

# SHEFFIELD LAKELAND LOOP RIDE MAP



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We hope that these rides will lead to an enjoyable day out through beautiful countryside on routes that have been used for many hundreds of years.

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## About the Rides:

The Sheffield Lakeland Loop Ride follows the boundary of the Sheffield Lakeland area and has been divided into North and South Loops of approximately 50 kms each, with a central point at Worrall. (South Loop total ascent 1370m; North Loop total ascent 1388m) There is a car park and roadside parking on Towngate Rd. Also shown are the seven shorter Heritage Rides, each marked out in a different colour.

The rides have been compiled by Heritage Highways volunteers as part of their involvement with the Heritage Lottery funded Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership. Heritage Highways is one of 20 projects working within the area known as the Sheffield 'Lakeland'. This area stretches from Redmires Reservoir in the South to Langsett Reservoir in the North. It is envisaged that the Loop rides will appeal more to cyclists, using mountain, gravel and hybrid bikes, or for runners. The Heritage Rides are suitable for everyone, but have been especially designed for horse riders. All the rides offer spectacular scenery with some off-road riding and hill work. Written directions have been given for the Loop Rides. The Heritage Rides leaflets are available separately. The gpx files via Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trusts - [www.wildsheffield.com.uk](http://www.wildsheffield.com.uk)

**Please show consideration towards each other and other road/path users. Cyclists and runners please call a greeting and slow down to pass horses.**

## A Landscape Full of History:

The Sheffield Lakeland is a landscape steeped in a long history of human intervention; it is a man made landscape. The hunter-gatherer communities of the Mesolithic period trod lightly and left little trace; just a few flint tools to show that they were once here. The signs left by the pack horse era are still visible in the landscape, if you know what to look for; sunken 'hollow' ways, some out on the moorland, long forgotten, others now part of the modern network of bridleways, footpaths and tarmacked roads. As you follow the Lakelands Loop, or Heritage Rides, you will travel on some of these ancient ways, in the hoof and foot prints of those who passed this way over millennia. Look out for stone causeys, narrow bridges with low parapets and stone guide stoops all from the pack horse era. Rivelin Valley was once a hive of industry, with a network of pack horse trails for taking raw materials in and bringing the finished product out. The Inclosure period led to the privatisation of what were once common lands, with dry stone walls marking out the boundaries. Some old pack horse routes were incorporated into the 'new' network of highways set out by the commissioners, some were 'stopped up' and lost forever. The construction of the reservoirs led to a dramatic change in the landscape and the moors, once crossed by pack horse trains, are now managed for grouse. The old highways were the network by which goods travelled into, out of and around the Sheffield Lakelands area. They were extremely important to our ancestors as trade routes and for local travel. They are equally important in modern times as a leisure resource – especially those that remain unsullied by tarmac and away from motorised traffic. *Georgina Hartley*

## Rides Disclaimer:

While all due care has been taken in the preparation of the map, and ride directions, neither Heritage Highways volunteers, or anyone acting on their behalf, accept any responsibility for any inaccuracies which may have occurred. It should be borne in mind that landmarks, weather, path and road conditions may change.

### South Loop Ride - from Worrall

**Turn right** into Kirk Edge Road pass Bradfield School take **second left**, near top of hill into Moor Road to Holdworth. Take the **second right** into Stony Lane and **straight over** cross roads into Dalroyd Lane. At T junction **turn right and first left** into Trouble Wood Lane. At T junction in Low Bradfield **turn right and first left** into The Sands. Pass village Hall and straight on **over ford or bridge**. At T junction **turn right and first right** into Windy Bank. Ride to the top at the T junction **turn left and left again onto bridleway**. At the T junction **turn left** into Dale Road. Take the **next right** into Blindsides Lane. At T junction **turn left** and take the **byway on right** (*Stake Hill Road*). At Byway T junction **turn left** and join the road by riding **straight on** (*Rod Side*). Take the **next right** into Flash Lane. At T junction **turn right** down Rails Road and **straight on** at cross roads. After bridge **take bridleway on left**. At T junction with road ride **straight across** and take restrictive **bridleway on the right**. At T junction with Lodge Lane **turn left** up hill to hair-pin bend. Here **turn right** into car park and onto bridleway. **Bear left** up hill and **turn left** on bridleway across field to Redmires Road. **Turn right and left on to bridleway** passing childrens play area. At T junction **turn right** onto Lodge Moor Road. At next T junction **turn right** into Brownhills Lane. Ride along until T junction with Redmires Road, **turn left**. **Turn right** into Wyming Brook Nature Reserve. Ride trough car park and down track until approaching Rivelin Dams. **Turn right** to Rivelin Dam head. Ride **straight on** to the bridleway to Fox Hagg which goes steep up hill. Just before Redmires Road **turn left** onto bridleway across a wooden bridge and **retrace** ride back to Lodge Lane **turning left** downhill on Lodge Lane and **right** onto permissive bridleway. At the bridleway T junction **turn right** on the restricted byway to Crosspool (*Coppice Lane*). The track becomes Moorbank Road. At the T junction **turn left** into Coldwell Lane and **straight across** the Manchester Road into Hagg Lane. Take **bridleway on left** past the last house downhill **bearing left** to T junction. **Turn left** and take the **second bridleway on the right** down to the River Rivelin. Cross ford or bridge and **bearing left** take the permissive bridleway up hill. Ride **straight over** the Manchester Road into Tofts Lane. At T junction **turn right** into Roscoe Bank. At the end take the **bridleway on the right** which joins Rivelin Park Road. At cross Roads **turn right** into Hollins Lane and **left before bridge onto bridleway**. (This route will cross a ford with stepping stones. An alternative to this route: Go straight across into Rivelin Park Road . Take first right into Low Road and second left into Middle Lane. At T junction turn left and then right into Barlow Drive. At T junction turn right into Wood Lane. Turn left into Myers Grove Lane to rejoin route at \*) Follow bridleway across ford and a wooden bridge at bridleway T junction **turn left** to Mousehole Forge. Here **turn left** behind the building. At T junction go **straight over** into Wood Lane. Take the **first right** into Myers Grove Lane\*. Take **right turn** into Greaves Lane. Ride past the old Robin Hood pub onto the byway. Keep on as it becomes the road and at the T junction **turn right** into Stannington Road. Ride past Spout Lane and **take the bridleway on the right** just before Underbank Chapel (*Spoon Lane*). At T junction **turn right** into Storrs Lane. Cross Rowell Bridge. At T junction **turn right** into Loxley Road. Take the **second left** into Hanson Road. **Take first right** into Chase Road and **second left** into France Road. At the end of France Road go **straight on** to the bridleway. At bridleway T junction **turn right**. Stay on bridleway **bearing right** over a horse hop downhill and **turn left** and join Bland Lane past Loxley House Farm. Stay on Bland Lane until T junction. **Turn left** up hill on Aldene Road which becomes a bridleway. Ride past allotments and fields onto Loxley Common. Ride **straight on** across grass following bridleway signs to the car park. At the T junction **turn right** onto Long Lane and **first left** into Stubbing Lane. At T junction **turn right** into Kirk Edge Road and return to parking at Worrall.

