

Written Description for the Round Rotherham 2017

Directions: L left R right ½L, ½R half left, half right SA straight ahead X cross as in Xing Crossing X-rds cross-roads	Codes: BR bridge FP footpath BP bridle path FB footbridge RWY railway CarPk car park RD road	<i>recent changes are in italics</i> L bank: refers to left bank of river or stream as viewed, not necessarily as it flows CP Checkpoint !! = Take Care with navigation (in bold)
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Point identification relates to GPS waypoints. GPS data are available in various formats from hmarston.co.uk/rrr
The instruction tells you where to go from one waypoint towards the next, and the general direction (or directions)
Distances (in metres) are the straight line separation of waypoints; the actual route will often be longer
Climb is difference in altitude (in metres) of successive waypoints, negative values indicate an overall descent

Point	Description – Stage 1 Start Grid Ref SE 455 003	dir	dist	climb
STA	Leave Event Centre follow College road to roundabout, cross to Manvers roundabout	NNW	508	-6
A01	Take 2nd exit Barnsley A6023 (R of MANVERS sign) on FP/cycle track. Pass 4 roundabouts.	NW	1470	0
A02	Continue (2 nd exit) along A6023 on FP to fork. ½ L, then R, up slope to Blue bridge	WSW	350	0
A03	Cross BR, L, then ½ R across grass to lakeside path. At end of lake, ½ L (do not cross FB) to path junction. L along main hard-surfaced FP, signed TPT. Keep on FP, to L of stream, to underpass.	WNW	1569	0
A04	Follow FP under 2 nd BR, R across FB to RD. Cross RD, under metal arch ! after 100 m ½ L (before BR)	WNW	572	0
A05	FP signed Elsecar, on narrow path, cross RD.	W	520	0
A06	Go under metal arch. Surfaced path, parallel to dual carriageway, to Retail Park access RD	SW	936	0
A07	Cross RD, R of Morrisons, down slope, following surfaced path, ½ R after open area	WSW	666	10
A08	Join canal towpath. Follow canal under road BR,. to RD crossing	SW	544	5
A09	Cross RD, continue along towpath, cross RD, follow fence on L by RWY to stile, L on RD to level Xing at Elsecar	SW	1460	-5
A10	Over level Xing. ½ R on track uphill, sweep R to top of field, take path to woods (usually flagged on day)	SE	304	39
A11	On entering woods proper, !! immediately fork ½R down path (initially obscure) , sweeps downhill	S	189	-14
A12	Path swings L and uphill	S	243	25
A13	At end of wood, take track (½R) (NOT field path ½L). Follow track to RD	SSW	691	-5
A14	Turn L, follow RD to cross-roads (Wentworth).	SE	315	15
A15	SA. ½R then 600 m along surfaced track to concrete track on L at 4-way junction by house	SW	640	14
A16	½L. Cross track. Downhill FP between fences/hedges, L, follow stream then R & L at gated FB	S	942	-44
A17	FP follows stream, R uphill to track, L & R to RD	E,SW	464	25
A18	L through Thorpe Hesley to cross-roads	SE	330	0
A19	R at cross-roads to first RD corner	SW	140	5
A20	L down fenced steps into housing estate, to RD at bottom of hill.	SE	198	-20
A21	R then L down fenced path. Keep to tarmac path to steps on L towards Health Centre	SW,SE	97	0
A22	L up steps, take path to L of pharmacy to crest of ridge	SE	245	20
A23	Turn L and follow ridge and path to RD	E	897	0
A24	R through Scholes to 90° R bend in RD.	SSE	599	4
A25	Take FP ½L for 80 m to stile on R	SE	88	0
A26	R uphill across open land 500 m to Keppels Column (landscape feature). Cross stile behind column (NOT stile at corner of field) to RD in housing estate	SSW	509	40
A27	Turn R to main RD	SSW	134	0
A28	L at main RD, to 1 st RD on R (Golf Course access RD)	ESE	454	-15
A29	Turn R towards Golf Course, ½L after 40 m down bank, across old CarPk to RD, L on RD, R at gates	SW	134	-6
A30	Follow FP between fence and hedge, bear L with fence then down to RD, follow to CP in pavilion.	S	373	-14
