

Sunday 6th July - Sees the second leg of the 2014 Tour De France end in Sheffield. The second stage of the 2014 Tour de France, sees riders starting from the historic cathedral city of York. After leaving the city, the race heads due west towards the Pennine Hills on the A59, crossing the previous day's route north of Harrogate, and then again just east of Skipton. Next they head south to Keighley, then on up the Worth Valley, with it historic steam railway, to Haworth, a small picturesque town famous as having been the home of the Brontë sisters. From here it's up and over the "wuthering heights" of Haworth Moor and down to Hebden Bridge, one of many small former weaving towns. It was in the valleys of the Pennines and the Peak District that many of the first industrial weaving mills, powered by water from rivers like the Calder, sprang up in the late 18th century.

From Calderdale, riders head up again onto the fells, to Blackstone Edge reservoir, before turning east to Huddersfield. Then it's south through the industrial heritage area of the Holme Valley, and up to the pass at Holme Moss, 524 metres, at the north end of the Peak District National Park. This is reputed to be one of the wildest spots in England and the climb to Holme Moss one of the hardest cycling climbs in Britain. At Woodhead reservoir, riders then head east on the A628 Manchester-Sheffield road, to a final pass at Woodhead Pass, before the sprint to the finish at Sheffield.

If you are planning to visit to see second stage The Anis Louise Guest House is ideally located just over 10 miles south of Sheffield in Chesterfield.

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