

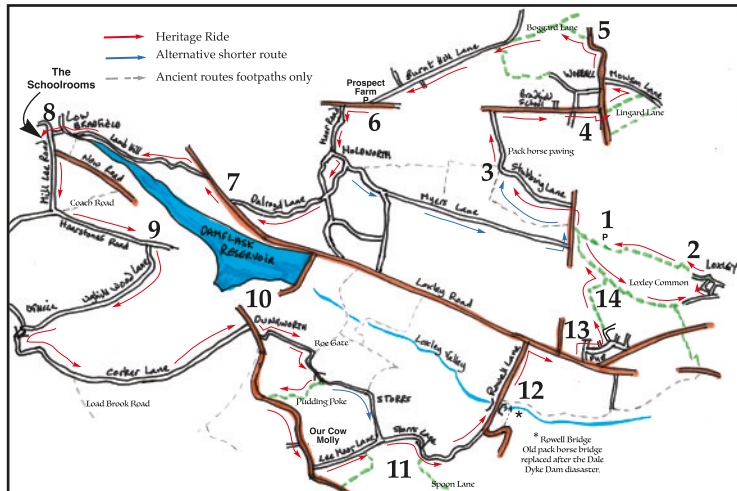
# Heritage Ride 5 - Damflask to Loxley Common

**Mileage and time:** Full route 15.5 miles cyclists 1.5 to 3 hrs horse riders c4 to 6 hrs (shorter route 7.5 miles) Suitable bikes: mountain, cyclocross, gravel.

**Description:** A ride with lots of variety, combining Loxley Common, magnificent views and pretty lanes full of history. There are some busier roads but they are wide and you will not be on them for long. Some steep hills.

**Parking:** Loxley Common car park, Long Lane, Worrall S35 0AF  
Alternative parking for horse boxes & trailers by arrangement. Prospect Farm: contact Rachel Hague - rachel@mhhcontracting.co.uk or 0114 2213795

**Refreshments:** Our Cow Molly Ice Cream Hilltop, Dungworth. S6 6GW  
The Schoolrooms, Low Bradfield S6 6LB - food options can be booked (0114 2851920)



if clear of people and dogs. The open ground becomes a track Follow the bridleway sign to the car park crossing another the horse hop. Go straight through the car park to the T junction with the main road. Turn right and take the first left along Stubbing Lane. It may be possible, if open, for horse riders to use a permissive route across the golf course. Ride straight across instead. Follow the way-markers riding round

## Ride Directions:

1. From the car park ride back along the road for a short distance and take the bridleway on left. \*follow the bridleway downhill into the woods. At the junction of bridleways continue straight ahead. (*The bridleway on the right is where you will ride up at Fig 14*). Stay on the main track, bearing left and downhill eventually passing fields on your right. After the fields the bridleway bears right over a horse hop and downhill. After the second horse hop bear left and at the next junction bear right along the rough metalled lane passing Loxley House Farm (*built in 1826*) on your right. The lane bears left into Bland Lane. At the T junction turn left up the hill and go straight onto the Bridleway at Aldene Avenue.
2. This will take you past allotments over a horse hop back onto the common. Carry straight on, a good place for horses to canter

the edge of the field bearing left at the wood and at the T junction right following the track up the hill. *Notice the remnants of victorian ganister mine workings in the woods.* This bridleway will bring you out on the corner of Stubbing Lane opposite Low Ash stables. Ride straight on at the road.

3. Ride past Low Ash stables. *Low Ash was a Victorian boarding school. After the corner, on the right, notice an old stone pavement against the wall which would have been used by pack horses.* At the T junction turn right passing Bradfield School on the left.
4. Ride into Worrall until the T Junction. Turn right into Worrall Road and almost immediately left onto a bridleway (*Lingard Lane*) going steep downhill. At the bottom turn left onto Mowson Lane and at the T junction turn right onto Haggstones Road. The road narrows with an S bend, give way to oncoming traffic. Ride through the bends and turn left onto Boggard Lane.

