

BAILDON BOUNDARY WAY ROUTE 2022

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GETTING TO THE START

From Baildon Rugby & Cricket Sports Club (the Race HQ), go back down the narrow lane and continue down Heygate Lane until you come to two mini-roundabouts. Turn left into Ladderbanks Lane. Pass Bramham Drive on your right and the lane narrows into an enclosed path. Continue on passing Langley Lane on your right. Follow the narrow track winding downhill, go through a gate at the bottom to reach a track at the top of open fields above a lake. Turn to your right. The race starts on this track. The distance from the Race HQ to the start is about 1,000 metres (all flat or downhill).

ROUTE

Set off along the track, with the lake downhill to your left, and you will reach the Tong Park War Memorial. Turn right on the track immediately before the Memorial and go uphill to a gate with a stile to its right. Go through and follow the track until you reach a made road. Cross the road and take the road almost opposite, signed "Public Footpath" to continue downhill. The road soon becomes a track that you follow downhill passing a converted Chapel on your right. The track meets a Y-junction. Take the right-hand fork. After 100 metres turn right at a T-junction by some high railings and descend to meet the busy A6038 Otley Road. Turn sharp left at Otley Road and **CROSS THE ROAD WITH CARE** opposite the Esso garage.

Follow the pavement up Hollins Hill passing the (**1 mile**) sign. Go past the traffic lights and turn right into Station Road. Keep to the right and join the pavement, then follow the road round, under the viaduct. Cross the road just before the refuse bin and take the path up to the Esholt Woods car park. Cross the car park, through the stile and follow the path across two wooden bridges and follow the path up the hill.

Take care when crossing the mountain bike path (2 miles). Turn right at the top and follow the slightly rising track and go through a large opening in a wall. Continue on the main track for 60 metres. Turn right downhill. Follow the main track through the woods, eventually coming to a stream. Go over the bridge and stile to a lane and turn right. Follow this lane and descend slightly keeping to the right.

Before the large puddle, take the track up on the left. Follow the cobbled path round, then take the right hand fork into the woods. Follow the most direct path through the woods and after about 400 metres bear right towards the tarmac path with the concrete slabs and turn right at (**3 miles**) along the path back towards Esholt village.

Join the access road to the water works and continue to Pullan Lane on the left. Turn left down Pullan Lane and cross the village to Esholt Lane. Follow Esholt Lane, through (**4 miles**), cross the road bridge over the beck and just before the entrance to the Old Barn and Ghyll Beck Golf Driving Range, turn left through the green metal fence stile into the field. Follow the path through the field, keeping the river to your left, through the stile onto a footpath to Buck Lane (**5 miles**). At Buck Lane, turn left and cross the river bridge, following the track up to the canal.

Cross the swing bridge at Buck Hill and turn immediately right, following the bridleway and keeping the canal on your right. Follow the path through (**6 miles**) to the railway bridge on the left, cross the bridge and follow the path up to the left, joining Brackendale and passing the pond to your left.

At the T Junction at the end of Brackendale, turn right onto Windhill Old Road. Where the road forks, keep going straight on – marked with dead end road signs (don't run left under the bridge), to the end of the road. Run through the snicket and join the disused railway line. Follow this path all the way down to the tarmac path with two large tree trunks laid down to block vehicles. Turn right on the tarmac path to the railway bridge, cross over and follow the path round, keeping right until you reach the canal at swing bridge 210, adjacent to the entrance to CarnaudMetalbox Engineering. Turn left and rejoin the canal towpath or Dockfield Road if the towpath is closed. At Dock Lane, **CROSS THE ROAD CAREFULLY** and rejoin the towpath.

Continue along the towpath passing the (**7 miles**) sign. Pass the former Ellis Briggs' cycle shop on the right, go under the main road (bridge 207C) and continue on the towpath under bridges 207B and 207E to Salts Mill on the edge of Saltaire. This Victorian village was designated a World Heritage site by UNESCO in December 2001. Go under the next unnumbered road bridge and continue on the towpath passing the (**8 miles**) marker. Go up a small incline at Hirst Lock and before the top go through a gap in the low wall on your right. Descend four small stone steps, and go straight ahead on the track aiming for a footbridge, **crossing with care** the access road to Salt Junior Football Club grounds. Cross the footbridge over the River Aire and immediately turn left down a short slope. Continue ahead passing a stone dome on your left and you come to a stream. Cross the footbridge, then turn right up the track to an unmade road where you turn left.

Continue ahead and just before a gatehouse at the entrance of some woods turn right and follow a hedged path (**9 miles**) to a kissing gate (known locally as the birdcage). Go through and go straight ahead ignoring all other paths. After a short steep climb, a wall appears on the left. Follow this steadily rising path. Keep to the top edge of the woods. **Take extra care on this section as erosion has reduced the width of this path in some places.** Eventually the path drops slightly to a flat open space, just emerging from the woods. Here take the path that branches off to the right and drops down to a stream. Turn right over a bridge, through a gate and bear left to go between two concrete bollards to head upwards over the moor (**10 miles**). Follow the main path climbing towards the road. Where the path branches, bear left heading for the wall corner and the road. Turn left and take the track between the wall and road bringing you to a gate next to a T-junction of roads near a cattle grid. **CROSS THE ROAD WITH CARE.**

Having crossed the road, go through a gate and continue along the edge of the moor with the wall to your left. On reaching a gate near to a putting green, pass through it and go straight ahead crossing the sandy gallops where Harvey Smith, the former showjumper, and his wife Sue, the trainer of Auroras Encore, the 66/1 winner of the 2013 Grand National, exercise their horses. Head upwards and then bear right following the grassy path running parallel to the gallop track (**11 miles**) and heading towards the houses. Go through a gate before the houses and pass the houses on your right. On reaching a tarmac road, go right. Continue on downhill eventually passing Faweather Farm and Cottage on your right and Faweather Grange on your

left (**12 miles**). Continue down the track until the track bends to the left. Here go through the stile or the gate on your right to pass through Sconce Scout Camp car park.

Aim across the car park so that a wall is on your right and trees to your left. Go through the rusty metal gate and over a small stream bridged by a stone slab. Follow the path across the moor aiming towards a white house (formerly a restaurant). Opposite the white house take the grassy path off to the left of the main path aiming for the road by the house. **CROSS THE ROAD WITH CARE.** Just after the white house and the first telegraph post, take the grassy path to the right climbing steeply to the top of the hill passing a bench and follow the path along the edge before bearing slightly right to join the wide main grassy path running slightly downhill. Continue aiming towards a group of trees in the distance following a wide grassy path downhill and veering right. Drop down and turn left onto the narrow road (**13 miles**). Follow the road downhill and where it bends to the left, veer right, go up six small stone steps to your right and go through the small gate. Continue on an uneven stony path, **watch out for tree roots**, for 60 metres and go up four small stone steps, veer right and the finish is ahead on the football field. **Congratulations!**