

RESCUE RAMBLE 2017 - 25 MILE ROUTE

Turn left out of HVMRT HQ and follow pavement round to your left to the roundabout at Fall Lane. Go straight across and uphill, after 50 m turn right by Public Footpath sign heading through disused mill complex to end of track. Go left up steps at side of reservoir banking. At top of steps go uphill following road (not along track on right). Follow road round left and right hand bends to car park / turnaround.

Proceed left along footpath which then climbs up to catchwater path. Turn left and follow catchwater then track to Deer Hill Reservoir passing shooting club on your right. At south east corner of reservoir turn left down Deer Hill End Road to **checkpoint**.

At checkpoint go through gate down Hassocks Road for 700 m until you reach catchwater / Meltham Way. Turn right and follow catchwater over 13 stiles and ford until reaching Wessenden Head Road and **checkpoint**.

Cross road and continue on catchwater. After 300 m turn right up track. At next track turn left down Royd Edge. After 600 m turn right down track, cross ford and keep left up track to Royd Road. Turn right up road, after 300 m at junction continue up track (Harden Moss Road) until reaching A635. Cross road and continue down Acres Lane to **checkpoint**.

At sharp left bend turn right down track towards Upper Knowl. At track crossroads turn left and go downhill for 450 m at track crossroads go straight on following Kirklees Way south to dam wall between Digley and Bilberry Reservoirs.

Cross dam wall and turn left uphill following Kirklees Way. Cross footbridge and fields towards Holme village. On entering village turn right uphill towards Meal Hill. Follow track round to the left and continue uphill for 1.6 km. Follow footpath on right downhill towards Good Bent. Cross 2 fords and drop down to footbridge over Marsden Clough. Continue on track uphill to join Kirklees Way again. Turn left and after 100 m turn left along Springs Road. Follow Kirklees Way along track then footpath uphill back to A635. Cross over then take road to left towards Meltham. After 300 m turn left down Wessenden track (Pennine Way) to **checkpoint**.

Continue downhill following Wessenden track, crossing 2 footbridges, to Wessenden Lodge and **checkpoint**.

After leaving checkpoint continue following the track (round the right hand bend) to the Pennine Way signpost on your left hand side (the sign post is now short and stumpy in the ground). Turn left and follow the Pennine Way path downhill to the footbridge over the stream. Cross the bridge and climb uphill (steep and loose) to the airshaft.

Turn right and follow path (Pennine Way) passing Marsden Heritage Trail Stone no. 11 to stream crossing – take care – and continue following path uphill. The path has been flagged in places. Continue on path over moor to south east corner of Black Moss Reservoir and Marsden Moor Heritage Trail information board no 12.

Cross footbridge and follow path on reservoir bank to end, at fence turn left for 250 m to flagstones.

Turn right uphill, through gate and downhill to Standedge Trail (this was the original trail over the Pennines built by Blind Jack of Knaresborough).

Turn left and follow Pennine Way uphill – Redbrook Reservoir / sailing club will be on your right – passing information board and through gate bear left to Brun Clough Reservoir Car Park next to the A62 and **checkpoint**.

Cross road – take care – and continue up track which turns left. In the small cutting turn right through gate following the Pennine Way uphill. Continue on Pennine Way passing trig point and crossing a ford. When you drop to path junction with cairn / square stone keep right and follow Pennine Way to A640 at Haigh Gutter car park and **checkpoint**.

DO NOT CROSS ROAD but head back onto moor taking left hand path and follow this track (Packhorse Trail) downhill over fords to Close Gate Packhorse Bridge. Cross the bridge and follow path to road keeping the river on your right.

At road turn right downhill passing Hey Green on your left (was Hey Green Hotel – now closed).

After the cottages on your right go through wooden gate and follow path which is between road and reservoir. When you see / reach next set of cottages turn right and follow path across dam wall and after 20 m drop down to road through gap in wall. Cross road and go through gap down banking to Tunnel End Canal & River Trust Visitor Centre.

Cross canal bridge and follow towpath / canal bank to Marsden. When you reach the railway station (on your left) leave towpath, cross road and go downhill passing the Railway pub on your right. At the bottom of the hill fork right keeping the Church and Graveyard on your right.

Follow the pavement round until it reaches Manchester Road (main road – A62).

Turn left and cross the road (not the main road) and follow the pavement until you reach HVMRT HQ on the opposite side - take care crossing the road and you're back.

Well done and thank you for taking part in HVMRT 25 mile Rescue Ramble.