



Advanced Route: 18 Miles

This loop continues along the 'Family Route' at Greenfield.

Off Road On Road

Intermediate Loop: 10 Miles

This follows the southern section of the 'Advanced Loop'.

Family Route: 3.5 Miles (out & back)


Off Road

ROUTE DIRECTION

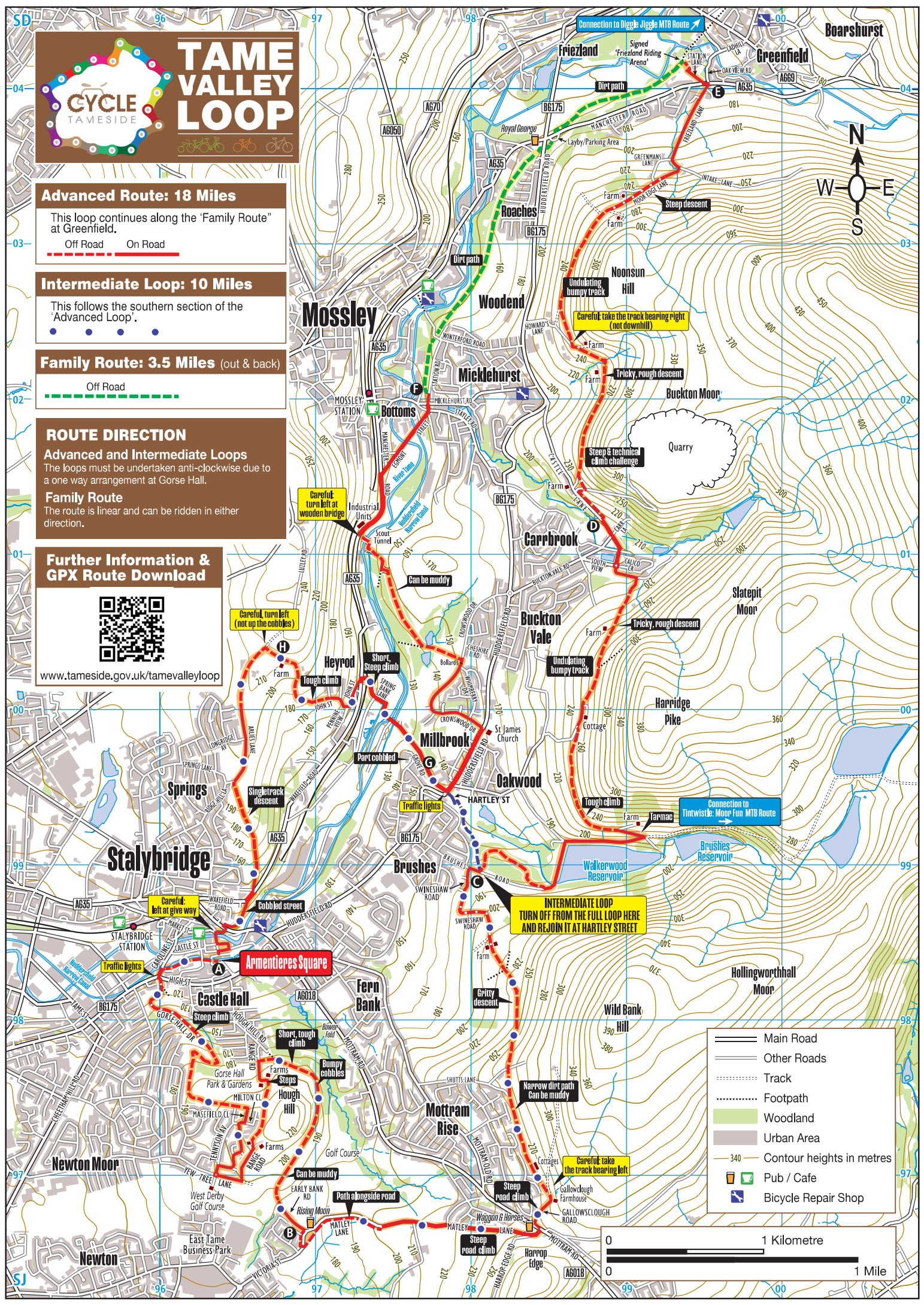
Advanced and Intermediate Loops
The loops must be undertaken anti-clockwise due to a one way arrangement at Gorse Hall.

Family Route
The route is linear and can be ridden in either direction.

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- Main Road
- Other Roads
- Track
- Footpath
- Woodland
- Urban Area
- Contour heights in metres
- Pub / Cafe
- Bicycle Repair Shop



Family

Route Length: 3.5 miles (out & back)

An out and back cycle using an off road multi-use trail.

Access to the trail is available from several points: Station Road in Mossley, various streets in Roaches, Station Lane in Greenfield, the Friezland Riding Arena, and the layby/parking area at the junction of Manchester Road and Huddersfield Road. **The route is split by Manchester Road and Huddersfield Road where caution is required crossing over.**

All the routes are suitable for walkers.
The majority are suitable for horse riders
(with the exception of the Gorse Hall site).



Intermediate

Route Length: 10 miles, 1200 feet ascent

A shortish mountain bike route with less demanding off road sections than the full Advanced Loop.

Directions: follow the Advanced Route directions **up to the end of point B** then:

After 20m **TL** into the wood then take the left path signed Oakgates and descend to a barrier across a road.

Pass through the barrier to traffic lights, go **SA**. **Now follow from point G** in the Advanced Route directions.

TL Turn Left TR Turn Right

BL Bear Left BR Bear Right

SA Straight Ahead

A These references are marked on the map

Advanced

Route Length: 18 miles, 1900 feet ascent

A hilly ride with a good variety of scenery and trails. Some technical sections makes this unsuitable for inexperienced riders.

