

SADDLEWORTH SKYLINE – ROUTE DESCRIPTION

A 28 mile mainly high level any time challenge walk around the Moors, Hills and Valleys of Saddleworth

Maps: Landranger 109,110

Start: Dovestones Res. C.P. 013034

From Information Centre Head (W) on lane passing Fern Lea. continue on Lane to Junction (995034) (L) up to stile (don't cross) but ascend (L) keeping to (L) of wall up to Alphin Pike (003028).

Continue in same direction following edge to Chew Res. (036018), cross dam wall then (L) to follow edge passing the Platt Memorial continue on edge passing the Ravenstones Triangle Rock (036047), turn SE up clough to find a way across. Then follow down keeping to (R) a bit of a scramble in places but a faint path down to weir. (R) up Holme Clough then (L) up Rimmon Clough (scramble but choose best side) continue past (Rimmon Cottage) ruin up to the A635 and the Pennine Way (051063).

Follow Pennine Way to cairns (half mile) bear (L) down South Clough keeping to (R) on faint path down to sheep fold. Follow drain round to Black Moss Res. cross and (L) to follow drain round to Brun Clough Res. (018094) car park.

Take Pennine Way along Standedge, to your left is the Castleshaw Valley with its Roman Fort just left of the Reservoir. Continue on the Pennine Way to the A640 then (L) down road (400yd) to stile on (R).

Follow track past Res. to Road (L) then (R) at pub through gate and (L) at cattle grid and diagonally across field to stile and cross (N) side of Res. Follow wall up to gap then (L) along path and track, passing Edge Gate Farm, turn (L) down to road. Cross and continue in same direction, keeping wall on (L). Head (S) to stile near pylon. Continue in same direction on walled track to sharp bend over stile but keep to (L) of wall to stile and path out to cross roads (pub car park).

Continue over green, making for the monument straight ahead crossing the golf links to stile in wall and up to the monument (Bishop Park) 968081. Take path (S) down to stile in wall, cross to lane and through gate opposite. Make for stile in small plantation and stile, to wall across field diagonally to stile, then (R) to farm (Shiloh). Take path (S) from farm up to stile in wall, keeping wall on (R) to road, then (L) on road to bend, but keep in same direction to stile (R) to lane and through several fields in same direction. After half a mile look for a pond in field and cross to walled stile, then diagonally across field to gate and walled track to house (Cartfield House) and lane (L) up to dirt track on (R).

Continue on this up to the mast on Wharmton Hill 987050). Descend (NE) to stile, heading for the golf club house, follow path down to level crossing and canal (Uppermill), shops, cafe. Follow canal (N) to Brown Hill Centre, cross road, Brown Hill Lane, follow 500yds to Ryelands House (R) at house and (L) at Kissing Gate with wall of house on your (L). Keep on path through stiles to church (00 7064). Up walled path at side of church to lane and

stile. Continue in same direction on to open moor (R), at signpost (Oldham Way). Follow to Pots & Pans Monument (010051). From the monument descend on path (S) through boulders to Long Lane continuing round hillside to picnic site. On road (018044) take path through trees down to side of Res and across wall to start/finish.

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