

Red Rose 50 Section 6

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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 - Cross Roads.

Mellor Brook to Tockholes 8.48 Miles, Ascent 1361ft Descent 943ft.

- 6.1 Leaving Mellor Brook Community Centre, turn L along road for 0.25 mile onto A59 to FP sign on R (SD646 315). Over stile and (140°) to reach hidden FB over stream.
- 6.2 Immediately cross stile, then uphill, hedge on L crossing 2 more stiles. At end of hedge on L, AH (95°) to cross field to stile. Cross and turn R following garden fencing to stile and LMG. Cross and onto lane by houses.
- 6.3 At road **CROSS WITH CARE** and AH down Church Lane for 0.25 mile. After road bends R take FP on L through Cunliffe Fold Farm, straight across farmyard through double LMG and 2nd LMG to field.. (Please note, through the farm yard there are no way marks but the farmer is aware that it is a public right of way through the property.)
- 6.4 Keep to the L side of the field down hill to reach LMG with SMG and stile to L onto main road. Turn L on road to bus stop (FP sign obscured by trees). **CROSS WITH CARE** and take track opposite. After 280yds turn L at post boxes to Arley Farm.
- 6.5 Through white LMG into the farm yard bearing R to black SMG in corner. Through and follow garden wall on L to cross FB then AH up field, hedge on L to 2nd gate and stile on L. Cross and up hill with fence on R to reach stile to L of LMG. Cross and AH onto lane, passing farm buildings and onto a concrete track. AH to T junction. (SD651285)
- 6.6 Turn L for 370yds to footpath on R. Cross stile and up hill to reach stile. Cross onto road. Turn R and follow to T junction. Turn L and **CROSS WITH CARE** considering bend in road. Follow road for 160yds to track on R (Sign says Witton Country Park) (SD654 283)
- 6.7 Turn R and follow track to metal KG. Through and turn L down hill, follow track to reach road. (SD653 278) Turn L. After crossing cattle grid turn R downhill. Follow good path through woods to pass through two pairs of SWGs. Keep fence on L and turn L at junction. In 20yds R down steps. (SD655 273). **DO NOT DESCEND 1st STEPS BEFORE LEFT TURN!** AH over stream to exit the woods in Witton Park on tarmac path.
- 6.8 Turn L then across grass (90°). At driveway, R to reach park entrance. Cross main road **WITH CARE** (pelican crossing) Turn R and head up hill for 280yds to St Francis Rd. Turn L.

- 6.9 When road turns R, AH through bike gate then R (**110°**) to FP, joining wall on R. Keep R through gap in wall to cross railway bridge, keep fence on R then through bike gate to canal. R on canal for 1.3 miles. At bridge (93B) leave the canal (Livesey Branch Rd A6062) (**SD 648 253**)
- 6.10 Turn L over canal, **CROSS ROAD WITH CARE**. At roundabout turn R. After 30yds AH (Stockclough Lane). In 0.25 mile bear L at white brick building. (**SD650 248**) Follow lane for 0.5 mile to tunnel under M65.
- 6.11 After tunnel, immediately turn L and L again to follow enclosed path parallel to M65 to reach ladder stile. (**SD 655 241**) Over stile and R following broken wall on R to stile into woods. Cross stile and over FB, and ascend to exit woods over stile. Follow trees & fence line on R for 250yds to stile L of LMG. Over and L with fence on L then AH two more stiles. Over small wooden bridge then R to house. Follow road to junction (**SD660 234**). Turn L to T JCT. **CROSS WITH CARE** and R for 280yds to CHECKPOINT on R.

CP 6	Tockholes Village Hall Open 15:15 Sat /Close 00:30 Sun.	SD 662 230	Totals. 34.63 Miles 5218ft Ascent 4963ft Descent.
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