

Badsworth Ride Photos



Junction of High Street, Upton & Field Lane (Waymarker 1)



Badsworth church (Waymarker 2)



House at end of bridleway (Waymarker 6)



Railway perimeter fence (Waymarker 9)



Former railway station platform (Waymarker 12)



Upton Colliery (Waymarker 13)



Hemsworth Bypass (Waymarker 4)



Disused Railway, avenue of trees (Waymarker 11)



Tom Wood Ash Lane (Waymarker 14)

Health Notes

Remember cycling can:

- Make you feel good
- Give you more energy
- Help you sleep better
- Help you reduce stress
- Keep your heart strong
- Reduce blood pressure
- Help manage your weight
- Improve your life expectancy

Wakefield District
Cycle Rides

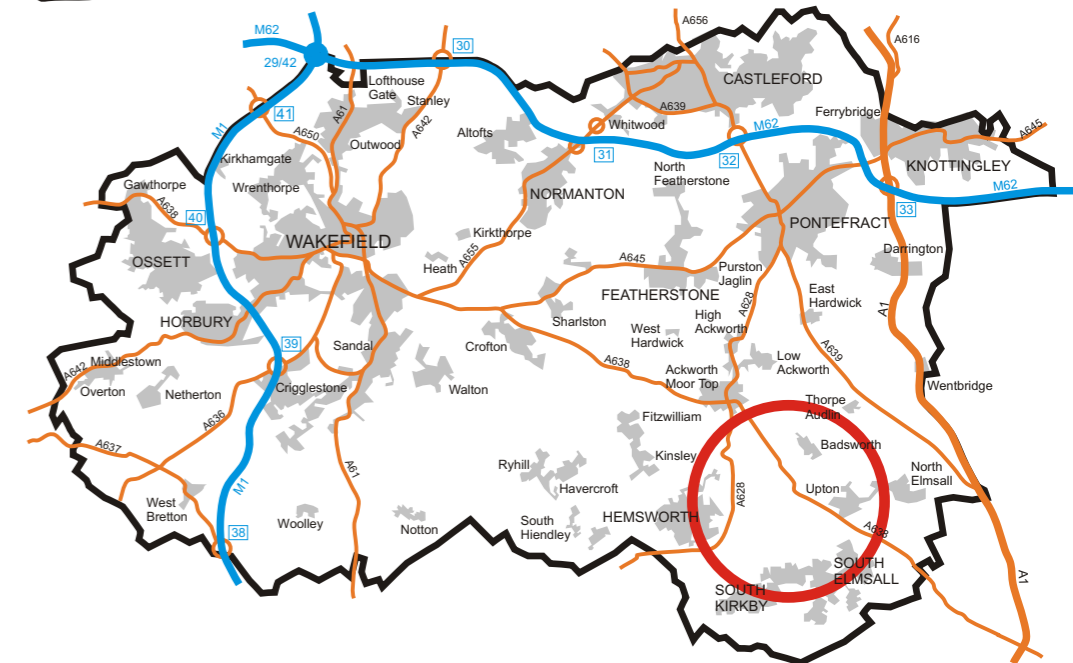
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Village circular in the district's south east

