It is a superb location for a cycling themed meet, whilst also being able to cater for the non-cycling club members who may also wish to come along as the area boasts some excellent walking options, with peaks just short of 600m.

Cycle hire facilities are available at several places in the area and the forest has both on and off road trails, including a selection of dedicated MTB trails graded from Green (Easy) to Black (Severe).

MTB Kielder Forest & Water – May 2018 – PROPOSED ITINERARY

		Overnights
Fri 04/05	Arrive – Travel Day Ride ' Borderline Trail ' Easy grade short MTB route 6Km (3.7 Miles) long, good acclimatization ride. Start/Finish from Kielder Castle.	TBC <i>(Kielder Area)</i>
Sat 05/05	Ride ' Kielder Water Lakeside Loop ' Moderate grade MTB route 39Km (24.5 Miles) long with 697.7m of ascent/descent. Start/Finish from Tower Knowe car park. PM – Possibility of an evening forest trail ride or walk.	TBC <i>(Kielder Area)</i>
Sun 06/05	Ride ' The Osprey: Kielder Loop ' Moderate grade MTB trail route 20.5Km (12.7 Miles) long with 439m of ascent/descent. Start/Finish from Kielder Castle. PM – Possibility of further ride or forest area walk.	TBC <i>(Kielder Area)</i>
Mon 07/05	Options for further Rides in Kielder Area using waymarked bridleways/permitted tracks or Circular walk up 'Deadwater Fell – 571m' from Kielder Depart	

Accommodation

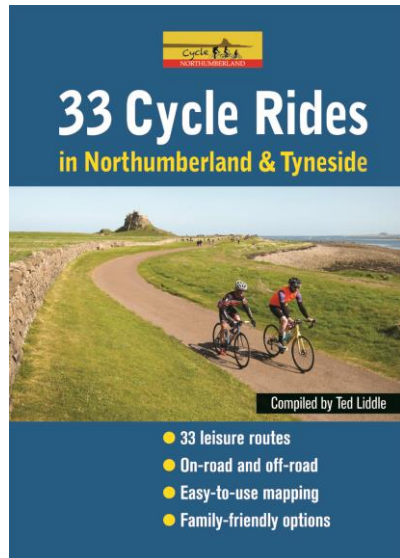
Nearby YHA hostels show 'no availability' for the above dates, possibly as still closed down for winter. However the 'Kielder Village Camping & Caravan Site' <http://kieldercampsite.co.uk/> looks very promising and for a BH weekend 3 nights bookings are needed. Bookings can be made from **1st Feb 2018** onwards and reviews on UK Campsite website are very favourable. The site caters for small and large tents, motorhomes and caravans and dogs are welcome.

This site also features 'Camping Pods' which sleep up to 4 people, they are nothing more than wooden tents but might be worth considering as a possible option and cost around £30.00 per night.

Maps & Guidebooks

The local OS Explorer map 1:25:000 scale for the area is **OL42 – Kielder Water & Forest** and information about the various trails for cycling and walking can be downloaded from the Kielder Water website <http://www.visitkielder.com/> as well as a lot of other information about the area.

An ex-BBMC member 'Ted Liddle' has also published a Cycling Guidebook for the Northumberland & Tyneside Area which features both road and MTB routes in the Kielder and surrounding areas. Some of the proposed routes are from this guidebook, which retails at around £10-12.



Cycle Hire

A quick search on 'Google' for Cycle Hire in Kielder, yeilds results for 5 local bike shops all of which hire out various bikes, a rough guide to pricing is around £25.00 per day for a hard tail mountain bike.

Walks

Whilst this meet is an excellent opportunity to enjoy some activities on 2 wheels, the area also boasts plenty of walks of all levels to suit those who may wish to enjoy the delights of Keilder on foot. There are footpaths throughout the forest as well as an established 'long distance route' which can be incorporated into a circular route.

Meet Organiser: Andy Holland (Andy.Holland2@ntlworld.com) **Closing Date:** **1st February 2018***

***Campsite bookings can be made from this date onwards, so early expression of interest would be appreciated to ensure the trip can be planned for those wishing to go.**

It might be possible to add additional people at a later date if you would like to come but cannot commit – so do express interest even if you cannot fully commit.