5. *Boggard Lane is an old road skirting a quarry on the right. Take care of the drop into the quarry by keeping to the left of the track. The track goes downhill and bears left. Notice the old stone trough, a drinking place for working animals. Pass the cemetery on your right and join the road, bearing left up the hill to the top on Burnt Hill Lane.*

*For the riders starting from Prospect Farm start and end here.*

6. *At the T junction (Prospect Farm) turn right and then left into Moor Road sign-posted to Holdworth. Notice the milestone on your left. Milestones were very important for way finding before the time of the Enclosures, when the walls were built. At Holdworth take the second turn right into Stony Lane and straight on at the crossroads onto Dalroyd Lane to Low Bradfield overlooking Damflask Reservoir. For the shorter ride go straight on through Holdworth taking the left fork onto Myers Lane to Loxley. At the T Junction turn left keeping well in due to the blind brow, ride to the top of the hill and then turn right on the bridleway to the car park. (For those riding from Prospect Farm take the bridleway to the right before the car park and continue from the \* Fig 1.)*

7. *At the bottom of the hill turn right at the T junction and then turn left onto Trouble Wood Lane to Low Bradfield where you will eventually ride alongside the end of Damflask Reservoir. At the T junction in Low Bradfield turn left on Smithy Bridge Road. Low Bradfield is another ancient settlement.*

8. *Cross the bridge and turn left at the T junction onto Mill Lee Road to Dungworth. Pass The Schoolrooms and ride up the hill and turn left at the top onto Hoarstones Road. Foxhill Farm, crenellated for dramatic effect, is on your left. Along this road there is a good view of High Bradfield with its fine medieval church and Damflask Reservoir, behind you is Agden Reservoir.*

9. *Take the first right into Ughill Wood Road to Ughill. At the T junction turn left on Corker Lane. Notice the small fields and stone gateposts with a hole in them, the way of securing a gate before metal fixings. The gateposts changed*

*in the early 19th century with Enclosure, so this area is old and relatively unchanged.*

10. *Keep riding to the next T junction in Dungworth. Here turn right and first left onto Dungworth Green to Storrs. Ride through Dungworth past the primary school, downhill and then after a steep rise turn right onto the bridleway at Storrs Carr. This ancient track is called Pudding Poke. There are numerous clay mines in the area and an old coal shaft on Pudding Poke (on the corner and now filled in). If you want to miss the main road or shorten the ride do not take the bridleway but go straight on following the road as it bears right at Storrs Green. The main loop rejoins the road that you are on at Lee Moor Lane, continue from Fig 11. At the end of the bridleway turn left onto the main road and ride for a short way to Hill Top and Our Cow Molly. Keep on this road downhill and take the next left turn into Lee Moor Lane to Storrs. At the T junction turn right on Storrs Lane to Loxley*

11. *The road goes steep downhill and at the bottom becomes Rowell Lane. Keep on this road and cross the River Loxley at Rowell Bridge, giving way to oncoming traffic. Straight after the bridge there is an old packhorse track and bridge nearly hidden by trees on the right (now a footpath). This narrow bridge was rebuilt after the Dale Dyke Dam disaster in 1864, which caused the Great Sheffield Flood.*

12. *Ride on up the hill and at the T junction turn right onto Loxley Road riding past Long Lane on the left. Take the next left into Hanson Road just before The Admiral Rodney.*

13. *Ride up Hanson Road and turn into Chase Road on the right follow the road round and turn left into France Road. Ride straight on at Archer Gate over the horse hop onto the bridleway.*

14. *Ride up the hill as the track bears right over a horse hop. Cross another horse hop, keeping to the track bearing left. At the T junction of bridleways turn left and retrace your steps back to the car park. (For those riding from Prospect Farm turn right and continue on the bridleway at Fig 1.)*