

RESCUE RAMBLE 2017 - 8 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 right and follow catchwater / footpath for 2.75 km crossing 3 footbridges and passing Marsden Moor Heritage Trail stone no 10. When the footpath and main Wessenden track (Pennine Way) near each other you need to drop onto the main track and turn right.

Follow this track downhill with the reservoirs now on your left hand side. Keep following this track to Wessenden Lodge (sometimes there are deer in the fields around the Lodge) and HVMRT **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 right, crossing a stream, and follow track towards road. Look out for the fairly new created track on your left and follow this across a small ford to the road.

Cross the road and turn right downhill to road junction. Turn left and follow tarmac road (Old Mount Road) across cattle grid and downhill to A62 (Manchester Road) and Marsden.

When you arrive at the road (A62) turn right, follow pavement (take care as narrow at one point) then across road and back to HVMRT HQ.

Well done and thank you for taking part in HVMRT 8 mile Rescue Ramble.