

Oxenhope Loop with Odgen Loop

29km , 478m elevation, 2-211/2 hrs on eMTB

Mainly XC/Trail

Start at Denholme Velvets carpark, A629 Halifax to Keighley Road

One of my favourite rides consisting of two loops, 18km Oxenhope and 12km Odgen.

There is nothing massively challenging here with the more difficult bits being because of erosion and loose rocky surfaces.

The conduits allow you to link up the downhill bits and I have tried to make as much uphill on tarmac/track as I can.

Uses permissive paths (Water Board) which I have never had any problems with but they are not public rights of way.

You can start this various points and there are several pubs on the way or just a short detour but there are no facilities at Denholme Velvets



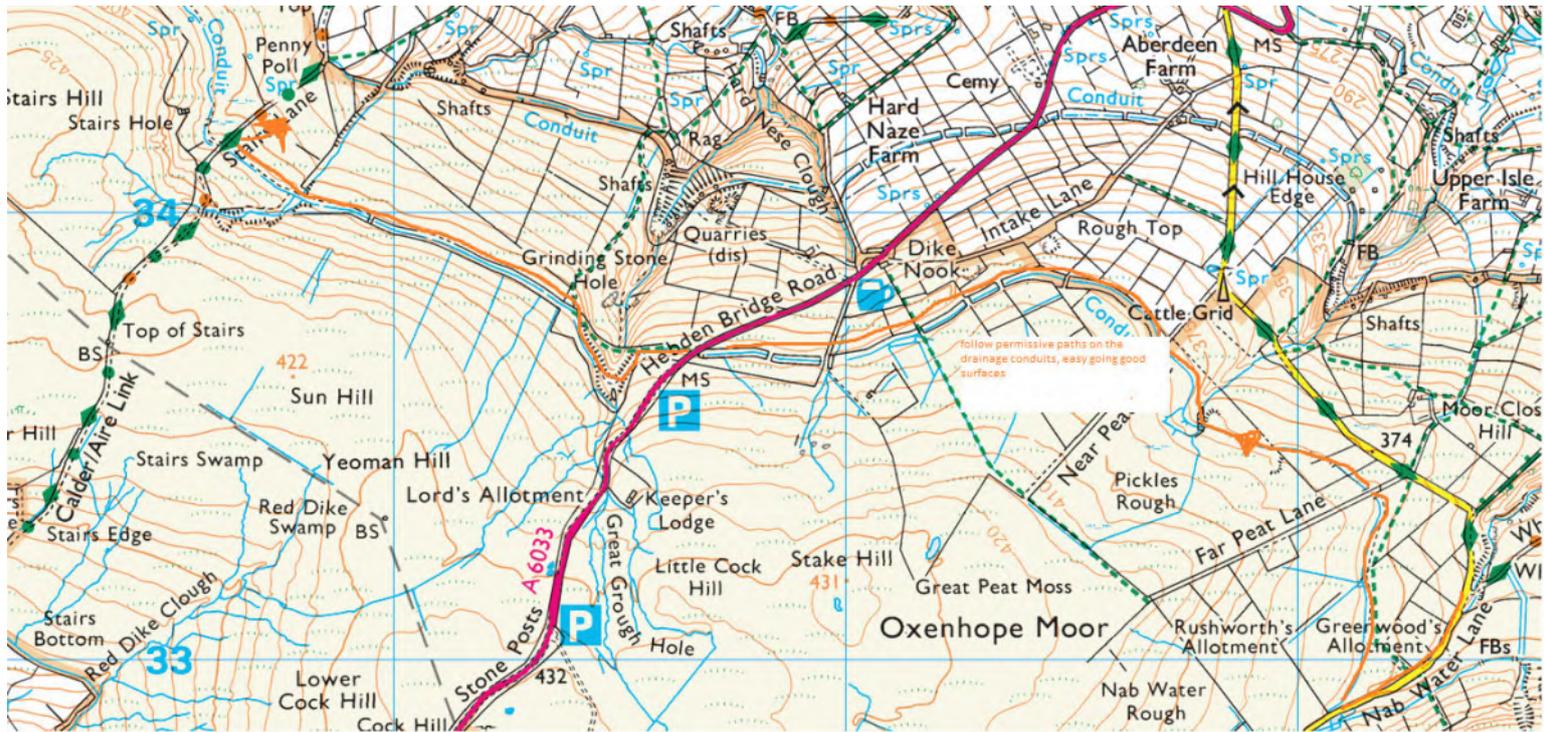
Starting at carpark at the old Velvet factory

Turn left onto main road follow for a wee while before turning onto Black Head Lane

Turns into Thornton Moor Lane, green lane to end of reservoir road, bare left going towards windfarm following track.

