

## THE MYRTLE MEANDER - ROUTE DESCRIPTION

### Stage 1 Myrtle Park School to Norr Hill (21/2 miles)

- 1 From the school turn **R** and then **R** again on Beech Street. Through the large gates into the park and **L** down the wide path. After going between two trees to open field take path **L** to footbridge. Over the bridge and ahead on path. Turn **R** at lane and pass to **R** of house and over Packhorse Bridge. Through stile on **R** then immediately **L** to another stile which brings you into the lane where **R**.
- 2 Just before next house on **left** go down steps, over bridge and ahead to golf course. The painted white stones (please don't snow!) indicate the way across golf course. Leave the golf course over a stile and bear **half left** to a stile into the wood. Take a path to **R** and after 100 yards take path on **L** which climbs fairly steeply. As it levels out continue with fence on your left. Climb stile to leave wood. Bear slightly **L** to next stile, through it, then diagonally **L** to stile in far corner. Follow walled path to open field, ahead with wall on **R** to Lee Lane.
- 3 Turn **L** and almost immediately take stile on **R**. Go diagonally **L** to stile and continue in the same direction to stile and Cross Lane. **R** and then **L** up Coplowe Lane. Ignore two FP signs on **L** before going up signed bridleway which skirts the farm on the **L**. Take small metal gate on **R** after the electric fence and steeply uphill wall on **L** to Norr Hill Trig Point (CP1) GR 102365.

### Stage2 - Norr Hill to Egypt (5 miles)

- 4 Bear half **R** to stile in corner of field then ahead wall on **R**. Over stile and then, with wall on **L** round to next stile. Ahead, wall still on **L**, over two more stiles then diagonally **R** to stile in far corner (beyond double gates). **L** on Shay Lane, **R** at main road then next road on **L** (Back Lane).
- 5 After about 1/2 mile take stile on **L** (set - back - soon after passing Bob Lane). Ahead to corner, through stile and keeping the wall on your **L** through 3 fields to road. Turn **R** and then **L** down Long Lane.
- 6 After 300 yards take track on **R**. Pass to the **R** of Upper Pikeley and ahead eventually with wall on **R**. Just before Dean Lane, as track bears **R**, take stile slightly to **L** down walled path to Egypt (CP2) GR 093340.

### Stage 3 Egypt to Foxhill School (9 miles)

- 7 Turn **L** on road before taking FP on **L** signed "World's End". Path goes round the houses and at the end of the wall on your **R**, go **R**. Proceed, wall on **R**, high above the valley to the next building, World's End. Pass to **L** of building and ahead and down, wall on **R**. At end of field go down diagonally to stile in far corner of field. Over stile and bridge then bear **R** passing close to left side of pond. At end of field turn **L** uphill between dual fence. Through gate, **R** on track and **R** at road (Upper Allerton Lane). Bear **R** at next junction then take FP up the steps just before Lower Aldersley Farm. Keep the wall on your **L**. go through stile, ahead, through another stile and downhill to Pitty Beck - wall on your **L**.

- 8 Over the footbridge and climb up next two fields, wall now on **R**. Just before top of second field, through small gate on **R** to track. Turn **L** on track. At metalled road (North Cliffe Lane) turn **L**. Take second road on **R** (North Cliffe Avenue) and at end turn **L**. Take second road on **R** (Coach Lane) to the B6145.
- 9 Cross the main road with care and down lane opposite bearing **L** at bottom. Through stile on **R** and go diagonally **L** down across two fields. Over stile into lane. Follow to metalled road. **L** and next **R** (Low Lane). After 100 yards take stile on **R** (Bronte Way). Keep Hole Bottom Beck on **R** for 100 yards. At wall climb uphill, wall on **R**. At top of second field bear **R**.
- 10 Where Bronte Way goes **L** continue ahead and slightly downhill, wall on **L**. halfway across next field go through gap on **R** diagonally to stile. Cross next field, wall still on **R** but then take path ahead away from the wall below the quarry waste. Path almost reaches beck level before it joins metalled road.
- 11 Turn **R**, uphill, under the railway before turning **L** down Bridle Stile Lane. After crossing the beck, the path follows a sunken track uphill, eventually becoming a metalled lane. Continue uphill to road. Turn **R** and shortly take track on **L**. Initially go **R** before the bridleway bears **L** uphill (do not come back on yourself as you leave the road.). You reach the A644 by Foxhill School (CP3) GR 097307.

