

## Along the Route

### Technical Difficulty

- Easy: Generally a hard smoothish surface
  - Moderate: A more uneven surface
  - Technical: Rough, uneven going. Difficult!
- Generalisations only. Allowance for weather also required.

### 'Off Road' Path Type

- Bridleways (a black edging to a technical grade)
- Byways & other 'Off Roads' (no edging)

Bridleways are for cyclists, walkers and horse riders and are generally well signposted. In particular the Pennine Bridleway is often signposted PBW. Mountain bikers must give way to people on foot or horseback.

### Uphill Indicator

Shown along the marked route. It's subjective but at least an indication of what is in store!

#### Points Uphill

- 1 Leg Warmer
- 2 Pulse Racer
- 3 Lungbuster

### Gradients / Heights

- 310 Spot heights (in metres) marked along the route
- 275- Contours (25 metre intervals)

### Surface Descriptions

As annotated on the map - generalisations only. Allowance for weather also required.

### 'Off Road' Downhills

Note: Long arrow in downhill direction

## General

- PBW Pennine Bridleway National Trail
- Gate
- Wall
- Footpath
- Car park
- Tourist / Visitor Information Centre
- Public House
- Cafe
- 5 Miles from the Start
- A Reference markers for text description (see over)

- 'Off Road' not along the route
- Very Narrow Road: surface may be in poor condition
- Minor Road 2: often single track
- Minor Road 1
- Main Road: 'A' and 'B' Roads

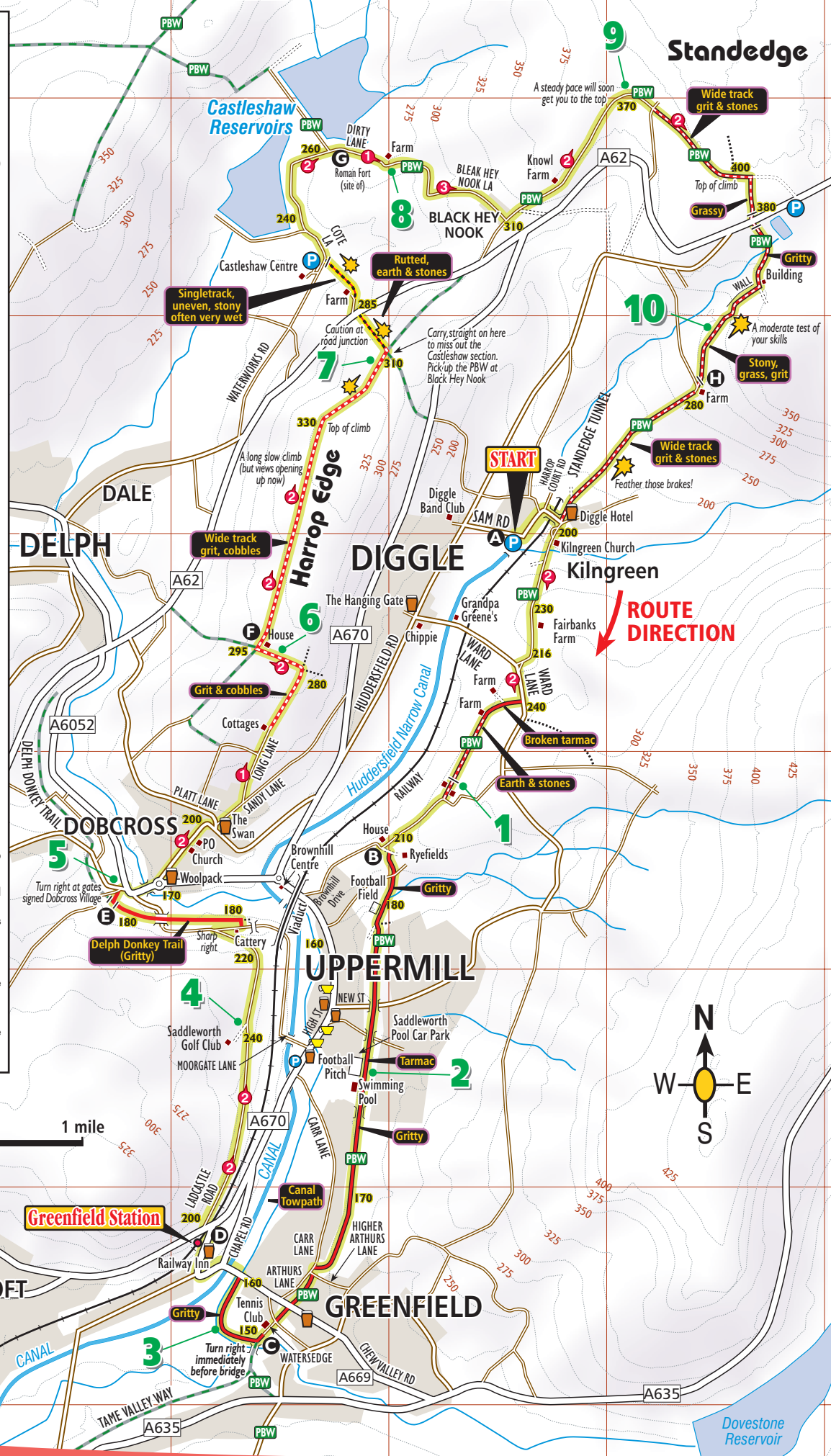
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Try a Trail by Bike...