Take the Calder Aire Link which is has short but sweet downhill, short technical climb up. Can be very boggy most of the year as it crosses the moor.

Alternative route (used later in ride) follows conduit which is more XC than trail.



As you hit Nab Water Lane, turn left until you hit the drainage conduit

You will see a gate and permissive path, which is used by horse, hikers and mountain bikes

Follow this until you hit the main road, cross over and continue to follow conduit all the way to Stairs Lane

Permissive path is in good condition and is an XC's wet dream but necessary to get to Stairs lane.



At end of Conduit, turn right down Stairs lane

Follow stairs lane down to Lee Lane, complete blast, watch out for gate and bottom section which comes at you quickly and is a severely corroded surface.

Alternate route in red which is technical imo both going down and back up but is also fun

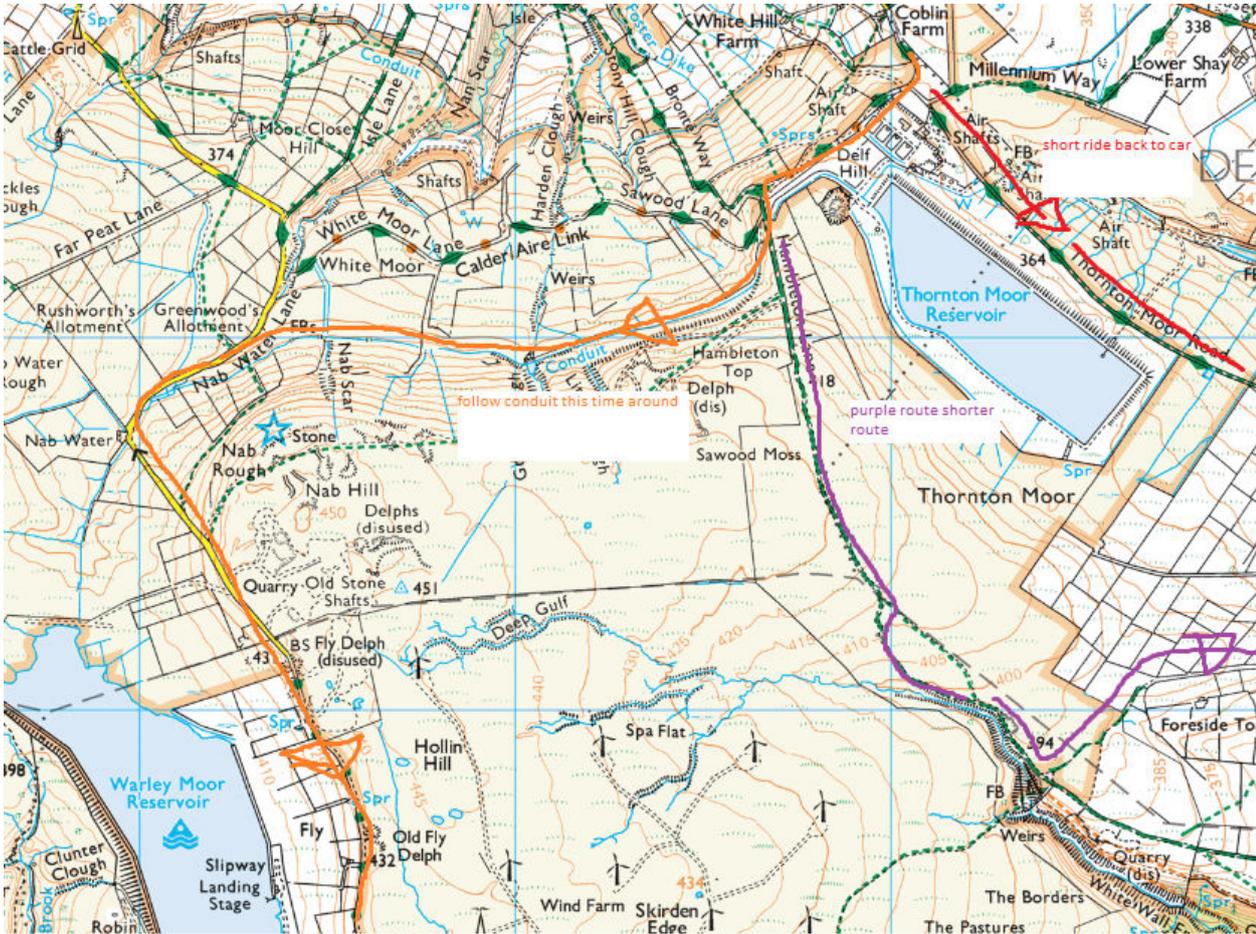


Out of Oxenhope on main road, past the Hospice and then right turn up Bridleway

Steep climb and then take Cuckoo Park Lane onto Moor

Follow bridleway over moor turning left following road to Dog & Gun

Cross road and follow road back up to Thornton Moor Reservoir



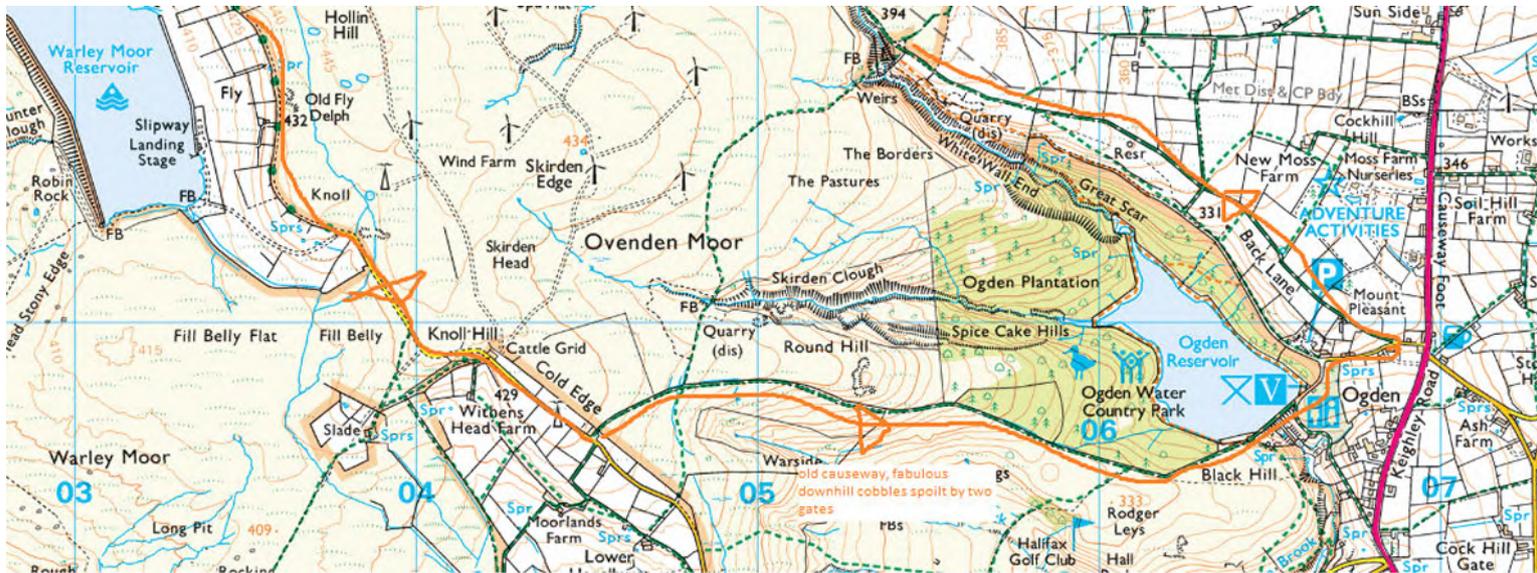
At this point, the first loop is complete and you can either

