

THE HEBDEN 2012 – ROUTE DESCRIPTION (1 of 4)

TL=Turn Left; TR=Turn Right; FL=Fork Left; FR=Fork Right; SA=Straight Ahead; Thru=Through; Imm=Immediately; WM=Waymarked/Waymarker; FPS=Footpath Sign; KG=Kissing Gate; WT=WalledTrack; CW=Calderdale Way.

Section 1. Start at GR 012259 to Old Town CP1 – 4.4 miles (Total 4.4 miles)

- 1.1 **TL** from church hall and opposite Shoulder of Mutton **TL** thru church car park. SA on track and in 350yds at top of first incline **FL**. At cycle track **TR**. In 700yds at track junction, continue wall now on left. Over railway bridge. At cross roads with cycle WMs, **TL** along Mill Hill and up to main road. GR 026260
- 1.2 Cross main road (**CARE**). Up Brearley Lane Top and into WT uphill. SA at WM at houses. SA on track. In 60yds cross road at offset crossroad with FPS (Foster Clough ½ mile). Before farm, **FR** on track. SA into WT and thru gate. SA at WM. At end of WT, thru metal gate and **FL** at WM along path. GR 019269
- 1.3 Cross bridge over clough. Continue along fencing following WMs to go under awning at house. Before garages with white doors, **FL** down WM steps. Continue to WM gate before barn and house, SA for 65 yds, thru gate and **FL** off track towards post (WM). At derelict cottage, over stile at wall and at hen huts, **FL** downhill. SA up tarmac. At hairpin bend, SA on track. Continue for ½ mile, then **TL** down road. In 600 yds (after ignoring first Bridleway sign), on sharp right hand bend, opposite Burlees Lane road sign, **TR** on Bridleway. (**CARE BLIND BEND**). GR000272
- 1.4 In 220 yds, **TL**, thru set back metal gate. Downhill on path thru 3 more metal gates to reach road. SA across road and down grassy bank into woodland, over bridge, **TL** and in 20yds, at WM, **FR** uphill. SA on road and after last terraced house on right, **TR** up Bridleway. Over first stile on left into field. Half-right (330°) up fields and over stile. SA up 3 fields to metal gate and stile into WT. Bear right and pass old mill. At T-junction **TL** to **CP 1** GR 998286 (4.4miles)

Section 2. Old Town to Slack CP 2 - 3.1mils (Total 7.5mils)

- 2.1 SA at cross road along Bridleway. Pass chapel and in 15yds **FL** to left of turreted house. In 40 yds keep to wall on left and SA into narrow walled path. Follow wall on right to go over stiles between houses and **TL** down tarmac to T-junction. **TR** and in 20 yds **FL** down drive, thru stile next to gate of "Akroyd". In 35 yds **TL** at small "path" sign on ground just before buildings. GR995291
- 2.2 Down steps, **TR** to stile, thru and down field with wall on left to KG at road (**CARE**). **TR** and in 20 yds left thru KG into field. Follow WMs downhill to stream and over wooden stile. SA down cobbles and cross bridge. Continue along obvious path for 700 yds to road. **TR** and pass car park. In 50 yds at post with red and white markings, **FL** off road GR988291 (FOR AN EASIER, FASTER BUT LESS PICTURESQE ROUTE SA ON WIDE TRACK. IN 1 MILE **FL**, PASS BETWEEN BUILDINGS AT GIBSONS MILL, CROSS BRIDGE AND **TL** ON TRACK AND CONTINUE ROUTE AT PARAGRAPH 2.4)
- 2.3 **TR** at T-junction. At wooden fencing go SA (not down steps on L) eventually descending to FP along stream. In 250 yds, right up wooden steps. SA at WM post. In 25 yds, **TL** to stream and **FR** along it for ½ mile. At white building on left bank continue up stream to cross bridge at Gibson Mill and **TL** on track. GR972298 (The repaired stepping stones at the white building now provide a shortcut to the track)
- 2.4 When track hairpins right, SA on path, in 10 yds SA at WM post ignoring steps to right. In 350yds bear left over open area. Go past National Trust sign facing direction of travel and now climb more steeply towards wall uphill on right. Continue parallel to wall. Wall becomes fence, (ignore path down to left) and climb steps to continue with fence on right. Thru stile into field, SA wall on left. Thru next stone stile, **TR** up WT, **TR** on main road and in 50yds reach **CP 2** GR 978287 (7.5miles)

