

# Inner Cyclist Cycle Routes

**CRAGG VALE DOUBLE - Road Ride - Hard Red**

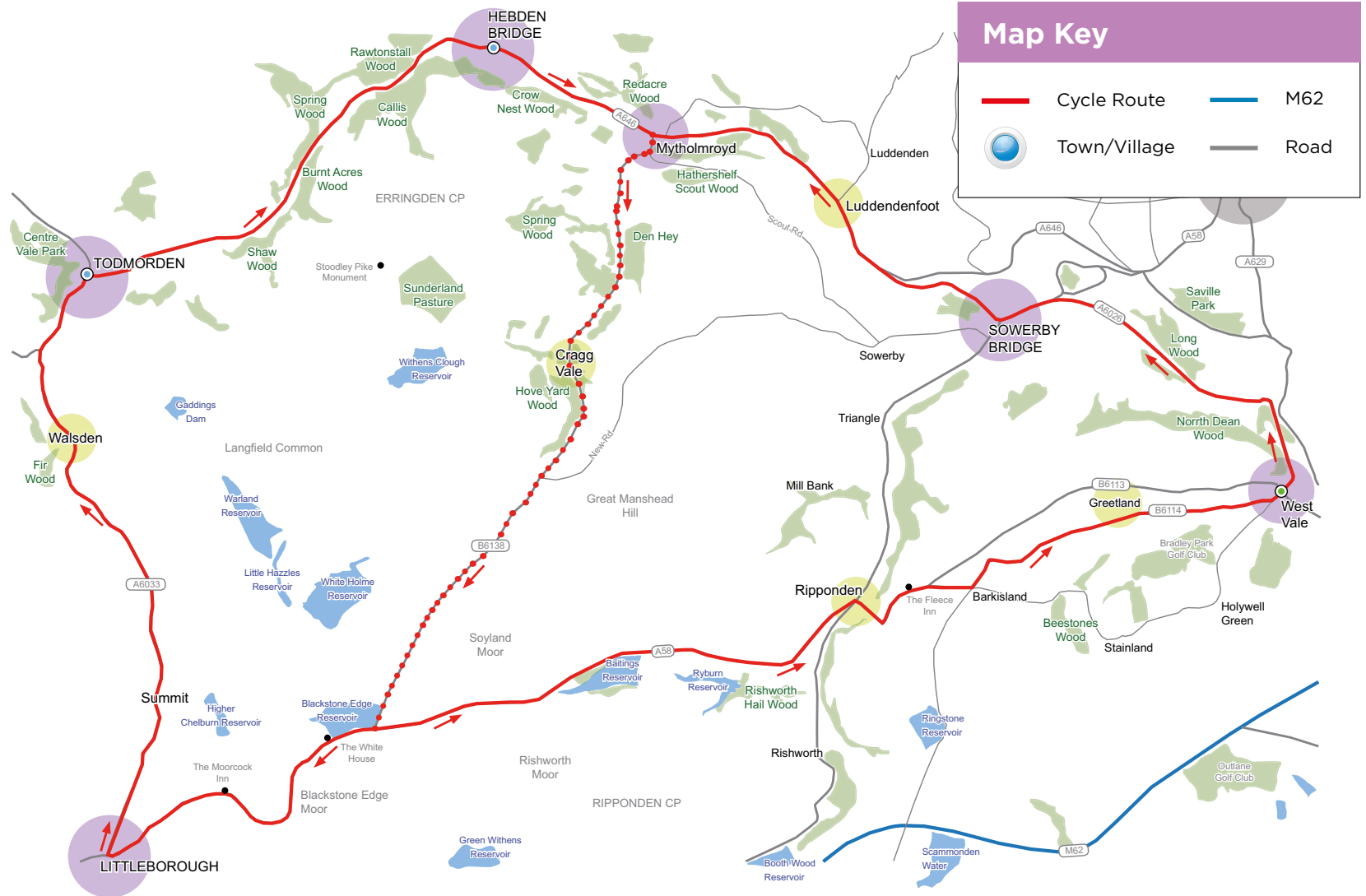
**Distance: 41.6 miles | Elevation: 3133 ft**



## Route Four

### Cragg Vale Double

1. Head North for 0.7 miles from cross-roads at West Vale.
2. At the roundabout take the first exit onto Wakefield Rd/A6026.
3. After 3 miles take a slight left onto Bolton Brow/A58/Sowerby Bridge town centre.
4. Before the river bridge turn right onto Hollins Lane and follow.
5. At the junction turn left onto Rose Grove Lane and follow road for 0.5 miles.
6. Merge left onto Burnley Rd/A646 and follow for 2.5 miles.
7. Turn left onto New Rd/B6138 and follow for longest continuous hill in England for 5 miles.
8. Turn right at the reservoir onto Halifax Rd/A58, road descends for 3 miles to Littleborough.
9. At the traffic lights turn right onto Todmorden Rd and follow for 5.5 miles to Todmorden town centre.
10. At the roundabout take the 2nd exit onto Halifax Rd/A646 towards Hebden Bridge and Halifax. Follow for 6 miles.
11. Turn right onto New Rd/B6138 and follow for longest continuous hill in England for 5 miles for the 2nd time.
12. Turn left at the reservoir onto Halifax Rd/A58, road descends for 3.4 miles to traffic lights at Ripponden.
13. Take the 2nd right at the junction onto Elland Rd/B6113 briefly downhill before tackling Ripponden Bank follow for 1 mile.



14. Fork right onto Stainland Rd towards Barkisland and go straight on at the cross roads.
15. At the next set of cross roads turn left onto Saddleworth Rd/B6114 and follow for approx. 3 miles.
16. Turn left at traffic lights in West Vale and back to start point.

# Cycling in Calderdale

## What's not to like about cycling in Calderdale?

Calderdale resembles the Alps or Pyrenees but on a much smaller scale, making it an ideal location for road cycling or mountain biking. Nestled in the South Pennines, Calderdale has steep valleys, affording challenging climbs and descents and the most beautiful, lush and glorious Yorkshire countryside with haunting landscapes like the breathtaking Hardcastle Crags.

The hilly terrain is home to Cragg Vale; a famous climb out of Mytholmroyd on the B6138. Popular with anyone practising for the never-ending slopes of the Alps or Pyrenees, this stretch has the longest steady incline of any road in England: 286m over five-and-a-half miles.

In 2011 Cragg Vale was highlighted by Sir Chris Hoy as one of his 'top ten perfect hills' although he was on his way down and not on his way up!

Calderdale is a glorious mix of urban and rural and whether you like your cycling steep and rocky, with great views and all-year rideability, or flat and easy through towns, alongside canals and public artwork - Calderdale has it all. What's not to love about Calderdale, it is mountain heaven and made for cycling.

For all non-cycling activity (yes there are such things!) taking place in Calderdale take a look at **visitcalderdale.com** or pop into one of our three visitor information centres.

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