

Red Rose 50 Section 5

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CHECKPOINT OPENING TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

TIME LIMIT – 24 HOURS.

Compass bearings and grid references are figures in brackets, e.g. (123° or SD 123456).

Grid References are rounded to nearest 6 figure reference. i.e. SD 24678 13542 is rounded to SD 247 135

Distance and Ascent taken from Google Earth.

Abbreviations (alphabetically): AH-Ahead, FB-Footbridge, FP- Footpath, JCT-Junction, KG-Kissing Gate, L- Turn Left, LMG-Large Metal Gate, LWG-Large wooden gate, R- Turn Right, SWG-Small wooden gate, TK-Track, WWW-Witton Weavers Way. X-Rds-Cross roads.

Hoghton to Mellor Brook 4.88 miles, Ascent 708ft Descent 760ft.

5.1 From CP turn R up main road, back to the driveway to Hoghton Tower. **CROSS ROAD WITH CARE** and AH up driveway to gateway. Turn L on track with houses on R. AH over stile and keep large wall on R crossing two more stiles and descend through woods to KG at railway crossing.

5.2 **CROSS RAILWAY WITH EXTREME CARE** to KG. AH through KG opposite and bear R on path down hill to join wall on L, cross stile and with fence on R down hill to reach stile onto road.

5.3 Turn L on road to road JCT (SD 626 270) and bear R, follow for 300 yds to end of road at Bridge End Cottage. Immediately turn L to cross FB. Cross stone stile and AH to pass farm building then another stile to reach track and enter trees. At river go uphill with fence on L. After short descent, climb stone steps to reach stile. Cross and continue AH, (70°) passing marker post (WWW) and AH with hedge on L to reach LMG and stile at Close Farm. Pass in front of farm and over stile and along driveway with boundary wall on L.

5.4 Turn L at the end of the wall and through SWG to L of LMG into Alum Scar woods, following the track as it crosses the river and climbs 350yds to SWG to L of LMG onto minor road. (SD 633 284)

5.5 AH on road for 0.25 mile to path (stile and LMG) on R just before Wallbanks House (SD632 288). Cross stile and head (15°) across field to stile and LMG. AH with wall on R to reach stile and enclosed path leading to road.

5.6 R on road for 0.75 mile to reach Old Doozes and stone stile on L. (SD 640 300), cross stile and head down enclosed path to stile. Cross field (6°) to cross stile and small wooden footbridge If stile and FB are inaccessible then through LMG on R, AH 20yds and through LMG on L. AH and over stile to main road (SD 641 305).

5.7 Cross using Pelican Crossing and R to Branch Road. Turn L and follow road to roundabout at Fieldens Arms, keep R then **CROSS WITH CARE** to Whalley Rd and Checkpoint at Mellor Brook Community Centre on L

CP 5	Mellor Brook Village Hall.	SD 641 313	Totals.
	Open 13:25 Sat/ Close 20:30 Sat		26.15 Miles
			3857ft Ascent
			4020ft Descent.