CP1	GRANGE Checkpoint (1) Grid Reference SK 393939 Open 07:30 to 10:40 17.5 km			
Point	Description – Stage 2	dir	dist	climb
CP1	Follow fence below CarPk, L at boulders to track	SE	94	-5
B01	<i>Under BR, follow track to RD</i>	E	38	-1
B02N	<i>R at RD, follow pavement 500 m to gated track on L (opposite stile and steps from classic route)</i>	SSW	524	-25
B03	Cross to track, path L uphill after 30 m opposite statue, past second statue and minor paths on R and L, R at first path that goes UP from the main path, at remains of derelict stile.	SE	383	50
B04	R through (derelict) stile. In field follow chain link fence on R to RD, follow to X Rds. Hilltop	S	414	5
B05	SA on fenced path at L of new houses. SA and bear R alongside fence, aim for pylon at bottom of hill.	SSE	500	-34
B06	Fork L through hedge to steps to R of pylon, path to RD. Cross RD, through gap to R of gate (FP sign), bear L along track for 70 m.	E,S	100	-10

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B06A	R down steps, follow path to L through thickets to RD	SE,E	126	-30
B07	L, follow RD 290 m to hidden path on R. Path is just past bus shelter behind next lamppost (No 35), at a small gap in bushes (after TDE access gates, before JSG access gates)	ENE	290	0
B08	Path is at small gap between security fences, R in front of next security fence, parallel to RWY. Take care – sharp spikes on top of fence - L over FB over RWY, down steps and R to towpath at river/canal	SSE	156	-14
B09	Along R bank of river for 1 km, crossing arch BR to locks.	S	1029	-15
B10	L across BR. L through stile	SE	96	9
B11	FP to RD, Tinsley . Cross RD, turn R then L after bus stop to service RD	SSW	121	3
B12	Follow service RD to main RD (Bawtry Rd) past Pike & Heron and schools to Park House Lane	SE	994	17
B13	R, follow Park House Lane to end, just before Yodel CarPk.	SW,SE	709	5
B14	L on fenced path, !! R (after only 40 m !!) behind Yodel warehouse, between (damaged) fences to field, follow fence on L to stile and RD	NE,SE	547	0
B15	R along RD, go under BR to Wood Lane	S	268	0
B16	R down Wood Lane to airport access RD at end	SW	259	0
B17	L at RD (The Car People on L), follow RD to roundabout near Mercure Hotel, after bus shelter.	SE	419	0
B18	L at roundabout then R on FP (ROW), opposite third lamppost. Follow direction of arrow on FP to stile close to main RD. Cross stile , L, follow FP to R of fence to steps leading under BR	NE,E	386	-9
B19	Follow fence R below main RD and R after BR. Immediately L following fence on path across rough land, emerge to field then L by hedge to FP to L of wooden fence round houses	SE	213	0
B20	Follow FP, cross RD, FP between fences. Follow RD to Catcliffe .	ESE	320	-20
B21	R on main RD to RD junction (main RD goes R), to FP on L	SSW	297	0
B22	L on FP over earthbank. Follow track/ path at edge of plateau (not fisherman's path just above river), follow path to brick red track parallel to river.	SE	892	20
B23	L across large grey-green bridge over river, initially R then straight uphill to FB over RWY	NE	190	0
B24	SA up RD to gateway to CP at sports ground at end of high fence on R.	NE	179	-10
CP2	TREETON checkpoint (2) G.R. SK 431875 Open 8:40 to 12:00 10.2 km (27.7 total)			
Point	Description – Stage 3	dir	dist	climb
CP2	From sports ground, go back through gate, R, immediately R at FP signs (TPT and ROW)	NE	5	9
C01	Take FP alongside upper fence of sports ground. Keep SA until path starts to go downhill	SE	438	-9
C02	!! ½R through stone squeeze (obstruction to stop bikes) under telephone wire to bend in track	SE	244	0
C03	SA over concrete FB, follow lakeside path, SA to terraced houses	SE,S	938	0
C04	150 m SA to main RD, cross dual carriageway	S	172	0