## Diggle Jiggle

A circular Mountain Bike Route from Diggle that includes sections on the Pennine Bridleway National Trail.

This map is part of a series that can be downloaded free from [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/penninebridleway](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/penninebridleway)



ROUTE LENGTH  
11 miles  
17km

Pennine Bridleway

NATIONAL TRAIL



# Diggle Jiggle

## Mountain Bike Route

**Route Length: 11 miles / 17km. Rough Time: 2½ - 4 hours.**

A mountain biking route that has two distinct halves. The first teases you with some small ups and downs as you jiggle your way from Diggle to Greenfield. Then a narrow lane will make you work as it leads up then down to The Delph Donkey Trail (a former singletrack branch railway). With your muscles nicely warmed up it is now time for the more arduous second half. Make your way up Harrop Edge via Dobcross then drop down to the Castleshaw Reservoirs before climbing once more towards Standedge. Your reward for the hard work is an exhilarating final off-road plunge back down to Diggle.

**START: Diggle. Sam Road Car Park** - drive into Diggle, with the Hanging Gate Pub on your left, continue for 400 metres and TR onto Sam Road. The car park is on the right by the first bend.

For navigation please note that except for section C to F you are on the Pennine Bridleway National Trail which is generally well signposted as the name or 'PBW'.

The points below are referenced on the map

- A** Out of the car park & TR onto road. Over railway bridge and TR. Follow road, shortly passing Kilngreen Church. Continue up steeply. At next road junction bear left onto Ward Lane. Before reaching top TR at sign for Pennine Bridleway. Soon bear left at fork and follow straight on as tarmac turns to track. Straight on through gate & buildings to come out at a lane. TR.
- B** After about 300 metres TL, signed Pennine Bridleway, after 50m TR down the track. At road crossing, continue SA. At end of football pitch bear slight left onto path signed Pennine Bridleway. Keep now heading straight on. Join tarmac, straight on passing swimming pool on your right and then under bridge. Come out by Cross Lane & Arthurs Lane. TL and then quickly onto path signed PBW. Straight across two roads. Pass tennis club on your right and continue straight on to a bridge
- C** Immediately before the bridge TR onto path to keep river on your left. At end TL onto road. Climb up and around sharp bend and pass Greenfield Station on your left.
- D** At give way TL then immediate right onto the narrow Ladcastle Road (signed for Saddleworth Golf Club). Climb. Pass the golf club entrance & descend steeply. Caution for cars. After about 400 metres turn sharp right onto Mow Halls Lane. Just before going under a bridge TL into the access point for the Delph Donkey Trail and then TL onto the trail.
- E** Follow to a set of gates and TR, signed Dobcross Village Centre. TR onto road (caution: steep) then immediately TR at a give way. Down & along to roundabout by The Woolpack Pub. Take first exit to climb road (Woods Lane - signed a bit further up). Follow up to The Swan. TL onto Platt Lane then immediate right (next to The Swan) up road (Sandy Lane). After 150m bear left onto Long Lane. Head straight up. The tarmac turns to a track by cottages. Continue straight up then round left bend and up a bit more to a track crossroads (house on right).

