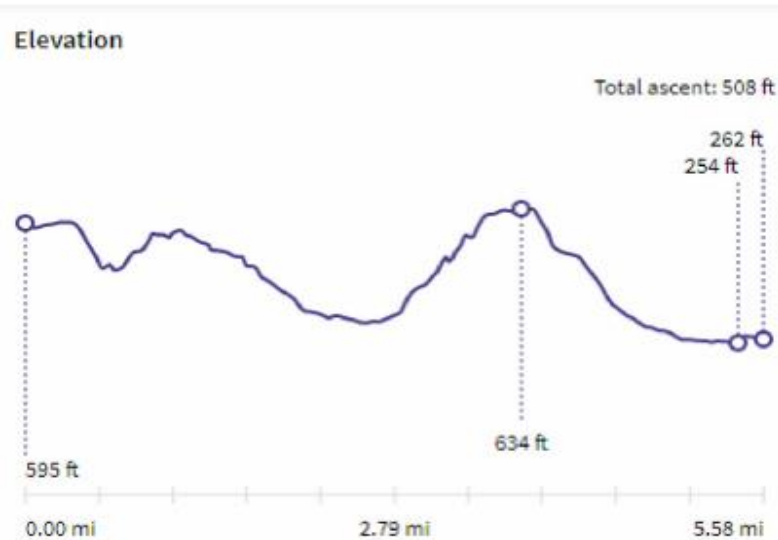


## Section 4 – Cutthorpe (Peacock) to Sheepbridge – 5.58 miles

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- 1) Leave the checkpoint and head to the road. **BEWARE – MAIN ROAD – TAKE CARE.** At the road turn right and walk along the pavement for 320m. Once around the bend and after some properties on your right look for a footpath to your left marked by a fingerpost. Turn left, cross the road and walk down the track with the old stone property on your left.
- 2) After less than 100m come to a gate and stile. Pass over the stile. Continue ahead on the track, open fields on the right, large hedge and trees on your left. After a further 200m reach a metal farm gate with a small metal gate to the left. Pass through and continue on the grass track with fields to either side.
- 3) At the bottom of the field enter a small group of trees. Head steeply down towards the stream. Go through a narrow wooden squeezer stile immediately to the left of a large tree. Continue down to and cross a stream on a stone slab bridge.
- 4) Pass through a narrow metal gate and walk ahead cutting across the grass field with open field to the left and woodland to the right. Continue around the edge of the field with hedge to the right. Woodland curves around to the right. Follow this round to reach a small metal gate.

- 5) Pass through the gate into the woodland. Proceed downhill on the obvious path through the trees to cross a small bridge over a stream (Sud Brook).
- 6) Proceed uphill out of the woodland with a hedge on your right, After 200m you will see a stone squeezer stile in the hedge directly in front of you. Pass through this and turn diagonally to your right and continue uphill across the grass field. Follow the old track marks in the field to take you up to the road where you cross a stile to the left of a large gate.
- 7) Now on a road, turn right. As you pass the first buildings of the village look for a stone step stile and wooden fingerpost on the left. Cross this stile and walk up the path. Cross a small section of concrete drive then proceed to walk in between two lines of tall post & wire fence.
- 8) You will be walking with a stone wall on your right. You will pass the end of a hedgerow on your left and continue ahead on the path. Pass a fingerpost on your right and a pile of stone rubble. Keep ahead with open fields on the left and hedge & fence on the right.
- 9) Continue on for several fields with field boundary on your right. Pass the rear of a row of houses on your right and reach a gap in a stone wall. Pass through, turn right and walk 50m down to the road. **BEWARE – MAIN ROAD – TAKE CARE.**
- 10) Reach the road and turn left to walk along the pavement. Continue around the bend then cross the road with care and head towards the sign for “Keeper Lane”
- 11) Turn to you right to walk along Keepers Lane which is a tarmacked track. Continue for 475m until you reach stone houses. On the left pass Barlow Brook Cottage. Here at the junction of lanes proceed directly ahead, as indicated by the public bridleway sign, passing through the impressive iron work gate.
- 12) Continue along the drive passing the large property on your right then pass through a wooden hand gate to the side of a larger gate. Continue ahead with wooden fencing on your left and stream down below.
- 13) Continue on under trees with post and wire fencing on your left. Pass farm buildings and stone properties on your left. On reaching the lane turn left to pass by the ornate gates of Furnace Farm.
- 14) When you reach Millbrook Farm take the driveway that forks to the right that says “Private Drive”. This is the public right of way. Follow this driveway as it rises to reach a metal gate, inscribed Monkwood Farm. Pass through the pedestrian gate to the right of the main gate.
- 15) Continue ahead as the path becomes a forestry track. As you walk up this track you will be able to hear the traffic on the Dronfield Bypass on your right. The track is rising gently. At the “apex” of the track look out for path off to the right. Take this path which takes you onto the winding ramp up to the footbridge to pass over the Bypass.
- 16) Once you have crossed over the footbridge take the path guided by the two fences on either side then continue ahead on the most obvious path until you reach a path “crossing you”. Turn right here to follow the arrow taking you briefly on to the Dronfield Round route.
- 17) Head towards a metal gate but don’t continue all the way to the gate. Look for a wooden marker post on your right and at this point turn left to walk up a cutting with dense tree cover above.
- 18) Continue up the rising path until you come out in a more open area on the left and a fingerpost on your right. After a further 50m reach a fork in the path. Take the right fork passing over a stile marked with a “Dronfield Rotary Walk” roundel.
- 19) Walk on with open field to your left and trees to your right. Pass remains of broken down wall on the left. When level with the farm to your left head towards a wooden stile at the right hand end of a stone wall.

- 20) Cross this stile and proceed to another stile, pass over or around this. Continue ahead to meet a gate and stile. At this point the path forks ahead with three options. Take the right hand path turning you 45 degrees right. Cross a grass field heading downhill towards the bottom right hand corner of the field.
- 21) Reach a wooden farm gate with a small gate to the left. Pass through this and proceed with fence and open fields on the left and woodland rising on your right. Pass fingerposts on the left following direction of Dronfield & Chesterfield.
- 22) Path becomes a limestone track proceeding gently downhill. Then path becomes tarmacked and turns to the left and then around to the right. Pass through a pedestrian gate and continue on downhill.
- 23) Reach and pass through another pedestrian gate by a litter bin. Continue along the wide limestone path with woodland to the left and hedge to the right. To your right is what remains of the "Birch Hall Golf Course" now, sadly, abandoned. You will reach a point where you turn left and briefly have post & rail fencing on either side.
- 24) Pass through another pedestrian gate then immediately look for a gap in the fencing on your right. Pass through and cross the access road then turn left to join the limestone path. After approx. 30m this bends round to the right. You are now on a wide limestone path walking in woodlands with a winding river on your left.
- 25) Continue for some distance until you notice a wooden slab marker post on your right and a path with steps on your left. Take the path to the left and proceed until you reach the road. **BEWARE – MAIN ROAD – TAKE CARE.**
- 26) Reach the road and turn right to walk on the pavement for a short distance. At the pelican crossing cross over the road then continue in the same direction to the road junction then turn left and continue on with high stone wall on your left then pass an opening by metal fencing.

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