

Aiggin Stone Amble

BOTH ROUTES Start:- Todmorden Cricket Club, Centre Vale Car Park SD 935 245

From Cricket Club entrance go into Centre Vale Park. Take left hand path to track in wood. Turn right, and follow to t-junction with elevated open area on right. Turn sharp left and follow wide track keeping to the right when it forks until you reach four paths. Take the third one from the left going uphill to semi-open area. A few feet before bench turn right and take right hand path to the road.

Turn right and after 10 yards left through gate. Follow path with fence on your left to the corner, over left step stile, ahead with wall on left to far corner of copse, through gate and follow fence uphill to wall and stile. Over and left to gate and stile. Over stile and follow track to large house, turn right and follow wall round to road (note standing stone on right) turn left to left hand bend and over stile set back on the right.

Straight ahead down to gate and grassy path, follow this down straight ahead (heading for tall chimney) to stile and road. Cross with care and ahead on good track (Ramsden Wood) climbing past the farm to wall and finger post. Right on track to end of the wall (15 yards) and continue straight ahead on path to small stream in dip at GR 922222. Take bearing of 240⁰ magnetic to bend in road and pylon. Take faint path up Burnt Hills passing to left of pylon to fence and stile. Over stile and ahead with wall and fence on left to trig point at Trough Edge End. GR 9062'19 (3.6 miles)

Bear left over hill and down to old mine workings and path. Turn right and follow through gate down to second gate and track. Turn right and follow to second gate. Through gate and turn left with wall on left to fence, follow fence around to right and through gate to foot bridge, cross and follow path uphill to way marker post. Turn left around the base of Rough Hilt to gully, follow down gully to wall corner and confluence of paths.

Take path on left bearing 140 degrees 175 yards to Long Causeway path turn right and after 20 yards take left hand path to wall corner at GR 918193. Continue ahead with wall on right (this wall eventually drops down to right) stay on path until you reach wall and iron gate. Through gate and forward on grassy waned track to Higher Shore Farm. Downhill on cobbles to road by King William IV pub GR 925168 (7.5 miles)

Over stile and downhill through gate and straight on to houses, bearing right after 40 yards to stile and road. Turn right to end and straight across, follow stream path down through factory buildings to main road. Cross road with care and follow footpath sign directly opposite to reach Stubley Lane at GR 929160. Down lane and straight ahead at junction. Over foot bridge and under railway lines, turn left: and over canal bridge, at the end of works fence continue ahead through farm. At gate, immediately before road, turn sharp left down path to sunken car park GR 937153 (9.2 miles)

From car park go up to road, turn right and cross road to pub TAKE CARE, DANGEROUS CORNER. Past pub and up road with Hollingworth Lake on right, pass access road to information centre and continue on to next left, turn uphill and follow to Syke Farm. Pass front of farm house and continue uphill on stony track through stone gateway with yellow drive guard pole. After 30 yards at bend in track turn left on grassy track to track junction. Turn right and up to the left side of the pylon, after going around the pylon the path goes off to the left. Follow this climbing steadily, passing to the right of Dry Mere and then to left of quarry. Above quarry as path starts to veer to right

continue straight on uphill on indiscernible path to the northern rim of Hoar Edge. Continue along plateau edge with path steadily improving to reach wooden boards. GR 969155 (11.4 miles)

Turn left: and follow the drainage ditch/channel as far as possible to the private road sign, turn left downhill (Pennine Way) to road and right uphill to car park just before the White House. GR 968178 (13.1 miles)

NB. At this point Short Route and Long Route diverge

SHORT ROUTE ONLY

From CP left up road and follow Pennine Way left through gate immediately before reservoir. Follow Pennine Way to end of third reservoir, turn right along track with drainage ditch on right for 200 yards. When Pennine Way turns sharp right take path on left, flagged in parts to corner of Gaddings Dam. Now follow Combined Route description below.

LONG ROUTE ONLY

Return to the drainage channel. Cross stone foot bridge facing you into heart of quarry, then left up stony path to rim. From marker proceed on a compass bearing of 140 degrees, to reach the Aiggin Stone GR 973171 [NB *The Aiggin Stone is an ancient way marker on the Roman road immediately opposite the gate through which Pennine Way goes to Blackstone Edge*]. Turn left and follow path to foot bridge GR 981177, over and turn right to finger post for Baitings Res. GR 985173. Left and follow path round Warm Withens Hill to Cat Moss where you will pick up some yellow topped markers. Follow these to the wall corner and continue ahead with this wall on your left to the second gate, just before pylon lines. Ahead to the road and picnic site. GR 010184 (17.1 miles)

From CP right down road and over bridge to the road junction. Over and left to the first line of pylons. Over stile on right and follow this permissive path up and over Great Manshead Hill until you reach a ditch near wall and wide grassy track (*any deviation from the permissive route will result in immediate disqualification*). Right on track to path junction with brick bunker on your right. GR 008214 (19.9 miles)

Turn left over stile/gate and downhill on road to finger post on left GR 007217. Go through the wooden gate at the side of this and follow sunken track to another wooden gate, go through down to the road and turn left. At road junction turn right to small metal plate gate on left (opposite milepost on right), go through and follow wall down to the gate in the bottom corner. Through the gate and bear right steeply downhill to a metal barred gate. Go through and after 30 yards go over stile on left down to the stream GR 997218. Cross with care and pick up the path on the other side going uphill. Follow this path with wall and then fence on your right to the arrowed marker post at Turley Holes Edge. Turn left along drainage channel to the reservoir, turn right over dam to the gate and track turn right down to the car park. GR 986233 (22.7 miles)

Follow track around the reservoir to Calderdale Way marker on the right GR 979230. Follow this uphill to the mini marker post and turn left through the gap in the wall onto the paved path. Follow this path to its end and go through the gap in the wall, turn left

and follow Calderdale Way to the Te Deum stone. Continue ahead through the gate to the fourth stone pillar and bear left to the Pennine Way path. Continue left for a further 20 yards and then right (just before you climb) on grassy path. Follow this until you reach a narrow dirt path crossing your path, turn left uphill to the rocks and through them to another path. Turn right, following path round top of Jeremy Hill to the head of the c1ough. When path forks go uphill to the left and follow to Gaddings Dam. Go along northern edge of dam then turn left along western edge to corner.

COMBINED ROUTE

Down steps and follow path to marker post near Basin Stone GR 945225

Continue in direction of the arrow to Rake End, continuing straight on at marked crossways and bearing sharply to the right soon after and heading down to wall and gate. Through gate and downhill to just before the house. Turn right at the footpath sign following the path around the back of house, over the stile and down the wall to the road. Go straight across road through the stile and follow the wall down to stile and track. Turn left on the track to the houses then downhill on tarmac road to the first bend. Through gate into churchyard, down path to porch, sharp left on path adjacent to tarmac road, and down through gates to main road. Go straight forward and follow the road sign for Burnley back to the cricket club entrance.

WELL DONE (27.9 miles/19 miles)