### North Loop Ride - from Worrall

**Turn right** into Kirk Edge Road pass Bradfield School take **second left**, near top of hill into Moor Road to Holdworth. **Take the second right** into Stony Lane and straight over cross roads into Dalroyd Lane. At T junction **turn right and first left** into Trouble Wood Lane to Low Bradfield. At T junction **turn right** into Wood Fall Lane and **second left** into Smallfield Lane. Stay on this lane passing Agden Reservoir to top of the hill. **Straight across** cross roads into Load Field Road. At the T junction **turn left** into Canyards Hills Lane. Take the **bridleway on the right** at Lee Lane going downhill. At bridleway T junction **turn left and left again**. At the next T junction **turn right** onto Allas Lane. Cross the bridge into Yewtrees Lane and ride into Bolsterstone. **Turn left** after church into Stone Moor Road. Take **left fork** into Long Lane. Ride to the T junction and **turn right** into Mortimer Road. **Take next left** into Gill Royd Lane to Upper Midhope. Where road bends sharp right **turn left** through the gate into Thickwoods Lane bridleway. Follow track, bearing left, through gate in front of reservoir wall. Keep on track until it bears sharp left, go **straight on**, through bridle gate, and follow path across moor. At junction of paths, **go right**. Cross Brook House Bridge go uphill and slight left on clear forest track- passing two footpaths on right. At junction of bridleways, **bear right** and keep on main track until Langsett Barn Parking area. Take the **bridleway on right**, steep downhill, then **left and right** and through the bridle gate onto road. **Turn right**, across Dam Head and then **right onto bridleway** (*Joseph Lane*). At end of bridleway **turn left**, passing cottages. At T junction go **straight on**, through Upper Midhope and, as road bears left, continue **straight ahead** onto Midhope Hall Lane. At T junction by Ye Old Mustard Pot **turn right and next left** onto Oaks Lane. Just after Underbank Activities Centre take **permissive bridleway on left**. At T junction **turn left** on Clay Pits Lane. Take **next left** over Unsliven Bridge into Underbank Lane. **Turn left and right** up bank to cross main road to stay on Underbank Lane. Before overpass **turn right** onto cycle track. This exits onto Hunshelf Road. Ride downhill to T junction and **cross over turning left** on red brick dust track beyond pavement on Fox Valley Way. Ride across road **turning right** down Samuel Fox Way. Follow Samuel Fox Ave and join **cycle track on the left** along river. Rejoin Samuel Fox Ave. **Take next right** crossing railway line and straight on up hill to cross Manchester Road into Ash Lane. **At T junction turn right** into Haywood Lane and **next left** to Haywood Ave. At **cross roads ride straight over** into Fox Glen Road. At T junction **turn left and then right** into Broomfield Lane. At next T junction **turn left** and continue up hill and **turn left** into Hollin Busk Road. At the cross roads go **straight across** into Royd Lane. Take **next right** into Common Lane. Follow this byway to the old farm **bearing right** past the barns and up through gate. At the top **turn right** staying on byway through two more gates and downhill to T junction. **Turn right** into Sunny Bank Road. **Take restricted byway on the left**, steep downhill to Race Lane. At T junction **turn left**. Ride across bridge over Ewden Beck and on along Jack Lane. Ride up steep hill, at T junction **turn left** onto Carr House Lane to Brightholmlee. Take **restricted byway on the right** (*Storth Lane*). At T junction ride **straight on** into Green Lane through Wharncliffe Side and continue along Cockshutts Lane. **Turn right** into Long Lane and **then left** into Jackey Lane down steep hill to Wheel Lane. At T junction in Oughtibridge **turn right** into Church Street **and left** into Naylor Road. At T junction **turn left and first right** into Hillcrest Drive and onto bridleway into woods. After fence **turn left** on the bridleway up the hill (*Boggard Lane*). At T junction **turn right** onto Haggstones road. Ride through the bends and take **left** into Mowson Lane. Take **bridleway on right** by park (*Lingard Lane*) uphill to T junction at Worrall Road. **Turn right and left** onto Kirk Edge Road and return to parking at Worrall.