C05	R for 300 m, over BR. After joinery works, !! L on FP (TPT) between fences !!	SW	339	0
C06	Take cycle track alongside fence and under viaduct	SE	1301	0
C08	Continue parallel to RWY, under (new) RD BR to track (route crosses bridge)	SE	527	0
C09	R on track to RD, R to 2nd (main) RD	SW,N	52	0
C10	R following RD over (new) RD BR to roundabout, to FP on R, 100 m after RWY,	NE	187	0
C11	!! Acute R down FP back to RWY, bear L, continue parallel to RWY to Rother Valley Park . 2017: Please respect competitors in British Schools Champs Event in Rother Valley Park on race day	SW,SE	588	0
C12	At fence corner, up flood bank, L before RWY BR, follow L bank of river to RD. SA along RD	E,SSE	1641	5
C13	Follow park access RD to main RD	ESE	1241	5
C14	R on pavement, cross RD at tarmac track on L just before stream (bridge) at bottom of hill	S	108	4
C15	Follow tarmac track to canal, merge L to towpath, uphill (Norwood). Follow canal bank past houses, through gate to L of fence. Continue on canal towpath to stile to field.	NE,E	628	25
C16	Follow R edge of field to motorway embankment, R on track, L under BR	E,SE	338	20
C17	After BR, R parallel to motorway. At track corner, take trod ½L over hill to stile at summit	SSE,SE	603	19
C18	SA to Woodall village. SA through village for 300 m, to FP (hidden) after Todd's cottage (No 26) , before barn !!	SSE	504	-15
C20	L on FP across field (weave between electric fences) aiming for church, 800 m to FB and stile	E	738	-9
C21	½R, 4 stiles/gates in line	SE	315	14
C22	R across field to playground and stile to CP in sports ground hall at L end of CarPk	SSE	164	0
CP3	HARTHILL checkpoint (3) G.R. SK 492806 Open 9:45 to 14:00 12.0 km (39.7 total)			
Point	Description – Stage 4	dir	dist	climb
CP3	Go onto RD, L, to pub	E	68	-0
D01	Bear L just after pub, take FP (snicket) to main RD, L to signed FP after wide drive on R	E,N,E	84	15
D02	FP up steps, cross lane, up access track to stile on R at end	E	120	0
D03	Cross stile, follow FP along line of hedges (2 stiles), uphill to L edge of woods (access at stile). SA, exit by 2 nd stile. SA to second wood. Wind turbines ahead.	E	1023	9
D05	½R in front of wood to lane. Turn L for 30 m to stile on R	SE,E	232	0

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D06	Cross stile, ½L from stile, cross 3 fields diagonally to lane, cross lane. (Bearing 102°)	102° E	463	-14
D08	SA (jink R at end of 1 st field, then L along hedge) over fields to track at FP signs (Bearing 96°)	96° E	1377	-22
D10	Cross track, aim for gate to R of farm in valley. (Bearing 96°) Follow signed FP past farm to gate	96° E	367	-12
D12	Follow path down and up earthbank to RD (Top Hall Farm).	E	268	0
D13	R, then ½L over stile (opposite RD junction). Go diagonally across field to opposite corner, to gap in hedge.	NE	432	-9
D14	Bear R, follow hedge at back of airfield, through farmyard to lane	ENE	405	-10
D15	Turn L (downhill) to RD junction, L at junction, R at next junction	N	166	-2
D16	Follow RD to corner, to FP signed Turnerwood	NNE	177	-2
D17	Go SA on FP to lane, R on RD to canal BR at Turnerwood . (There is often an unofficial drink station here). Follow L bank of small stream to stile at RWY	NNE	749	0
D18	Cross RWY TAKE CARE Turn R, follow FP on L of ditch. Go L round back of farm to track	NE,N	534	-5
D19	Turn L uphill on track towards woods, down, cross BR.	NE	430	0
D20	Keep with fence on R. After 300 m, bear R along a track past a shed (keep fence to field on R, following yellow posts).	N	258	10
D21	Fork L (obeying Permissive Path signs), then L to tunnel	N,NE	388	-13
D22	After tunnel, turn L as signed, passing to R of putting green to next sign (partially hidden between tree and bushes), go R behind line of bushes. Follow bushes to path at corner between bushes. L at T-junction, cross a fairway, emerging opposite lane	N,NE, N	391	13