#### **Stage 4 Foxhill School to Ogden (11miles)**

- 12 From the CP bear **R** up track ,cross A644 to Fleet Lane and where the road turns **L** take path on **R** (after boarding kennels). After passing reservoir, **L** on FP and continue ahead to Old Guy Road. Turn **R** and next FP on **L**. Across 3 fields to Roper Lane. Turn **R** and after 200 yards take FP on **L** signed. Path bears **L** in front of the farm, through gate, keep the wall on your **R** and pass to the right of the former White Castle brewery to road.
- 13 Bear **L** and after passing Taylor Lane take track ahead on **R**. Follow this path past a succession of farms to road at GR 073306. (The path contours along - ignore any turns to **R** or **L**). At the road **L** and immediately **R** to A629. Cross road and go on track opposite. Passing to right of white building, you reach the dam wall of Ogden reservoir. Turn **R** up road and **L** to lower car park (CP4) GR066308).

#### **Stage 5 Ogden to Oxenhope (15 miles)**

- 14 From CP go **R** and almost immediately **L** gate. Follow the new path ahead (Woodland Trail) past sculptures to the green bridge at the head of the reservoir. Turn **L** to reservoir side. Do not cross the bridge but proceed ahead on path. This path soon joins a more substantial track. Turn **L** and after approx. 400meters the path drops to the side of Ogden Clough. Follow this path and, after passing the remains of a small shelter bear **R** uphill. At the bridge bear **R** up steps to track.

- 15 Take **L** of the 3 bridleway options and continue with Ogden Clough on **L** but now 50ft below. Shortly after the beck turns **L**, take the path on **R** and uphill - the occasional cairn should reassure you. Once over the brow of the hill proceed ahead down sunken lane with fence, then wall on your **L** and Thornton Moor reservoir on your **R**. Go over the stile at the bottom of the lane and bear 1/2 right to sign post. Follow the Bronte Way downhill, pass to **R** of old railway wagon and then bear **R** (Bronte Way) downhill. At the second tree the path bears **L** for about 50 yards before turning **R** again (wall on **R**). Cross conduit by ladder stile and continue downhill towards Leeming Reservoir, wall, and then deer fence on **R**.
- 16 Drop down to track, **L** and immediately **R** (Bronte Way) and ahead for wall to **L** of reservoir. Cross the footbridge and uphill (wall on **R**). Path then contours one field away from the reservoir, eventually bearing **R** down track to reservoir embankment. Proceed downhill on Bronte Way, bear **R** past gaslamp, over bridge and **L**. At lane bear **L** to CP5 GR034347.

### **Stage 6 Oxenhope to Haworth (17 miles)**

- 17 At next junction **L** down Station Road. After passing the Post Office turn **R** on Yate Lane. This ends in a T - junction where **L** to Hebden Road. Cross and down Harry Lane. At the bottom, as the road goes **L** take FP on **R** which passes to **L** of houses. Continue, beck on **L**, to footbridge. Cross and bear **R**. Through kissing gate and ahead on track. Take small gate in RH corner opposite renovated farm **R** over metal bridge and **L**, beck on **L** until you reach the narrow Donkey Bridge.
- 18 Cross the bridge, under the railway and uphill on walled path. Where path goes **L**, take stile on **R**. Ahead to stile to **L** of gate and across next field keeping wall on **L**. At road bear **R** to enter Haworth. Continue on this road for 1/2 mile before turning up the cobbled Main Street. At the top by the Information Centre go **L** on West Lane. When this ends bear **L** to Methodist Chapel.