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Section 3. Slack to Eastwood CP 3 – 2.9mIs (Total 10.4mIs)

- 3.1 **FL** on grassy path and **TL** at ornamental lamp post. At next junction of paths, sharp **TR** thru hidden stile on to paved way. At house and WM, SA on tarmac. **TL** at WM Bridleway (Colden Clough) and in 80yds **FR**. SA on enclosed path. SA on paved way. SA at metal gate. In 70yds, **TL** and go thru stile. GR 971283
- 3.2 **TR** along paved way, thru gate and over stile into trees. Follow WMs with wall on right descending to footbridge, and over stream. **FL** at WM and up steps. SA across track and enter WT. After 3 stiles, imm **TR** towards houses. In 170yds, after 2nd double metal gate on left, **TL** up fenced path, over stone stile into field and bear 230° over 3 fields and thru wooden gate in corner. GR 965279
- 3.3 Cross track and thru gate and continue on same line of travel over 5 more fields to metal gate, where left down fence towards houses and road at Blackshaw Head. Cross road to follow CW FPS, in 15 yds **FR on** track thru buildings, **FR** and SA on enclosed path. Thru WM KG. Over WM stile to left side of house. Over 2 more stiles and SA at track. GR 959273
- 3.4 SA CW. Over stile, SA with fence on left and over 2 stiles to building at Hippins. In 70yds, **TL** on CW link path. Follow wall on left then **TR** at FPS (Jumble Hole Clough). Down to bridge over stream **TL**. Pass mill ruin, keep right uphill and in 30yds, **TL** at hidden WM path. Follow downhill for 400yds. SA along concrete track. Track hairpins left and right over bridge down Pennine Bridleway following stream. GR 966265
- 3.5 At buildings, SA to refreshments in mill on left and **CP3**. GR 968263 (10.4miles)

Section 4. Eastwood to Broadhead Clough CP 4 - 3.4mIs (Total 14.0)

- 4.1 Leave CP , continuing on Pennine Bridleway and before railway arch, **TR**. At next junction, SA at junction and in 45yds, **TL** over railway footbridge to reach road. Cross road (**CARE**) into Menzolit car park.
- 4.2 Cross river and canal bridges, **FL** and in 80yds sharp **TR** off road on to WM path. Uphill for 500yds, continuing on main path which bears left into WT. In 50 yds, (ignore WM path to right), SA to pass ruin below on your left. Thru WM gate and SA following wall and fence on right to WT. **TL** at T-junction. SA at farm and SA thru gate. GR 972251
- 4.3 Follow WT which bends left to gate. Thru gate and imm **TR** at wall corner into WT. SA with wall then fence on right. (Path on top of left bank easier). SA over wooden stile. In 100yds, go over WM stile on your right and **TL** with wall on left. SA on Pennine Way with wall on left. SA over stile and at crossing track SA uphill on hard core track for 500yds. GR 978243
- 4.4 Go to gap in wall and **TL** on either side and follow wall towards conifers where bear left to enter WT FPS (Dick's Lane). Plantation now on right. Thru metal gate. At 4-fingered FPS, ahead 50° to telegraph pole with 1st boundary stone (BS) next to it. GR 987248
- 4.5 Then on 60° for 50 yds to 2nd BS , continuing on 50° for 400 yds to 3rd BS (ignore lobsided boundary stone to right) where **FR** 70° on faint path. In 75yds **FL** 110°. SA for 400yds over brow of hill ignoring two paths to right, and at path on edge **TL** towards 2 marker posts. In 20yds at posts, sharp **TR** on narrow path steeply down to wood. Over stile and bear left into Broadhead Clough. SA for 700 yds going SA at WM post to reach **CP 4** GR 000250 (14.0miles)

FOR SHORT ROUTE GO TO SECTION 8

Section 5. Broadhead Clough to New Road CP 5 - 3.0mls (Total 17mls)

