

# Tour de Yorkshire

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- The Tour de Yorkshire is a bike race around Yorkshire.
- It began in 2015.
- It now takes place every year.
- The race is over 300 miles long.



## Tour de Yorkshire Facts

- The Tour de Yorkshire started in 2015 after part of the famous Tour de France race went through Yorkshire in 2014.
- The race takes place over four days leading up to the May Day bank holiday.
- The men's race happens over four stages
- The women's race happens over two stages.
- The route in Yorkshire is different every year.

In 2019, 28 million people watched the riders on television.

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



# Questions

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- ☐ 2015
- ☐ 2014

2. It takes place... Tick **one**.

- ☐ every month
- ☐ every two years
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3. How many stages are there in the men's race? Tick **one**.

- ☐ two
- ☐ three
- ☐ four

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The Tour de Yorkshire is a four-day cycling event which covers over 300 miles. It first began in 2015 after part of the famous Tour de France race went through Yorkshire in 2014. It has taken place every year since and is increasing in popularity. The men cycle for four days, whereas the women only cycle for two.

## Tour de Yorkshire Facts

It is called the Tour de Yorkshire because the event is sponsored by a French company. The word 'de' means 'of'. In 2019, 28 million people watched the riders on television. The race takes place over four days in the lead up to the May Day bank holiday.

## The Route

The race is split into four stages and each stage is different every year. The routes are often decorated with yellow and blue bikes. People line the streets and watch different parts of the race but the beginning and the end are always the most popular!

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



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## The History of the Tour de Yorkshire

The Tour de Yorkshire takes place on the four days leading up to the May Day bank holiday. Cyclists cover over 300 miles (500 kilometres) in total and the competitor who finishes the whole route in the shortest amount of time is the winner. The winner does not always have to be in the lead during each stage, it is the overall time of the whole race that counts. Rather than being called the Tour of Yorkshire, French organisers decided to give the tour a French twist, replacing the word 'of' with the French word 'de'.



## The Route

There are four stages to the race, with one being covered every day. The routes are different every year and the organisers hope to include different parts of Yorkshire each time. Supporters are encouraged to decorate the streets with bikes, which are usually blue and yellow. Spectators line the streets during the event, with the start, finish and climb locations being most popular.

### Did You Know...?

In 2019, a record breaking 28 million people watched the riders on television.





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**It is called the Tour de Yorkshire, instead of the Tour of Yorkshire – using the French word for 'of'.**

6. How does someone win the Tour de Yorkshire? Explain in your own words.

**The winner of the competition is the person who completes all three stages in the shortest time, but they don't have to be the person in the lead all the way through.**