

START COP STANLEY (PLAYING FIELDS NR A642)

FINISH COP SCOTCHMAN LANE (BOTTOM OF HILL NR 'NEEDLESS PH')

Last updated July 18

From COP ahd along RH side of playing fld to rd. X rd & BR on encl fp (following line of pylons) to reach rd. Dist 660 m.

X rd, TL & ahd up road to reach 'Mountbatten Grove' on R. Cont ahd (crossing to LH side of rd) to reach F-post (Public footpath) on L. Dist 600 m.

TL on narrow fp thru flds to reach gap in hedge onto wide trk. TL on trk, (ignore turns to L & R) cont ahd and keep right always heading for Golf Course to reach Wooden FB (Damaged –take care) & K-gt sign (Public footpath Aberford Rd) Dist 660 m.

P-thru gt & ahd on trk thru Golf Course to reach X trks (Bench on L). TR up hill on wide trk (Oak trees to L) to reach K-gt and Bus stop P-thru to rd(cross with care-busy). Dist 760 m.

BR across rd to public footpath sign & trk on L next to No 80. Ahd up trk (hedge and railings on L, then houses) (ignore fp off to R) to reach trk/fp jcn. Then at 2 concrete posts TR on fp (hedge on L & towards older style red brick houses) to reach fld corner. TL on encl fp to reach public footpath sign continue on to rd. Dist 700 m.

Ahd on rd to reach Main rd & shops. BL across rd (with care) to F-post (PB). Ahd on trk (house on L) to reach dual carriageway. Dist 300 m.

X rd (with extreme care use Pelican crossing) to trk opp (Aldi on L). Ahd on wide trk (Persimmon homes on L) pass through metal gate then passing farm & bungalow on R to reach rd. Dist 700 m.

X rd with care & ahd down 'Wrenthorpe Road' (passing under railway bridge) to reach park entrance on L( just after High Park View building). Dist 340 m.

TL & ahd thru park on tarmac drive to reach metal post. P-thru & ahd on trk (grassy areas to L) to reach FB. X FB & TR up (at black metal post, yellow dot)'Alverthorpe Meadows' (head towards Church at top of hill) to reach gap in hedge. P-thru & follow fp around LH side of fld to reach fld corner & gap in hedge. P-thru & BL to reach LH corner of grave yard. Dist 1150 m.

Ahd on tarmac fp (graveyard then Church on R houses on left). To reach rd. TL on rd downhill to reach rd. TL on rd to reach 'Chantry Vets' on L. Dist 600 m.

TR across rd (caution busy rd) to fp (between house No. 171 and Bridge mill autos) ahd to reach rd. TL on rd to rd jcn. TR ('The Albion PH' on R) passing 'Willow Road' to reach 'Willow Lane' (factory entrance to L). Dist 440 m.

TR up lane, tarmac soon becomes dirt trk to reach metal barrier. P-thru & cont on trk passing thru (2) more barriers & cont ahd on encl fp to reach 4 small wooden posts. TL & uphill still on same fp (Trading Estate thru hedge on L) to reach 3 way fp. Dist 600 m.

TR around wooded area along banking (will soon have trees both sides of track) follow track bends round to LH then uphill to reach 3 way FP, TR for Park Mill Lane ¼ mile. Path BR & drops downhill on grassy trk (overgrown?) to reach Golf Course. Dist 660 m.

At Golf Course go straight ahd to reach car park (will pass RH side of no 8 tee). Ahd thru C.P. to rd. TL on road up hill, TR onto Park Mill Lane (crossing M1) to reach sharp LH bend F-post Gawthorpe & West Ardsley - TR (sign Tufty Farm on gate), Dist 1000 m.

Ahd on wide farm trk, (passing 'Tufty Farm' on R) cont on trk to reach RH bend. F-post (Gawthorpe & West Ardsley) & st on L. Dist 600 m.

Go into field TR & ahd (hedge on R) to reach hidden FP. (West Ardsley) Go ahd thru fld (head for telegraph pole) to reach st. Dist 200 m.

X st & BL to hidden FB. X FB (with care). TR & ahd to open fld to reach fp waymark on post on L. Dist. 50 m.

Ahd (fence on R) to reach fld cnr (metal gate to RHs) ahd up narrow track keep trees to RH side (stone bungalow on RH side) to reach gap in hedge and FB. P-thru to wide trk. F-post-PF. Dist 275 m.

TL on trk & then immed R FP West Ardsley (Lower Park Farm Drive). Ahd passing farm on R go ahd (hedge on L) to reach gt & st. X st & BR across middle of fld to reach st (LCW sign). X st then FB (care FB broken) then st into fld. TR to fld cnr, TL & ahd (hedge & stream on R) to reach FP Arrow into fld, ahd thru fld to FB on R over stream. Dist 1400 m.

X FB & broken st & ahd to reach st at side of Green electrical box. X st & TL round electric box & ahd to broken st (Do not TR and go up hill). X st & ahd (fence on L) to fld corner. TR up hill (hedge on L) to reach large 'Oak Trees' & st on L (LCW sign). Dist 450 m.

X st into fld. Go ahd ('Oak Trees' on L) to reach fld cnr. TR & ahd (no fp so generally flw hedge on L) to pass st on L. Cont ahd (hedge still on L) to reach hidden st on L near fld cnr . (Farm buildings on L thru hedge.) X st (LCW) & T immed R to FB. X FB into farmyard. Dist 420 m.

P-thru yard & BL to new tarmac drive. TR up hill (farm house on R & Houses on L) to reach RH bend & gt & st on L. X st & ahd towards pylon (hedge on L). At hedge corner BL across fld to gap in hedge (will see Water tower in distance). Go through gap & ahd (hedge on L) to reach stone steps & st. Go to right of stile on footpath & ahd (hedge on L) to join wide trk. TR on trk to reach stone gt post. (hidden yellow arrow). TR still on main trk to reach X road in trk 100m before red houses. TL up hill, (hedge on R) to fld cnr & gap in hedge. (LCW Sign) P-thru & TR, flw edge of fld to reach gts. P-thru to rd (A653 Dual Carriageway). Dist 1750 m.

BR across rd (with extreme care) to farm drive opp. Ahd on drive to reach farm. F-post-(Bridlepath to Soothill). TR up trk to reach gt on L. Turn Left FP Lydgate School & ahd (fence/hedge on R & flw line of power poles) to reach fp waymark on post on R, at gap between houses. TR to reach rd. Dist 1300 m.

TL on rd to main rd. X rd to rd opp 'Manor Farm Drive' ahd up rd (ignore turns to L & R) to reach LH bend & fp on R between bungalows. F-post-PF. TR on fp thru metal barriers. P-thru second barrier to reach gt. Dist 350 m.

P-thru gt (ignore st on L) & ahd down fld (fence on L) to reach st. X st & ahd towards bottom of hill (enclosed path towards trees). At end of fence cont ahd down hill to reach wide trk. TR on trk to reach beck (pipe bridge has now gone!) on L. X beck with care & ahd uphill on fp to reach X paths. TL on fp to pass close to pylon to reach K-gate. P-thru & ahd on trk to reach metal gts & farm on R. Dist 750 m.

P-thru & ahd on wide trk to trk jcn (LCW fp sign on R) TR on fp to reach gt & TR on tarmac rd (passing under railway tunnel & ignoring T to R) to reach rd. Dist 370 m & COP.

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