**THE HANGOVER HIKE REV DEC 2023**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER – GIVEN AT REGISTRATION.**

SHORT ROUTE 10 MILES (1000ft ascent)

Take care when crossing and walking on roads. Use pavements wherever possible.

1. Leave marina as indicated and turn left on towpath with canal on your right

2. At the road bear right and in approx 35yds bear right back onto the canal towpath to go under Bridge 9 (Bretton)

3. Go under Bridge 36 (Railway) to ascend ramp. Turn right across the bridge and bear left to continue on the canal towpath, with the canal now on your left in the direction of Sowerby Bridge.

4) Turn right off the toll path at bridge No 8 Forge Bridge up 2 steps on a narrow footpath parallel to the canal up to the road

5) Turn left at the road over Canal and the Rail bridge to the T junction

6) Turn right at the T junction taking care and using the safety Island

7) Keep left on the Main Road for about 200 Yds (150 meters)

8) Turn left at a sign for Ravenstall school

9) Keeping the school on your right the road become a Bridle Path

10. Continue to junction of tracks where **Checkpoint/Bucket drop on map (2½ MILES GR SE 233194)**

11. From the checkpoint turn left and in approx 40yds at next junction turn right up tarmac lane

12. Continue up enclosed lane (tarmac/concrete/cobbles) for approx 800yds to Ouzelwell Hall Farm

13. Continue on up the track past all the buildings to junction of tracks.

14. Here turn sharply left up enclosed path/track paved in places to reach tarmac lane

15. Turn right, light stone house on your left.

16. In approx150yds just after entrance to Holly Hall turn right over stile in fence (footpath sign) Take care the stile can be very slippery when wet

17. Descend field with hedge to right to cross stile in corner onto road.

***NOTE – After heavy rain the route between para 18-21 can be ankle deep in mud (cattle crossing) To avoid this go to instructions after para 29.***

18. Turn right for approx 35yds turning left over road to kissing gate by footpath sign

19. Through gate and descend field with hedge/fence on left.

20. When hedge turns left continue ahead for approx 20yds to cross over stile in fence/hedge corner.

21. Descend field with hedge on left and at bottom bear right with stream to cross footbridge

22. Ahead approx 15yds to waymarked stone

23. Continue in same direction ascending side of field with hedge/gully to left aiming for way marker post in front of broken wall ahead

24. Up steps at side of way marker and ahead to wall corner.

25. Bear left with wall to cross stile in wall ahead

26. Ahead cutting corner of field to cross double stile in corner (electric fence!)

27. Ahead with wall on left going through stile in wall (electric fence!) just in front of power pole and paddock fencing

28. Ahead in same direction now with wall on right

29. Cross stile to left of gate (if gate used, ensure closed)

***Muddy Diversion – At road turn left. Then turn right at road junction. Turn right at next road junction. Follow this road, left then right to road junction, where turn right. At buildings pass stile & gate mentioned in para 29.***

30. Turn right on road for approx 100yds to turn left into enclosed path at footpath sign

31. Along enclosed footpath to enter field.

32. Descend field with fence/bushes on right

33. Through kissing gate in corner and go down stone steps (CAUTION VERY SLIPPERY WHEN WET)

34. Ahead to right hand side of house and gated entrance. **(4½ MILES GR SE 235173)**

35. Turn left on track and in approx 50yds at junction continue ahead.

36. Continue ahead on enclosed track ascending past stables on right and in approx 150yds reach cross track.

37. Continue ahead through gateway/large gap into field and follow the path/track with wall on right

38. Cross the stile in the corner, continue into dip and cross the stile to the left of the gate

39. Continue with the hedge on the left and when the hedge turns left continue ahead through metal gate and across field aiming for the sign post in the distance (approx 10yds to right of telegraph pole) to cross stile onto track

40. Turn left down the track. Bear right at the junction and in approx 275yds cross the stile on the right. (Just before large tree)

41. Bear right to a “marked” tree and stile behind it.

42. Follow the pathway through the woods, path crosses (left) over a track and continues to become joined by a wall from the left. Bear right with this wall on your left to reach and cross stile in corner

43. Progress down the field on enclosed (fenced) path to cross another stile.

44. Then follow the green track (not more obvious tractor track) uphill to hedge and in approx 50yds cross stile on right in the hedge.

45. Continue with hedge on the left across the field, to pass over a stile, a track and another stile

46. Continue with hedge on left bearing right when the hedge drops down to the stream. Cross stile ahead and continue with stream to left crossing it by means of an earth bridge and then immediately over stile ahead.

47. Continue with hedge/fence on right for approx 30yds to cross stile (hidden) on right

48. Follow the enclosed path (fence) to the road, turn right and in approx 100yds turn left up a lane, opposite NCM sign. ***Note - Road closed to vehicles only***

49. Bear left at the road junction and in approx 270yds at house number 173 turn right (Public Bridleway) into Smithy Lane

50. In approx 60yds bear left through a gateway (Denby Grange Cricket and Athletic Club) and walk around the red brick building to the football stand for **REFRESHMENTS (6 MILES GR SE 259165)**

51. Retrace your steps to return to brick building and playing fields entrance

52. Ahead on lane to main road. Turn right down road for approx 400yds to Black Swan

53. Turn left down road to junction with New Road

54. Cross to Wood Lane (Right of Garden Centre) and follow for 800yds to small stable & Bridleway (Briggs Lane) sign on right.

55. Follow bridleway downhill, across bridge and up tarmacked lane to road junction (Edge Lane).

56. Turn right and in approx. 50yds, take footpath on left uphill through trees.

57. At top of hill, meet footpath coming in from left (Kirklees Way). Turn right on KW. Do not take concrete footpath up hill.

58. Continue on KW, contouring around hill side, eventually dropping down to meet second prominent footpath coming in from right.

59. Turn left, still on KW footpath to emerge into housing estate.

60. Continue on road for approx 800yds, ignoring left or right turns, to reach junction with major road.

61. Down steps on right to cross road into Park car park **(SHORT 7.5 MILES GR SE 256186)**

62. Turn left and walk through car park to Rotary Park notice board.

64. Follow obvious path to end of short wooden section.

65. At bench on left, leave path and continue half right, heading for prominent solitary tree, pass to left of tree to reach tarmacked foot path

66. Turn left on path and continue to gap in wall.

67. Go through gap to join lane and turn right.

68. Continue down lane to go through gateposts onto track, Bear left with track.

69. Through gateway and in approx 150yds turn left at track junction (Kirklees Way goes right here)

70. In approx 170yds turn right, back on yourself, down a pathway. ***(This is just as the track starts to descend – if you reach power pole W505/31 you have gone too far)***

71. Follow enclosed path for approx 350yds to cross bridge over canal **(9 MILES GR SE 259 194)**

72. Turn left on towpath with canal on your left

73. Follow towpath for approx 1100yds to canal junction, to re-join your outward route

74. Go over the track to continue ahead going down the ramp under the low railway bridge.

75. On reaching the road turn left and in approx 35yds bear left onto footpath which takes you back onto canal towpath.

76. On reaching the Marina, check into the “LEGGERS INN”

**WELL DONE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE HANGOVER HIKE**