- 5.1 **TR** FPS (Bellhouse Moor). **FL** to pass in front of house, and at stone gate posts **TL** on enclosed path. After 3rd stile, cross track and over stile, **TL** parallel to fence and in 50yds, **FR** 150° uphill away from fence on indistinct path towards and under horizontal tree. Bear right directly uphill, keep left of large rock on your right, and over stile in fence into field. SA to right of large rock, thru gate back into wood and SA on path soon gently descending parallel to wall on right. GR 002243
- 5.2 In 300 yds at holly bushes SA and SA at WM post. SA into holly bushes to reach and go over hidden wooden stile. SA to track and descend thru trees and **TL** at gate to descend steep field with wall on your right. **TR** over WM stile, half left to telegraph pole and continue on bottom edge of field to **FL** thru old gate posts to exit field. Thru WM gate to left of wrought iron gate. SA on cinder track, thru gate and **TL** down road and immediately **FL**. In 450yds, left over bridge and **TR** thru stile. GR 002235
- 5.3 SA on grass track across field with fence and stream on right. At houses at Cragg Vale, thru 2 gates and head towards church. **TR** over bridge to The Hinchliffe. **TL** at FPS (Higher House Moor). In 150yds **TL** over stile on left at WM FPS (Green Bank). Thru gate. Over stile. **FR** keeping wall on right. GR 000229
- 5.4 Continue thru wood rising steadily for 500yds. SA downhill to reach stream. **TR** over WM stile. In 115 yds left over footbridge and up steps towards houses. Pass to right of houses up steps to road, and **TR**. After next house on left by 50mph sign, **TL**. Up track and over stile at right of gate. Between conifers and wall to stile. Up field, wall on right. Over WM stile and SA to stile onto road and **CP 5** GR 005 219. (17miles)

Section 6. New Road to Little Scout Farm CP 6 - 3.5 mls (Total 20.5 mls)

- 6.1 SA on track to bend, where SA thru left hand metal gate and on enclosed track to further WM gate. SA wall/fence on right. **TR** at wall/fence corner to stile. Over and **TL** and imm go thru gate. At WM gate, **TL** on WT. Thru metal gate and at next wall corner **TL** at FPS (CW). Thru gate or over stile to continue on road. SA at cross roads on CW. SA at crossing track. After buildings and at post without a finger, **TL** over stile. GR010232
- 6.2 SA with wall on left, **TL** on track descending for ½mile becoming walled and steeper (**Care over slippery concrete near dog sign**). GR 008237
- 6.3 At sharp left hand bend, by building, **TR**, thru stile, SA to track, **TL** and imm **TR**. SA downhill to metal gate on your right and go thru small gate to left of this gate. Follow wall on left to WM stile and gate into garden, continue on paving in front of houses and at tarmac **TR** uphill. In 10 yds **TL** after houses (Upper Birks) on to grassy track. GR 009241
- 6.4 Into woods at red gate and in 10yds SA at WM Post. Thru wall and **FR** steeply uphill. **TL** uphill on to broad path and follow yellow WMs for 700yds. Go along top of wood with fence and then wall on right. At WM fence post SA to go over track and SA with wall on right. In 700yds at FPS Hollin Hey Bank, thru stile and **TL**. In 50 yds **TR** up steps (ignore new drainage ditch). GR 015252
- 6.5 SA between fence and wall. Over wall and 70° across field to fence. Follow fence crossing 3 walls. At end of fence, over stile and descend gently towards wood. SA to **CP 6** at road. GR 025254. (20.5miles)

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Section 7. Little Scout Farm to Finish 1ml (Total 21.5 mls)

7.1 **TR** on road and in 40 yds left thru stile next to metal gate. Steeply downhill to gate on left. Thru and continue downhill thru stile and down steps. Immediately FL across field behind farm to bottom left hand corner and go over 2 stiles. SA with fence on right. Thru gate and in 30 yds SA thru left hand of 2 metal gates. Follow fence on right, thru stile by metal gate and into WT. GR 022257

7.2 Pass metal barrier and **FR** downhill to house and thru small gate. Thru paved garden in front of house and buildings onto road. In 200yds **TR** at first WM post and in 10 yds **TL** along path. SA following WMs and fence on right to WM gate, thru and SA with green fence on left to reach and go thru car park. At Shoulder of Mutton **TR** on road, under railway bridge and in 100yds, before bridge **TR** into Church Street to hall and finish GR 012259. (21.5miles) WELL DONE

Section 8 SHORT ROUTE ONLY. Broadhead Clough to Finish 1.3mls (Total 15.3mls)

8.1 SA over cattle grid and continue along track for about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to main road where **TL**. Follow main road for about a further $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to reach Church Hall on right. (15.3 miles) WELL DONE