D25	½ R up lane, down to cross-roads at Butchers Arms, Woodsetts	N	783	-5
D26	SA for 100 m to access RD	NE	71	0
D27	Turn R to Woodsetts CP in sports pavilion	SE	105	0
CP4	WOODSETT, the mid-Checkpoint (4) with food and transferred kit G.R. SK 554837 Opens 10:30; You may be asked to retire after 15:30 9.4 km (49.1 total)			
Point	Description – Stage 5	Dir	dist	climb
CP4	L out of pavilion, head towards RD, going round playing fields to stile	SE	121	0
E01	L along RD to end of village	SE	331	-5
E02	L on track opposite shops, past barrier, to tall hedge	NE	312	-4
E03	R in front of hedge, over FB. SA across fields, cross causeway between ponds before house	E	1574	-10
E06	Turn L on FP opposite house and between fences to stile to R of Wallingwells house, emerge on track	NNW	304	5
E07	R along track to track fork	NE	126	0
E08	Take R fork, follow track to tarmac RD. !!L on FP behind first lamppost at start of housing estate!!	NE	913	5
E09	Follow FP through shrubs, on R of field (diverts into housing estate) to RD Carlton-in-Lindrick .	N	578	-10
E10	Turn L to L bend in RD, after industrial estate	W	192	0
E11	!! Acute R turn to FP between fence and overgrown stream, below open hill	NE,N	751	0
E12	SA in wooded area, L then R across parkland to L of old toilets, L to FB to park RD by Langold Lake	W,N	155	0
E13	Turn R by lake, then L across dam, follow main park RD past CarPk to park gate	NE,N	472	-5
E15	Turn L, R on FP at back of small CarPk, behind sign. Follow main FP through woods to stile.	N	1091	17
E16	Turn L following hedge along track past fields, through woods to lane	NW	879	19
E18	SA across RD to (initially) wide track, downhill, CP on L just before RD (and pub)	NW,W	725	-25
CP5	FIRBECK Checkpoint (5) in Village Hall on left G.R. SK 564885 Open 11:30 to 17:30. 9.1 km (58.2 km).			
Point	Description – Stage 6	dir	dist	climb
CP5	Leave hall, L along RD to FP opposite RD (Kingswood Close)	SW	81	4
F01	R along signed FP/track. Follow zig-zag track	NW	308	-4
F02	R bend in track: continue along main track	N,W,NW	653	8
F03	R bend in track to L bend in track along earthwall,	NNE	390	11
F04	SA. Ignore BP, keep L alongside earthwall/hedge. Main track is to R of hedge, swings to R at gate	W	481	5
F05	Follow track R, towards house. Go L of house (gate). Emerge onto track, turn L	N	171	-5
F06	Track emerges onto RD, acute R	NW	121	-10
F07	Follow RD down, then up to gate on L 20 m before main RD	NE,N	147	5
F08	L at gate, across field aiming for stile just R of ruin (Roche Abbey).	W	718	-5
F09	Follow path/track to CarPk	NW	189	0
F10	Through CarPk, follow valley path, cross lane	NW	433	5
F11	Continue along valley path, to R of stream .	NW	713	5
F12	Follow main path ½R uphill to top path	N,W	79	14
F13	Turn L then L under RWY (narrow BR). Continue along path/track to lane	NW	412	-4
F14	Cross lane, follow path to playing field, cross field, drop slightly to (hidden) gate to right of bush	NW	541	4

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F15	Cross fields (more gates) then R fork into churchyard	N	295	0
F16	Path through Maltby churchyard. Out at lych-gate, to CP in church hall on right	N	68	11
CP6	MALTBY checkpoint (6) in church hall G.R. SK 527919 Opens 12:00; You may be asked to retire after 18:30 6.4 km (64.6 km total)			
Point	Description – Stage 7	dir	dist	climb
CP6	Go uphill, turn R at T junction to RD	NE,E	96	8
G01	Cross RD then L up broad steps. cross main RD at Pedestrian Crossing (Maltby)	N	65	14
G02	Go up side RD (B-road) past school, round bend to L. SA on minor RD where B-road bends R	N,W	288	14
G03	Continue along RD, SA at crossroads to track	W,NW	884	5
G04	Follow track, L in front of gate	NW	313	5
