

# LOWER CAMPSCOTT FARM

## Holiday Cottages

### Cyclists Welcome

North Devon boasts a number of routes for the cyclist, from the novice to the more experienced off roader:

#### **ROUTE 27**

National Route 27 of the National Cycle Network is open and signed from Ilfracombe to Plymouth. It is known as the Devon coast to coast cycle route and is 102 miles long. The whole route is mapped on the NN27 Devon coast to coast cycle map. <http://www.cycledevon.info>

Heading south from Ilfracombe there is a good traffic-free section to set you on your way, before joining quiet roads and great views south to Braunton. The route largely traverses the course of former railway lines, the tunnels and across breath-taking viaducts and bridges. Perfect for any cycling enthusiast who likes a challenge! <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-we-do/national-cycle-network/route-numbering-system/route-27>

#### **TARKA TRAIL**

The Tarka Trail is a 32 mile off-road cycle and walking route from Braunton to Meeth. (You can start from Ilfracombe following the route 27 cycle network to Braunton.) Traffic-free, (and thankfully relatively flat!) it passes through the largely unspoilt countryside as described by Henry Williamson's Tarka the Otter.

There are a range of circular cycle rides based on the Tarka Trail. All routes interlink and encompass a wide variety of mileages and distances.

For detailed maps and information purchase the seven cycle rides around North and Mid Devon-part 2 from our local TIC or <http://www.westcountrywalks.co.uk> Also available are the new 'Tarka Trail Guide' and 'Cycling Trails in Devon.' <http://www.devon.gov.uk/tarkatrail>

#### **ILFRACOMBE/WOOLACOMBE CIRCUIT**

A wonderfully scenic circular route on the North Devon coast with a link that allows a start and finish in Ilfracombe. Much of this route is part of route 27 coast to coast and takes in two superb traffic free sections, the National Trust coast route beside the sea at Woolacombe Sands and the former railway path from Ilfracombe to Willingcott Cross. The remainder is along attractive minor roads through quiet villages and rolling Devon farmland, a distance of 15 miles.

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/cyclingindevon.pdf>

*These notes have been compiled to help you make the most of your cycling holiday. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk to either Tony or Kathy, both of whom know the area well!*

#### **Facilities**

There is a tap and hose outside the games room for cleaning muddy bikes and outdoor clothing. Bikes can be stored overnight in the cycle store to the rear of Fuchsia Cottage.

Cycle puncture repair kits are available for sale in the Farm office / shop. A comprehensive tool kit (including pump) is available to borrow – please just ask.

Every cottage is equipped with a washer dryer: please feel free to use the tumble dry facility for wet clothes. Waterproofs can be dried in the cycle store.



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### **Reference books and maps**

These are available in the Farm office / shop. Excellent local maps are on sale suitable for walking or cycling at only £2 or £1. There are also a number of reference books and guides which you are welcome to borrow, but please return them when you can for the benefit of other cyclists.

### **Other 'Cyclists Welcome' businesses**

There are numerous other businesses locally that offer facilities and accommodation for cyclists. For further information please telephone 0845 300 6996.