follow red route, fast green lane back to main road

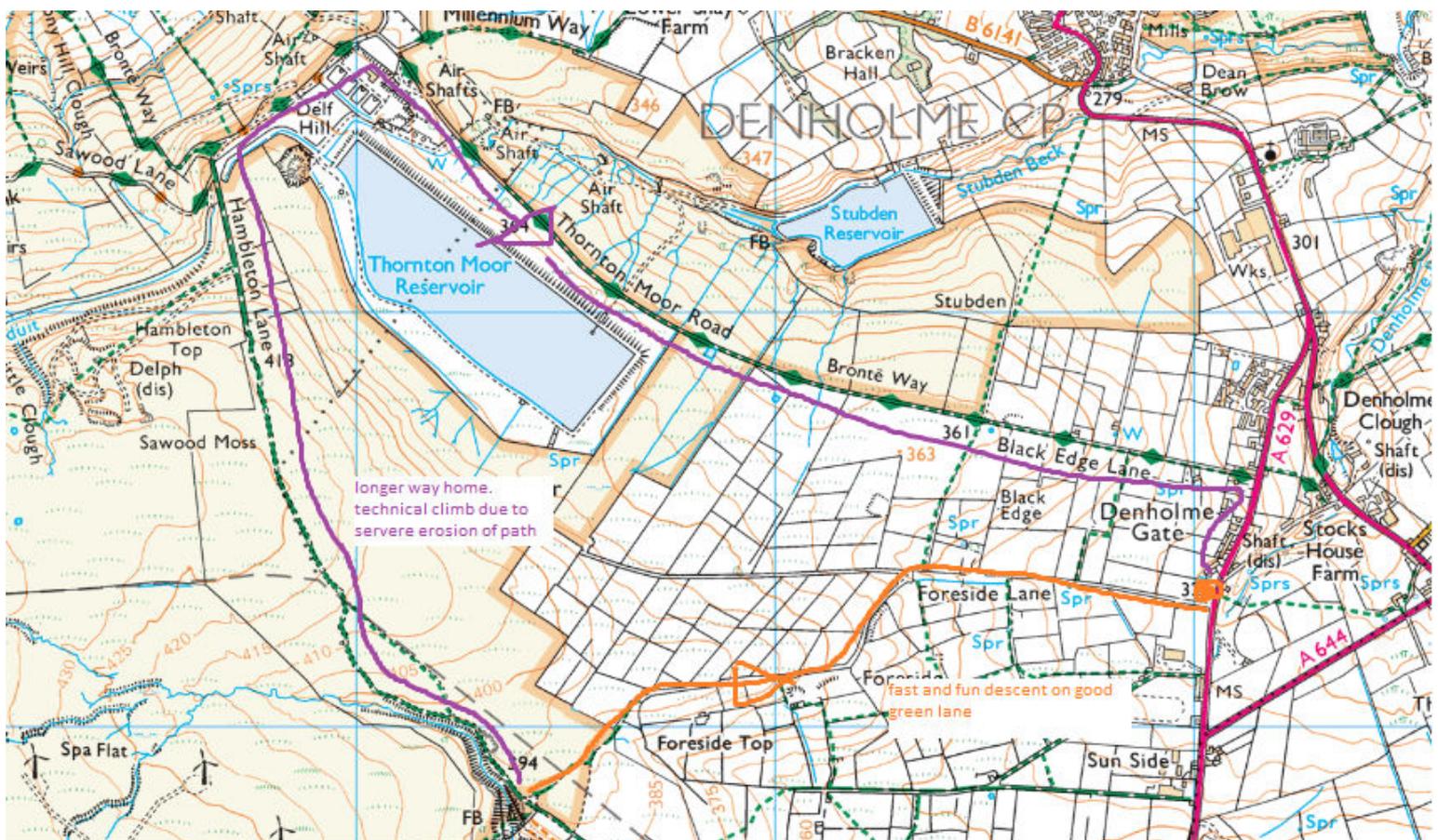
follow purple route following Hambleton Lane taking a left and up the hill then follow track back to carpark.

or

follow conduit this time back to road turn left and up the hill towards Warley Moor Reservoir



Follow road up steep **hill** to cold Edge, turn left down Bridlepath, cobbled road to Ogden reservoir, go out on road turning up Bridlepath before you get to Causeway Inn



Either take purple path or turn right (watch out for two stone gate post (no gate)).

I tend to not ride Hambleton as it is severely eroded, unless it is really dry