

Brimham Rocks Loop

Scale 1:30111



Start: Summerbridge (GR: SE 197 629)

Distance: 18 km (11 miles)

Ascent: 250m

Grade: Moderate



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Start and finish	Summerbridge. Parking is available at Stif at New York Mills (HG3 4LA). Check with the shop that where you have parked is their property.
Distance	18km (11 miles)
Toilets	Dacre (1 mile away), facilities in Pateley Bridge
Pubs and cafes	Summerbridge and Pateley Bridge
Nearest train station	Harrogate (a long way off)

This is a ride of great variety. It starts with a tough but short climb up through woods and then follows quick and quiet roads through Brimham Rocks. More off road follows before another road section leads to stunning views of Nidderdale and a final descent along an ancient packhorse route.

Route Description

1. From New York Mills turn right onto the main road and then take the first left onto a bridleway heading uphill. When you get to the houses follow the bridleway to the right and keep to the left hand track.
2. 2a) Turn right on to the road, heading up the steep hill **OR**
2b) Turn left and then take a bridleway 700 metres down the hill on the right (signposted for the Nidderdale Way), directly after a house. Keep to the bridleway for the Nidderdale Way heading uphill and at the end turn left on to the road. Be aware that this is challenging terrain.
3. Following 2a) turn left at the crossroads. 200 metres up the road you will pass the exit to route 2b).
4. Follow the road through Brimham Rocks for 2.5 km and then go right signposted for Warsill.
5. Follow the road for another 2.5 km, mostly downhill, through a section with a wood either side and once the road straightens out turn right on to a bridleway before the Gilmoor Food sign.
6. Follow the track in a straight line to a farmyard and then turn left through a gate.
7. Keep going in a straight line passing a village hall on your left and continue up a steep hill. Take a slight left, following the Nidderdale Way bridleway signs and continue on the track to a road.
8. Go right on the road and then after nearly a kilometre take the first left, signposted for Hartwith.
9. Just before some farm buildings 1km along the road turn right on to a bridleway and then follow the track until a turn off on the left on to a packhorse route, still following the bridleway. Be aware of walkers on this section. Follow the right hand wall line to 2 single gates. After the second gate head downhill following the left hand fence line through another single gate.
10. At the end of the bridleway stop before you rejoin the road and go left. Go straight across the crossroads and before going over the bridge go right on to a bridleway by the river. Turn left to rejoin the main road. Turn left back into New York Mills.