

Sid's Ski Village Special

Friday 18th December 2020 - Sunday 3rd January 2021

Long route 13K -Medium route 10.5K -Short route 7.5K

A challenging mixed route of road and trail. With plenty of ascents and occasional difficult terrain against a varied backdrop of urban regeneration and industrial decay any of these routes will get you out of the house over the festive period -a lot of this area can be remote so you may wish to buddy up being as though we can now be out to a maximum of 6 people

CP1 -Park Hill/ South Street Café

Head over park Square roundabout and towards Blonk street Note former Gents toilets now being converted into a café is called Two rivers- the confluence of the River Sheaf and the river Don. You can see also see the huge bellowing exit of Megatron Storm drain. With the river Don on your left take the path in-between the river and tall building - brick sculptures on display When you reach Lady's bridge turn right and immediately left onto nursery street -head to the footbridge

CP2 – Nursery street

Cross to the other side and head up the river toward the ring road follow the 5 weirs footpath to the right of Tesco express to bring you out onto

CP3- Kelham Square

Head past Kelham Brewery, Fat Cat and Little Kelham with its funky architecture onto Green Lane-go past The Milestone and right onto Cornish Street

CP4 Cornish Street

Old industrial decay abound it looks as if there is no exit-have faith-there is a small lane that brings you out on Rutland Road. Take a left at the traffic lights and go past the Gardeners rest and Kelham Flea. Take the next right onto Parkwood road with its huge gas pipe traversing the road

CP5- Parkwood road footbridge

After you cross the bridge you go through an A frame gate-follow the path to the right heading uphill. The concrete road blocks are the entrance to the former ski village

CP6 – Ski village (or what's left of it)

Follow the track and you will see the large ski slopes on your left -the slope on the righthand side is a Strava segment – best of luck! As you come to the top of the slope keep heading uphill (left) on the track

CP7 - Viewpoint

Looking eerily like an altar of sacrifice there are some great views from here – I did hear a rumour that it once was a stand for an anti-aircraft gun

SHORT ROUTE - HEAD TO THE RIGHT OF THE MOBILE MAST TOWARDS CP13

MEDIUM/ LONG ROUTE -KEEPING THE LANDFILL ON YOUR LEFT FOLLOW THE TRACK AT THE BACK OF THE ESTATE – CAUTION VERY VERY MUDDY

CP8 -Ventilation Pipes

MEDIUM ROUTE BEAR RIGHT TO CP12

LONG ROUTE BEAR LEFT DOWNHILL AND OVER A FOOTBRIDGE TO CP 9

CP9 -Wardsend Cemetery

For all the Goths out there -an overgrown Victorian Cemetery. Cross over the railway footbridge and At the bottom of the hill next to the car scrap yard head right following the line of pylons. At Herries road head across to the left the take first right up Wardsend road

CP10 – Footbridge

Over the footbridge onto Binstead bear right and head downhill -as you come to a complex of flats -head down through the left of these onto Oxspring Bank At the end of this you will see Herries road on your right head across this and onto Scraith wood drive (another hill) don't take the footpath on the right into the woods

CP11 – Scraith Wood

Follow the path past the summit, keep heading straight past some allotments toward

CP12 -Household recycling Centre (Formerly known as the tip)

Take a right, still heading uphill on Longley Avenue west. At the junction turn right on Shirecliffe Road -still uphill -last bit then it starts to go downhill to

CP13 – Cernunnos /Spirit of Parkwood

Currently festooned with Xmas clobber and tinsel -Cernunnos is the antlered Celtic god of fertility and wild places -fitting eh? Head down the hill Take a right at the Rutland Road lights and after a few minutes left onto Wood fold

CP14 -Stanley Tools

The well abandoned and photographed Stanley Tools is on your right as you run through the small wood -head over the grassy space to the new block of apartments being built at the bottom of Pitsmoor road and take a left on the Inner Ring road. Follow Derek Dooley way keeping the train line on your left. After crossing the Wicker and Furnival Road you will see the ANT marketing building on your right. Head towards there and you will then see a passage way heading up to Victoria Quays

CP15 -Victoria Quays

Cross over the canal and next to the Office there are steps either side. Head through the subway on your right coming out onto Broad street. Head back towards Park Hill CP1- you can't miss it really See less