

Kirkburton to Shelley (and Return)

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Suitable for walkers, cyclists and equestrians - This is a varied and interesting route, combining trail and road, with a number of climbs (but also the same number of descents!)

TPT Map 1: Irish Sea to Yorkshire

Refreshments are available in both Kirkburton and Shelley.

There is a good car park opposite the start of the trail, on Huddersfield Road, Kirkburton.

Follow the off-road route signs (pointing to Millhouse Green) up Box Ings and down to Cornmill Bottom before climbing to the crossroads on the edge of Shelley.

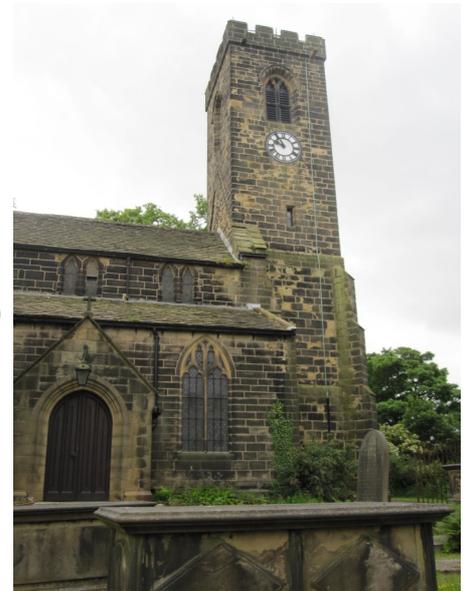
Here turn left and descend to the railway bridge near Shepley Station. Cross the bridge and continue on the track (Stretch Gate) to its end. Here go right to the main road where you turn left and cross at the pedestrian crossing. You are now at the foot of Far Bank which rises steeply to Shelley. (This could well be a walking opportunity. At the top turn right and take the first left (Lydgate). You soon come to a cafe on the left.

Now continue on this road which, after bending to the left, climbs a short hill. Now take the first left (Cross Lane). Here descend, noticing the views right across to the Pennines, to the main road. Here turn right and your starting point is soon on your left before the churchyard.

PLACES OF INTEREST:

All Hallows Church. Kirkburton at the start. This is an ancient church with a fascinating churchyard (leaflets available by the main noticeboard), containing the grave of a local man who fought at the battle of Waterloo.

The view from the top of the Box Ings: There is an excellent view with Stocksmoor Church in the middle distance and the Pennine Hills beyond.



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