Allow 90 mins

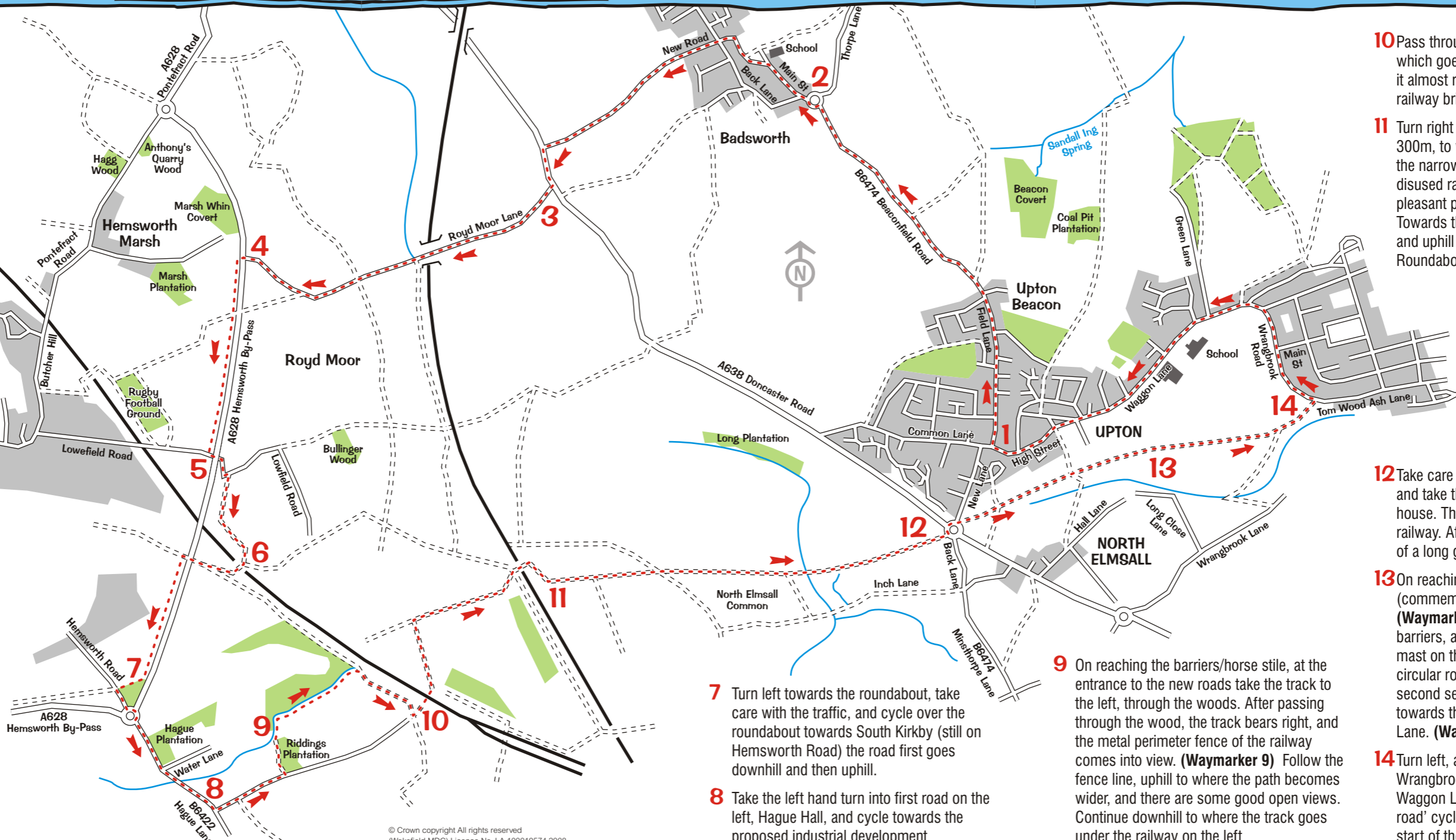
A mixture of some quiet and some trafficked roads, with quite a lot of scenic off road tracks. The large part of the route forms part of the South Elmsall, South Kirkby and Upton (SESKU) Ringway, a circular cycling and horse riding route developed by SESKU Environment Group. There are some steep uphill gradients.

16 km / 10 miles





- 1** Cycle from the High Street, Upton onto Field Lane (B6474, signposted Badsworth). **(Waymarker 1)** This forms part of the official West Yorkshire Cycle Route. Continue along this road, where after about 600m (half a mile), it becomes Beaconsfield Road.
- 2** At the mini roundabout, take the road to the left, towards Badsworth Village, Main Street. **(Waymarker 2)** Take care going through the village, because the road narrows, and there are some sharp bends. Keep going along the main road, through the village and into open countryside (New Road). Cycle to the end of New Road to the junction with the busy A638 Doncaster Road.
- 3** Turn left, taking care for the often very fast traffic, and after 150m take the right hand turn into Royd Moor Lane. Cycle the full length of this quieter road, which is about 1 mile long, to its junction with the A628 (Hemsworth Bypass).
- 4** Take care in crossing this fast road, turn right, and cycle towards the private road. Take the bridleway to the left adjacent to the bypass, towards Hemsworth. **(Waymarker 4)** Continue along the bridleway, downhill and go over 2 farm crossings, until reaching the tunnel under the main road.
- 5** Turn left, passing under the road, and continue along the bridleway, to the right.
- 6** On reaching the railway bridge. Turn right, take the main, diagonal track towards the second tunnel, under the main road. Take the bridleway to the left and cycle up to Hemsworth Road. **(Waymarker 6)**



- 10** Pass through the tunnel, and take the track which goes straight on. Follow this track, until it almost runs out, and bears left towards the railway bridge. **(Waymarker 10)**
- 11** Turn right over the bridge. Continue for about 300m, to where the track goes downhill. Take the narrower track to the left. This is an old disused railway track, and it forms the most pleasant part of the route. **(Waymarker 11)** Towards the end of the track, it bears right, and uphill towards the barrier at the Upton Roundabout (A638).
- 12** Take care in crossing over at the roundabout and take the track to the right of the white house. This is a continuation of the disused railway. After 500m note the former platform of a long gone station! **(Waymarker 12)**
- 13** On reaching the metal sculpture, (commemorating the former Upton Colliery) **(Waymarker 13)** take the track through the barriers, and cycle towards the large radio mast on the horizon. The track takes a circular route around a football field. At the second set of barriers on the right, cycle towards the housing estate, Tom Wood Ash Lane. **(Waymarker 14)**
- 14** Turn left, and the same road becomes Wrangbrook Road, which in turn becomes Waggon Lane, where there is a marked 'on road' cycle lane. This takes you back to the start of the ride.

Key	
1	Waymarker
- - -	Cycle Route
.....	Path Route
➔	Direction
P	Parking
—	Road
— (blue)	Water