- F** TR for gradual long climb. Arrive at top then after a short descent come to a track crossroads (easy to miss). TL & descend to road (caution here as there is no gate before the road). Go left for only 10 metres then TR down the tarmac drive. Bear right just before house onto what is often a very wet path. Drop down to gate and TR onto road. Continue straight on by the first reservoir & climb to next reservoir. Here you are back on the Pennine Bridleway.
- G** Proceed straight ahead, signed for Standedge. Continue all the way, most uphill, to T-junction after row of houses & TL. Climb to road top and then continue straight ahead onto the wide track. Follow to top then shortly TR at sign for Pennine Bridleway. Drop to road and go SA. Follow track down. Just before it starts to climb, by a building, bear right onto path signed Pennine Bridleway.
- H** Descend to gate (by a farm), bear left & follow down all the way to the Diggle Hotel. TR to go over the railway bridge and the car park is 100m on your left.

### Refreshments

The route starts & finishes near the Diggle Hotel a traditional pub that serves food. Also in Diggle you will find The Hanging Gate, a chippie and Grandpa Green's (ice cream & snack bar up the road by the chippie).

There are some pubs along the route. See map for positions.

Also near to the route is Uppermill an attractive bustling village with a selection of cafes, tea rooms & pubs.

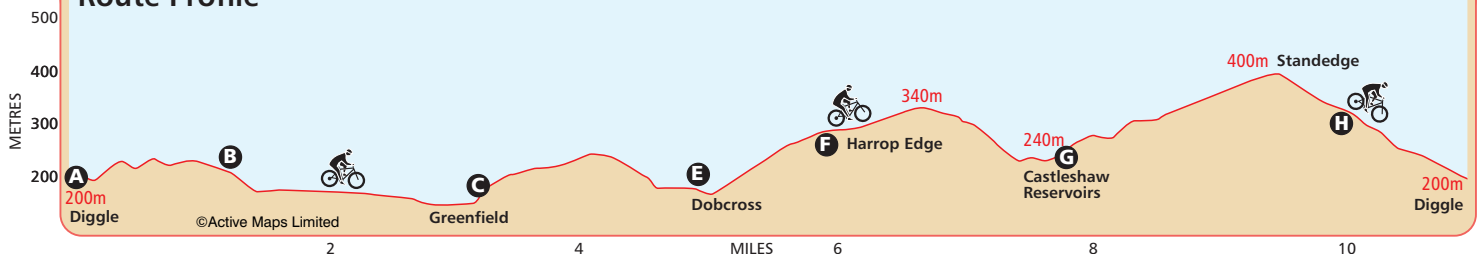
### Route Variation:

To miss a technical descent and some climbing: When you get to the track crossroads (see second paragraph in point F) continue straight on. At main road TR then first left onto the minor road. Then as from second paragraph in point G 'Continue all the way, most uphill, to T-junction after row of houses & TL...'

### Cycle Hire/Maintenance:

Saddleworth Cyclery Tel: 01457 879955  
Peak District Cycle Hire Tel: 01457 851462  
(please note: it is always a good idea to arrange hire in advance)

### Route Profile



### Travelling to the Area by Train

Greenfield Station, conveniently situated for the mountain bike route, is on the Huddersfield-Manchester Line.

#### A possible Saturday Itinerary\*

**From Huddersfield:** Depart 9.32 • Arrive Greenfield 9.53  
Depart Greenfield 14.51 • Arrive Huddersfield 15.12

**From Manchester Victoria:** Depart 9.35am • Arrive Greenfield 10.14am  
Depart Greenfield 14.53 • Arrive Manchester 15.20

\* please note this is for guidance only. Time taken on route will vary with individuals & train times may change. Please check with National Rail Enquiries for full service details (Tel: 08457 48 49 50 or www.nationalrail.co.uk). There is space for two bikes on the train and more at the conductor's discretion, on a first come first serve basis (no booking required).

#### To pick up the route from Greenfield Station

The route goes past the station. Exit the station & you will see the Railway Inn opposite. TL onto the road, then as from point D.

#### To return to the Station

At point H when at the Diggle Hotel do not TR over the railway bridge (as described in the directions above) but continue straight on and this will take you past Kilngreen Church in point A. Then follow route to end of point C.