

***Campaigning against car culture  
Protesting against oil dependency  
Celebrating bikes and bodies***

# ***A Midsummer Night's Bike Ride***

*I know a bank where the wild thyme blows  
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows.*

Well I did until they built a motorway over it. Our bodies too are like the earth - naked and very vulnerable in the face of fossil-fuelled aggression.

In solidarity with cyclists in cities across the Globe, **York World Naked Bike Ride** returns for the eighth year running. The WNBR is a colourful **protest** against unsustainable oil usage and the destructive effects of car culture. We also **celebrate** the bike and the individuality of the body that powers it.

The ride is actually clothing-optional - fully nude or as **bare as you dare**. We decorate our bodies and bikes with messages of opposition to oil dependency and car culture. Use body paint, flowers, feathers, attach flags and placards - get creative!

Turn up from 4.30pm for a beautiful protest - we assemble 50 metres south of Millennium Bridge on the Fulford side. Bring bells, whistles, a bag or a pannier for your clothes and something to eat and drink. The ride sets off at 6 pm, taking in the University for the first time, and sights such as Clifford's Tower and the Minster and the bridges over the Ouse. See York as you've never seen it before! All cyclists welcome.

The event has been arranged in consultation with the City of York Council and North Yorkshire police. Nudity is in the context of our demonstration **is not illegal**. All under 18s should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information check out the WNBR website at [www.worldnakedbikeride.org/uk](http://www.worldnakedbikeride.org/uk) or find us on Facebook.  
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