

YORKSHIREMAN OFF-ROAD MARATHON

ROUTE DESCRIPTION Half Marathon

Full route on OS South Pennines Outdoor Leisure 21.

Start is at the bottom of the main street in Haworth and finishes at Haworth Primary School, Rawdon Road, Haworth (Grid Ref 034374)

Route as described below visiting checkpoints in correct order.

	Checkpoint		Grid Reference	Approximate Mileage
Start	Main Street Haworth		034 374	-
1	Hebden Bridge Road		017 337	3.75
2	Withens Pub	R	045 306	8
3	Road/path junction Fly flats		031 327	9.5
4	Mill Lane, Oxenhope	R		12.0
Finish	Haworth Primary School		034 374	14.5

R Manned checkpoint with refreshments

Your race number will be taken at the manned checkpoints. Ensure it is clearly visible & you shout it out to the officials. You are advised to carry a mug, water will be provided.

The start is now at the bottom of Haworth Main Street at the junction with Sun Street. The route is first right Weavers Hill off Sun Street up hill through several levels of the main car park to emerge at a gate & stile leading up a track to Penistone Hill. Take the main path straight ahead bearing left uphill after about 400 yds. The path leads across to the cricket ground. Follow the path between the cricket ground & quarry taking the main track to Moorside Lane. Opposite the public toilets take the bottom track to Drop farm. Immediately after Drop farm take the stile over the wall & turn left down the field side with wall on left. Through 2 stiles & over cattle grid to emerge on Lee Lane, turn right pass reservoir up hill, now track. Turn left on conduit for approximately one and half miles to **CHECKPOINT 1** at junction with main road,

Cross road and follow conduit for another mile leaving at Far Peat Lane, right along tarmac road for 400 yards, taking gate and track to left over stream. Follow White Moor Lane then Sawood Lane uphill to gate, ahead on rough

track to open moor, Wind Farm on right. After one and a quarter mile down steps and across footbridge, follow path until it meets track. Bear right to **CHECKPOINT 2** at Withens pub.

Right along road, after three-quarters of a mile the full marathon route leaves the road by a stile to Slade Barn, continue on the road for a further mile past the reservoir on your left. Take the stile and then path up onto Nab Hill **Checkpoint 3**.

Continue along the ridge until you emerge back on Hambleton Lane, here turn left down the track. Just after the gate and stile bear right then immediately left following the way marks post. You are now on the Millennium Way. You follow the Millennium Way three miles all the way back to Penistone Hill and the finish.

Follow the waymarkers down hill over the conduit to the back of Leeming Reservoir. The route runs above the reservoir passing the embankment and down to Oxenhope village emerging on Jew Lane.

Turn left down steps in front of the mill, across the yard and down a walled path to Lower Town. Continue straight ahead up Best Lane to emerge on Hebden Road opposite the Bay Horse Pub. Turn left & cross the busy road with care. After 100 yards where Hebden Road meets Back Shaw Lane turn right into the park. Pass through the park on the tarmac path pass the tennis courts into Cross Lane where you turn left crossing the road when safe to do so. Turn right at the bottom & across the top of the entrance to Oxenhope Station car park. This is Mill Lane **Checkpoint 4** is on the left 100 yards further on.

Turn left off Mill Lane down the Worth Way. The route now follows the Worth Way all the way back to Haworth along the river.

The Way crosses the river just after the engine sheds, keep right do not cross the tracks. Pass the sewage farm on your left shortly after cross the beck again by a metal footbridge turn left & keep the river on your left all the way into Haworth. Do not cross the river there are 2 bridges to tempt you.

One small detour from the river side through the front of a farm but dropping back immediately via a stile. After another mile the path emerges into Haworth at the bottom of Brow Road, turn left crossing the railway & river by the War Memorial, immediately after crossing the bridge turn right along Belle Isle Road at the bottom of Bridgehouse lane. This road passes below Haworth Park, turn left up Butt Lane, a cobbled road, to the top where it meets Rawdon Road, turn right, the school & finish are on you right in 200 yards.