

# The Long Tour of Bradwell

From the Start SK173817, head SW to the bottom of Smalldale SK171815. Turn R onto a green lane and follow the footpath/bridleway thru' cement works. 100m before the bottom of Pindale, look for red/white barrier tape on the metal barrier/stile and "dib" in the SPORTident box, CP1 SK162823 (1.5k total).

At road corner turn L up the Pindale stony track, past the cottages. Towards the top on a bend (SK157821) you have route choice –

Either

1) Carry on to the top of the track SK155819, then follow level track N to road corner SK155821.

Or

2) Break out of the valley up the motorbike tracks to meet the road corner SK155821.

On the road turn L up hill & follow road 200m to bottom of Dirtlow Rake - use the track here to climb and continue to CP2 SK135813 (5k total) - stile/gate at the track/bridleway crossing.

Turn NE onto the bridleway, across field & down to shallow valley bottom. Look at the finger post and do not go up the other side! Descend more steeply down Cave Dale itself - CARE!! SLIPPERY WHEN WET! CP3 at SK150826 (7k) - gateway just before cottages at bottom. (Marshal/water)

Follow road N, with the church to LEFT, onto main street then straight on at R/h bend. Follow small road 'Millbridge' then Hollowford Lane passing the Hollowford Centre (on the Right). (Fork left twice, one either side of the centre). After 1km, at sharp bend, go thru' gate/stile up narrow f/p and on up to Hollins Cross. Descend bridleway approx 150m then straight on down f/p to the Edale road.

From road route choice

Either

1) Left along road then R after car park (toilets in car park if required), and up the road passing the Nags Head at the top (marshals/water)

Or

2) Cross road and follow f/p to church & on up to Nags Head (marshals/water)

CP4 SK122861 (12k) - footbridge across Grindsbrook (the start of the Pennine Way). (100m beyond the Nags Head)

Follow path N steeply up the hill past Heardman's Plantation zigzagging onto the Nab, then N to below Ringing Roger, following the path diagonally up onto lower of the 2 edge paths. Cut across to upper path & contour round to CP5 SK134874 (14.5km) - the Druid's Stone.

Descend S off Kinder (taped initially) heading down the bowl into the obvious valley. CARE there is a path but it is muddy and narrow). Follow f/p down to the YH keeping buildings to R, onto drive then down to the Edale road. Turn R of road for approx 600m – (EXTREME CARE ON HERE! There is no path)- 150m after the railway bridge L onto lane leading up to Backtor Farm. Up until the last gate and open land. follow path along the wall SE then diagonally up to Backtor Nook & steep up steps to Back Tor summit, ridge path to CP 6 SK151852 (19k) - fence section at stile.

Visit Lose Hill summit (DO NOT CUT ACROSS FLANK!) down steep path to stile and (taped) f/ps to Crimea Fm. Fine descent through fields to buildings, cross railway line and continue to green caravan then L to road. Cross road (CARE!) and take lane opp. down to bridge CP7 SK171839 (22k - marshals, water).

Head NE along lane then R past the cemetery, under railway line, past Fairfield Fm. L (uphill) at lane junction continue thru' Aston. You may take the short cut footpath at SK182839. 75m after the Hall (on left) to take the f/p at SK186839 and run diagonally up onto the Win Hill ridge to CP8 SK192846 (24.5k) - fingerpost.

Continue N along track approx 20m to water trough/stream crossing then turn E (taped) 15m down shallow stream to turn L onto a smaller path following an old wall towards the woods & crossing Parkin Clough SK193851. Continue on contour track, gently descending to CP9 SK195858 (26k) - gate at track junction.

Descend SE to reservoir, turn S and cross dam wall to CP10 SK201854 (27k) (Metal fence on verge just after metal gate)

Turn R and down to marshal / water point at roadside.

**\*\*THIS IS THE 5hr CUT-OFF POINT - IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE IT BY 14.00hrs YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RETURN A DIRECT ROUTE BACK TO THE FINISH!\*\***

Follow the pavement past the "Yorkshire Bridge" (tempting!!) as far as road island, cross carefully and run up New Road to CP11 SK206844 (28k) - sturdy fencepost N side road just E of drive/fingerpost.

Keep going up the road 1km to CP12 SK215839 at stile.

Continue along road. Keep L at next junction then s/o to track at road bend and on up to CP13 SK234848 (31.5k) - footpath stile.

Follow track to Stanage Edge proper and take the f/p SE - lovely views/great running - part paved as near road to CP14 SK260830 (35k) - N.side (upstream) of the first bridge attached to stonework - then under the bridge or longer route across the road - CARE!! (marshal / water)

Descend down the valley. Initially down the W side on track below Higger Tor, before dropping into the valley bottom & following small track down to Toad's Mouth and CP15 SK261806 (37.5) - streamside tree just downstream of the tunnel - you can go thru' the tunnel under the road (slimy but fine!) or take longer route via stiles & across the road - CARE!!

Continue down streamside path, but near footbridge SK257800 follow the small tracks across the moor to skirt the top edge of the woods across Lawrence Field to CP16 SK250793 (39k) – stile at wall corner.

Drop 10m down the bank (taped) then head SW along the quarry terrace to the top of, then down the inclined plane. Towards the bottom, bear L onto a small path then R down a fence line to come out on a track (taped). Bear R then turn L at kissing gate to cross railway bridge. Follow path leading to Coppice Woods and descend to riverside path, then upstream to CP17 SK233806 (42k) - roadside by Leadmill Bridge (marshals/water).

Turn L over the bridge and take the 2nd R lane (CROSS WITH CARE!!) up past Hazelford Hall. At lane corner SK230798 take path past Tor Farm. Continue up the valley to CP18 SK211795 (45.5k) - under first footbridge.

Take the obvious/nice woodland path NW up Abney Clough to eventually come out in Abney. L on the road then R up narrow lane (opposite phone box SK198797). At the lane end turn L and follow the track until the stone stile after the stone gateway SK183802. Follow path along the field edges and descend towards Bradwell - bearing L onto the bridleway (GREASY IF WET!!). Onto the lane down to a hollow then bear R up the short slope to an open area (The Green), straight on (gently downhill) taking steps on the R. Follow main road thru' the village, to the Finish at SK175818.

WELL DONE!!

51k  
2094m climb.

FINISH CLOSES AT 1900hrs. (We'll be tidying up and heading off for a pint!)

THANKS FOR COMING AND HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE ROUTE!!.....