- A** At Armentieres Square, with the church on the opposite side of the canal, walk down the steps to the canal path and continue for 400m to Lock 4w. **BL** away from the canal (not down steps). **TL** onto road and continue to traffic lights.

SA through iron gates onto Gorse Hall Drive. After 100m **BR** through the barrier onto a track. Climb steeply, at a path fork **BL**. At path crossroads **TR** and pass the remnants of the hall.

Keep on the main path to a gate (in the corner of a field), pass through onto Masfield Close and follow to junction. **TR** onto Milton Close then **TL** onto Tennyson Avenue. Follow to end and **TL**. **TL** at mini-roundabout onto Yew Tree Lane.

At the end of the row of houses follow around sharp left bend.

Pass farms keep **SA** and onto the track. Immediately when the track turns to a tarmac road take the path on the right (after the first row of houses), which soon widens to a track.

BR at next track junction and climb steeply. Keep **SA** on the cobbly track to then descend alongside the golf course. Keep **SA** when the path joins a road and follow to the main road.

- B** Without crossing the main road **TR** onto path next to the pavement. After 100m (at bend) cross the road and continue on the narrow path. Pass the Rising Moon Pub. Join the road when the path finishes. Continue to junction and head **SA** up the cobbled track (directly opposite the Waggon & Horses pub) which soon turns to tarmac.

BL when the road turns to a track (at Gallowsdough Farmhouse) then immediate **BL** at track junction. Pass a row of houses then **SA** past gate onto a narrow path.

Soon start to climb and at top keep **SA** to descend to gate. Continue straight and follow through farm and to housing estate. Descend to junction and **TR** onto Bushes Road.

- C** After 20m **TL** into the wood, take the middle path signed Walkerwood Reservoir. Follow to rejoin the road and **TL**.

Cross the reservoir dam and follow the road round right hand bend. At next junction (with gate ahead) **TL** to climb steeply. The tarmac soon turns to a track, keep **SA**. This section is now on the Pennine Bridleway (look out for PBW signs). Join a lane keeping **SA**. The lane soon turns to a track. Keep **SA** all the way to finally descend to a housing estate. Follow cobbles round to the left, **SA** at roundabout and then **SA** at Give Way.

- D** By the 30mph sign **TR** onto a narrow path and follow to its end at a road. Continue **SA** onto track and climb very steeply. Keep on the main track at all junctions. Descend then climb. At the top **BR** at a tarmac junction following PBW signs (**be alert as you do not want to take the tarmac lane that descends steeply straight ahead**).

Keep **SA** on the undulating track before a long descent. The track will turn into a tarmac lane. Descend all the way to the main road.

- E** **TL** then immediate **TR** onto Station Lane. Just before Friezland Lodge **BR** onto the path then quickly **BL** at first path junction signed Friezland Riding Arena.

Continue on this main path all the way to join Manchester Road. Go **SA**, through the layby and up the small path to junction with Huddersfield Road. Go **SA** and continue on the old railway path to eventually go under a bridge then soon join Station Road.

- F** **TR** onto the road then **SA** at the Give Way and follow to end. **TL** onto main road. Just after the row of industrial units **TL** off the road over the wooden river bridge

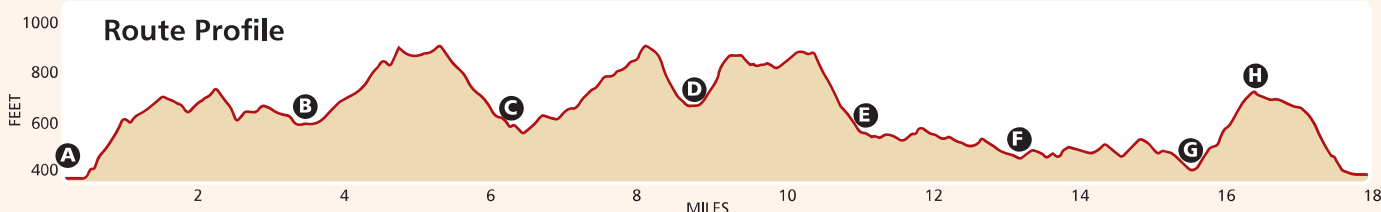
TR after the bridge. **BL** at next path junction to climb (do not descend to canal). Cross over a brick bridge. Follow this dirt path (can be muddy!) through the trees. **TL** when it joins a better quality grit path and follow to road. **TR** and pass the bollards. Follow road all the way to the end, facing church, and **TR**. Descend to traffic lights and **TR** onto cobbled Grove Road.

- G** Continue **SA** all the way to join main road (after a fierce final short climb). **TL** then immediate **TR** signed Heyrod Village Hall. Follow road round left bend then **SA** at junction and climb steeply keeping to the tarmac road. At end of houses continue **SA** onto track and continue climbing.

- H** When the gradient levels pass a farm then **TL** at next large track junction. Follow past farm buildings and to a housing estate, continuing **SA** but now on road. After a short rise (100m before the give way) **TL** onto a minor street. Then after just 10 metres **TL** onto a path.

Descend to road junction and **TR**. At bend **TL** down the cobbled street. Continue **SA** signed Police Station. Descend to junction and **TL** signed Canal and Locks.

Follow around one way system. **TR** at junction and back to Armentieres Square.



Always ride in control. Walk sections above your technical ability. Let other trail users know you're coming with a friendly greeting or using a bell. Pass safely by slowing to a walking pace or stopping. Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots. Take extra care in wet and low light conditions.

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