

# ROUTE 6

**Description** A pleasant country ride with most of the hardest climbs on road. The off-road sections are either gently undulating or downhill. The villages are small and picturesque. Much of the route is through woodland and reasonably sheltered.

## Start

### DENBY DALE RAILWAY STATION

- 1 From Denby Dale station, go down to the main road by the viaduct. Turn **L** at the main road (A636) and ride a short distance to the first turning on the right, Norman Road by the Midland Bank.
- 2 Turn **R**, pass the millshops and follow the road as it bears **L** and continues to a junction.
- 3 Turn **R** up the hill, bearing **L** along **Cuckstool Road**. Bear **R** and continue to climb as the road leaves the residential area.
- 4 Follow the road to a junction at Exley Gate. Carry on at the junction, keeping **R** as the road passes Dry Hill and meets a **XRd.** with the A635 Barnsley Rd. by the Dunkirk Inn.
- 5 Go **SO** at the **XRd.** along Lower Denby Lane and carry on to the village of Upper Denby. Bear **L** at the green after 'The George' pub.
- 6 At the Church bear **L** and carry on along **Falledge Lane** across Low Common towards Penistone (B6115).
- 7 At the junction with the main road turn **L**. Ride downhill a short distance to the first turning on the **R**, **Wellthorne Lane**.
- 8 Turn **R** and follow this road past 'The Fountain' pub, bearing **L** at the bend in the road as Ingbirchworth Reservoir appears on the right. Continue around the reservoir and turn **R** at the **TJ**.
- 9 Turn **L** onto **Annat Royd Lane** and bear **L** at the top where a track joins from the right. Go up the hill, look out for a BW sign on the left.
- 10 Turn **L** through the gate by the BW sign and head down through the field keeping the wall to your left. At the bottom pass through a gate and continue uphill along a walled track until you reach a small community.
- 11 Turn **R** and continue over the bridge to the main road at Cockle Edge, opposite the pub.
- 12 At this junction turn **R** onto the main road. Continue for a short distance and turn off **L** at the BW sign.
- 13 Go through the gate and follow the blue BW signs across the fields through several more gates. This is a narrow (3ft.) bridleway, great care will be needed if you pass a horserider.
- 14 The BW exits onto the road at Upper Denby through which you passed earlier. Turn **R** and take the first road on the **L**.
- 15 Continue following this lane as it gets rougher, ignore turnings off to left and right and continue down through Hagg Wood on the cobbled pathway. **Control your speed and watch out for horseriders.**
- 16 The BW exits on to the A635 Barnsley road by the viaduct. Turn **R** under the viaduct and then first **L**. Follow **Bank Lane** as it bears **R** and then **L** back up to Denby Dale and your starting point.

## Facilities

Shops, cafés and pubs in Denby Dale.

## Map

OS Pathfinder Barnsley and Penistone Sheet 715, 1:25,000

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