

Heritage Ride 4 - Onesacre to Damflask Ride



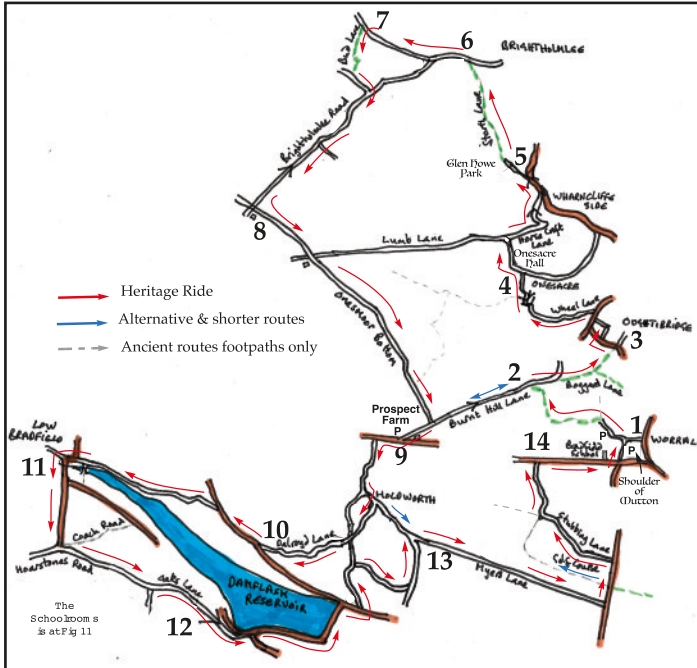
Mileage and time: Full route 14 miles (23k) cyclists 2-4 hrs horse riders c4 to 6 hrs, Shorter route 7.5 miles (12.2k) Suitable bikes: mountain, cyclocross, gravel. This is a very pretty ride combining magnificent views and lanes full of history. The route follows some ancient pack horse routes. Some very steep climbs.

Parking: The Shoulder of Mutton car park, Top Road, Worrall S35 0AQ (*unavailable on Sundays*) or at the park on Towngate Road (first left after the pub).

Alternative parking for horse boxes & trailers by arrangement. Prospect Farm: contact Rachel Hague - rachel@mhhcontracting.co.uk or 0114 2213795

Refreshments: The Shoulder of Mutton, Worrall.

The Schoolrooms, Low Bradfield - food options can be booked (0114 2851920)



word for 'lane', another clue that this is an ancient route. A short way down the road bear right onto the bridleway called Boggard Lane. At the old water trough where the track bends right up the hill ride straight on by the farm. This track exits onto an unmettled road called Hillcrest Drive.

3. At the T junction turn left, with care, onto Haggstones Road and after a short way first right into Naylor Road past Oughtibridge school. At the next T junction turn right into Church Street and next left into the narrow Wheel Lane. *This is another ancient road leading to Onesacre, a hamlet that is mentioned in*

Ride Directions:

If parked at Prospect Farm begin at Fig 9.

1. Turn right out of the pub car park and left onto Towngate Road. Follow the road to the end and then take the Restricted Byway to the left, passing behind Bradfield school. *This is a very old road leading through the town fields of medieval Worrall. Follow the track as it turns right alongside a narrow field (called Long Dole on 17th century records). Dole means shared field. It is possible that this field was used as a route for livestock from the valley to the common which was enclosed in 1789.*

2. When you reach the road turn right. The farm opposite the track is called Gate, a Viking

the doomsday book of 1086. Remain on this road as it becomes Coldwell Hill and ascends very steeply.

4. At the top turn left into Green Lane passing the 17th century Onesacre Hall. Take the first right into Horse Croft Lane to Wharncliffe Side going steep downhill. Turn left at the bottom onto Green Lane.

5. As the road bends sharp right ride straight on following the sign to Glen Howe Park. *This is Storth Lane an old pack horse route to Bolsterstone and beyond, crossing the river at Ewden. The pack horse bridge was removed when More Hall Reservoir was created and now can be seen in Glen Howe Park, but only on foot.*

Storth Lane becomes a Restricted Byway and there is plenty of evidence that it is an ancient route. *There are old walls, trees and stone gate posts with large holes (pre metal fixings).*

6. Turn left as the track becomes a metalled road and ride through Brightholmlee, another ancient settlement. *The water troughs on the left are relatively new dated of 1826. Go straight on to Thornhouse Lane. There is a milestone on your left and some of the old stone paving on the right side of the road. This would have been the paving on the old pack horse track before the walls existed.*

7. At Thornhouse Farm turn left onto a Restricted Byway (*Bud Lane*). At the top turn left into a farm drive and then right at the road. Stay on this road for a mile and a half passing a junction on your left and up the hill to some cross roads.

8. Turn left into Onesmoor Road signposted to Worrall. Notice the old milestone opposite and at the next crossroads. *The milestones were very important for way finding before the time of the Enclosures, when the walls were built. Stay on this road going downhill to a T junction. Turn right. For a shorter ride turn left down Burnt Hill Lane and right onto the bridleway opposite Gate Farm retracing your steps to the Worrall car park.*

For the riders starting from Prospect Farm start here. *(Alternatively turn left down Burnt Hill Road and continue from Gate farm Fig 2).*

9. At the T junction (Prospect Farm) turn right and then left into Moor Road signposted to Holdworth. At Holdworth ride into the hamlet and turn right onto Stony Lane. *(For a shorter route go straight on and rejoin the ride at Myers Lane - Fig 13).* At the cross roads go straight across onto Dalroyd Lane overlooking Damflask Reservoir.

10. Ride down the hill and at the T junction turn right, with care, and after a short way turn left into Trouble Wood Lane to Low Bradfield. Follow this lane down eventually riding alongside the top end of Damflask Reservoir. At the next junction in Low Brad-

field turn left on Smithy Bridge Road. *The Smithy is now a garage, and is near the site of an old corn mill. Low Bradfield is another ancient settlement.*

11. Cross the bridge and turn left onto Mill Lee Road to Dungworth. Pass The Schoolrooms and ride up the hill turning left at the top onto Hoarstones Road. *Foxhill Farm (crenulated for dramatic effect) is on your left. Along this road there is a good view of High Bradfield with it's fine medieval church and Damflask Reservoir; behind you is Agden Reservoir.*

12. Go downhill past Ughill Road and turn right at the bottom, with care, onto New Road. This road crosses the dam head. Once across take the right fork to Sheffield, passing water troughs on the left, and then turn sharp left onto the narrow Back Lane, another ancient route. Take the next right onto Hollin House Lane and at the T junction turn left onto West Lane. Ride up the hill and turn right onto Myers Lane.

13. Ride along Myers Lane. *At certain times of year the water in the ditch on the left is stained orange, this is from the mine workings on Loxley Common, where ganister was mined for use in the metal working industries of Sheffield. At the T junction turn left, keeping well into the side due to a blind brow. At the top you may be able to turn left onto a permissive bridleway across the golf course. Here the remnants of victorian ganister mine workings can be seen. This will bring you out at the end of Stubbing Lane. If the way across the golf course is not open ride on and take the next left along Stubbing Lane. At Low Ash after the sharp corner to the right (here the golf course track rejoins the road) notice another old stone track for horses on the right next to the wall and now above the road. From the top there is another lovely view with Onesacre now seem across the valley.*

14. At the T junction turn right to Worrall passing Bradfield School on the left, and then second left onto Top Road returning to The Shoulder of Mutton Car Park. *Those riding from Prospect Farm continue from Fig 1.*