### **Stage 7 Haworth to Harden (21 Miles )**

- 19 From CP bear **L** and take road on **L** (Mytholme Lane). Cross immediately and go **R** down South View. At the bottom take FP to **R**, through stile and downhill (wall on **R**). Where paths merge turn **R** and where they split take **L** path past white and blue house. At track **L** and then **R**. At next junction **L** over the railway and pass in front of the station.
- 20 Turn **R** between the Royal Oak and the Fish Restaurant (becomes Apsley Street) and continue uphill to the Bronte Cinema building. Take path up the right hand side of this building and the top (new houses Portland Street) go **R** and then **L** up Dean Street to Hebden Road.
- 21 Straight across and up walled path. At Lower Brow Farm take farm road to Brow Top Road. **L** up road and **L** at FP sign down the driveway of the Three Sisters Hotel. Pass to **R** of duck pond and when drive bears **L** continue ahead.

- 22 Take path downhill, fence on **L** initially but when the wall drops steeply continue ahead. The path eventually descends to the end of the dam. Continue ahead, wall on **L**, to Hardgate Lane, where **L** to A629. Straight across and up Bingley Road. Take FP on **R** at Lane End. The path bears **L** towards some big new houses. At lane bear **R** (Senior Way). Uphill to **R** of new house then downhill for 500 yards, taking track to **L** (No Cycling sign). Pass to **L** of the house and past the Christmas trees. Through gate and ahead across two big fields (wall on **L**) and a walled path to Keighley Road.
- 23 **L** up road for 150 yards then bridleway on **R**. Continue ahead (moor on **L**, fields on **R**). Climbing stile just before Hunter Hill Farm. After passing farm (derelict) go through gate and take path with wall on **L** to Ryecroft. Straight ahead through the hamlet taking the **L** option at “Y” junction. Through black metal gate and ahead on to Woodhead. Through gate and then take the small gate. The footpath stays high, wall on **L**. Over stile, the path goes up and **L** to the open moor for about 100 yards before reaching a cross path. Turn **R** (down sunken path initially) and continue on as it climbs towards the pylons. Eventually there is a wall on your **R**. Continue with wall on **R** and when wall goes **R** take the FP going with it (towards Harden).
- 24 The path later cuts a corner before rejoining the wall. Bear **L** (fence then wall on **R**). The path bears **R** down some steps. Bear **R** again (wall on **R**) and cross stream but continue with stream on **R**. Where wider path joins from **L** take path to **R** downhill. Shortly before the wall, path bears **L** to stile and (CP7) GR 083387.

### **Stage 8 Harden to Myrtle Park School (24 Miles)**

- 25 Bear **L** along track to Keighley Road then **L** uphill and **R** to St. Ive’s Estate. After 100 yards take footpath (not bridleway) on **L** up steps. At T-junction of paths turn **R** and pass to **R** of Coppice Pond. At drive turn **L**, past the Golf Clubhouse on your **L** and continue down the main drive for 600 yards. Shortly after passing octagonal lodge take signed footpath on **L** into the woods. After 50 yards take signed FP to **L**. Path keeps wall on **L**, passes another FP sign, descends some steps and after 100 yards bears down some more steps to Altar Lane. (The FP sign here is misleading suggesting Altar Lane is uphill). Turn **R** down Altar Lane.
- Towards the bottom of Altar Lane where it bears **R**, go down some steps on the **L** (opposite double green gates). Bear **R** at bottom of steps to road. Go **left**, over bridge and take FP on **R** signed Riverside Walk. Continue on this for nearly 1/2 mile until you reach an open area. Take path behind six pillars and keep below the treeline. At end of field bear **L** uphill (wall on **R**) before turning **R** through large gates to Beech Street. Ahead to school on **L** and finish. **WELL DONE!** GR 108387.