

ROUTE 3

Description

A scenic route following bridleways and lanes to the south of Mirfield across the River Calder. The terrain is varied, most of the off-road sections are rideable, but some stretches of track can be muddy, particularly after it has rained.

Start MIRFIELD STATION CAR PARK
(Huddersfield Line)

- 1 From the station car park, turn **L** into **Station Road** and follow the road over the River Calder to the **TJ**.
- 2 Turn **L** at the **TJ** into **Granny Lane**. Follow this for 1/4 mile.
- 3 Turn **R** into **Hagg Lane**, go **SO** and ignore any turnings off. Look out for 'Camborne Fabrics', Hopton Mills.
- 4 Bear **L** up the BW into Hagg Wood. There is a maze of criss-crossing paths, keep left to cross a stream and emerge from the woods onto the golf course. Watch out for golfers teeing-off from the left. Continue up hill to where the track joins the BW coming up from the left alongside Oliver Wood.
- 5 Turn **R**, follow the BW as it goes up and cuts across the golf course. Be aware of golfers and horse riders on this stretch; nice views looking across the valley. As the BW reaches the top of the climb, it

goes through two stone pillars and gets narrower as it progresses along a tree lined track and passes a steeply descending BW on the right. Go **SO** to a junction with a tarmac surfaced lane. (If you go **SO** you will come to the Woolpack Inn, an ideal stopping place and only 1/4 mile away).

- 6 Turn **L** along this lane for a short distance. The track gets narrower and the stone paved surface rougher. This is called Back Lane. Continue along this track until it begins to descend. **At this point take care, this is a popular horseriding route so control your speed.**

Carry on following this track down as it skirts the edge of Jordan Wood.
- 7 At the bottom of the BW, marked by a stone pillar in the centre of the track, turn **L**, following the track for a short distance.
- 8 Turn **R** down a lane which has parallel rows of paving stones set for cart wheel tracks. This track continues through Lady Wood to exit by the railway line. Cross the bridge and turn **L** to continue along a track beside the railway line.

- 9 The BW meets a road (Sands Lane) by a metal gate. There are some traffic lights here, so be careful. Turn **R**.
- 10 At the **TJ**, turn **L** into Steanard Lane which runs alongside the River Calder, (turn right for the 'Ship Inn' with facilities for families including a play area for children). Going back alongside the river, take care, the road is narrow and busy. On reaching the junction with **Station Road**, go **R** over the bridge and back to the starting point.

Facilities

Train service is the Huddersfield Line. Toilets and the municipal car park are shown on the map.

Sowerby Bros. cycle shop can be found behind the Black Bull near the traffic lights in the centre of Mirfield.

The town has plenty of shops, fish & chips and a number of cafés. All pubs shown provide meals/lunches.

Maps

OS Pathfinder 703 Wakefield (South)
1:25,000

OS Landranger 110 Sheffield and Huddersfield 1:50,000.