

ROUTE 5

Shorter Route - Description

A very scenic route which follows the track up the valley overlooking the reservoirs and moorland and returns from Wessenden Head back down the same way to Marsden.

Start

MARSDEN RAILWAY STATION

- 1 From the station, take the road over the river towards the town centre. Turn **R** along Argyle Street alongside the river by 'Riverhead Brewery'. Turn **L** under the stone bridge (Manchester Road), then **R** to the roundabout.
- 2 At the roundabout go **SO** up the hill by the butchers (Binn Road) signed as a dead end.
- 3 As the road continues to climb up and bears **L**, take the BW track to the **R**, overlooking Butterley Reservoir. This is the Wessenden Valley South Pennines Packhorse Trail which is followed all the way to Wessenden Head Road.
- 4 At the top you can either retrace your route to enjoy the ride back down the Wessenden Valley or follow the **Longer Route**.

Longer Route - Description

Due to the length, it is advised that this route should not be attempted by inexperienced or very young riders. Turn **L** along Wessenden Head Road in the direction of Meltham (B6108).

- 5 Follow the road downhill. After the cattlegrid take the bridleway on the left. This follows a right bend onto Brow Grains Road.
- 6 At the **XRd** turn **L** along Leygards Lane.
- 7 At the **TJ** turn **L** along a rough track (Red Lane) and continue up to a gate across the track.
- 8 Go through the gate and turn **R** through a second gate. Follow this track as it climbs and bears **L** near the top, eventually meeting a tarmac lane via a gateway.
- 9 This is Deer Hill End Road. Go **R** down this lane until you reach the **XRd**. with Slaithwaite Road.
- 10 Turn **L** into the road and follow signs for Marsden, passing 'The White House' pub. Descend all the way to Marsden. On entering the residential area turn **L** along Carrs Road to the roundabout. Retrace your route from this point back to the start at Marsden Station.

Facilities

Shops/pubs/cafés in Marsden
Will's O' Nat's, Travellers Rest, Meltham

Maps

OS Landranger 110 Sheffield & Huddersfield, 1:50,000
or OS Outdoor Leisure 21 South Pennines, 1:25,000, and
OS Outdoor Leisure1 The Peak District - Dark Peak, 1:25,000