G05	Follow wall round, first down 50 m, turn R, 100 m, ½R up walled path diagonal uphill following right hand wall of house grounds to track (Ignore track on right, steeper uphill)	SW,N W,	166	-5
G06	Follow track to RD at farm. The trig point on R of track is at Foredoles Head, County Top for Doncaster	NW,N	1203	-42
G07	Turn R along RD CARE – traffic will be going very fast! to first junction on L to Micklebring at No HGV sign	E	226	147
G08	Take RD on L through village to 4-way junction. Turn ½R, (L of small village green) to FP (signed) after last house on L	N,NE	856	-58
G09	Take path on L of field to stile at L corner (below M18 motorway) (Follow White “Heron Way” disk signs to Hooton Roberts).	NNW	367	-71
G10	Take path alongside fence (below M18) past 3 stiles to track. Turn R, under M18	WSW,N	180	-7
G11	L on track parallel to M18. !! After 150 m, R at broken stile , cross field (indistinct path if any) to track bridge (between posts) over stream and R round end of bushes.	WSW, W	290	-9
G12	Take (usually) defined FP across field to gap in hedge (aim for white “Heron Way” disk on brow of hill) on bearing of 270° (due west). Between boulders on BR across railway cutting. Cross stile to L of gate.	270° W	342	4
G13	Bear ½R (turn R through 30°) and cross field to gap in hedge, to L of high point of ridge; Do not drop into valley on L. Cross path (R then immediately L). Aim for Emley Moor TV tower, red lights at night	302° NW	502	4
G14	Cross field to L end of hedge near opening. Don't go through opening; take track to L of hedge	NW	379	-12
G15	Follow track, bear L near end of field to path between hedge and fenced paddock to track. Turn R	NW	794	-41
G17	Track between buildings, L and then R down and over stream. Turn L on signed FP (hidden sign)	N,W,N	223	11
G18	FP (Bearing 320°) across field (uphill) to escarpment, ½ R to woods, immediately turn L down FP	NW	533	19
G19	Go ½ L, following steep muddy path at L edge of wood. Path widens to track, then lane.	W	428	-39
G20	Follow lane to main RD (Hooton Roberts)	N,NW	489	5
G21	Go SA down lane, ½ R on track. Where lane turns L, follow track to R	NW	691	0
G22	Follow track uphill. Pass barrier. Follow (interminable) track, drop into field after top of hill.	N	867	25
G23	L following track in field to gate, go down field, crossing track to stile and CP	NNW	379	-35
CP7	OLD DENABY checkpoint (7) at RD G.R. SK 479987 Open 12:45 to 21:15 11.3 km (75.9 km total)			
Point	Description – Stage 8	dir	dist	climb
CP7	Go R along RD, bends R	N	267	-9
H01	Follow RD to first junction, turn L at telephone box	NE	238	0
H02	Go down Ferry Boat Lane. Cross RWY via FB (TAKE CARE on steep steps)	N	426	-13
H03	Cross river, go to end of path, L to canal.	N,W	107	3
H04	½ R on path UNDER FB!! (Do not cross canal) Follow canal towpath	W	492	0
H05	½ L at earthbank (before small FB) to Mexborough station CarPk.	SW,W	218	0
H06	Small signed BR (subway) under RWY, R then bear L (not up to platform). FP on R bank of river to RD	S,SW	561	0
H07	SA at RD, up bridge over RWY and canal.	W	378	5
H09	On BR, after canal, !! turn L down steps to open area (Swinton) (almost) SA along RD	SW	257	0
H10	RD turns R, turn L after low fence to canal before main RD, turn R under BR	W,NW	162	0
H11	Follow towpath to R of canal, L at end under RWY BR	N,W	291	0
H12	R up tarmac path in playing field to RD	NNW	462	0
H13	Cross RD to stile (½ L) Follow illuminated cycle track	NW	214	-20
H14	Continue along illuminated cycle track to Dearne Valley College. On the day, L at RD after CarPk in college grounds up to the Finish. For recee runs, follow RD out of college	N,W	482	0
FIN	FINISH (8) G.R. SE 455 003. The Event Centre will be locked at 23:00. 5.1 km (81.0 km total)			

Congratulations! You've worked through that. Now you only have to do it!