

WALTER PILKINGTON MEMORIAL RELIABILITY RIDE 50km

Please make a donation to Cancer Research UK Time allowed: 4 hours

THIS A PRIVATE EXCURSION AND NOT A RACE OR SPEED COMPETITION.

START 09.30 BARISTA CAFÉ, THE ROCK and join A58 direction Bolton. After passing *Lidl* on your right, turn R at TL on to Ainsworth Rd. (B6196) to **AINSWORTH**. Follow the bend R, along Arthur Lane and down to **Harwood** and **Bradshaw Chapel**. As the road rises turn sharp R at the TL (**great care**) on to the B6472.

Continue until the TL at the **A666 T JUNCTION** where turn R to join the A666 direction Blackburn. In **Egerton** turn L onto minor road (Longworth Road) signed 'Delph Sailing Club'. Climb to Belmont reservoir (ignore the No Through Road sign at the X). You will have to dismount to push your bike under the barrier after the reservoir (16km)

Turn R and continue to moor summit and turn R onto minor road signed 'Tockholes'. Descend through **TOCKHOLES** (care-speed humps). After crossing motorway, turn R at the X at the Black Bull pub (24 km).

After a short climb, descend (**10% - great care**) to the X at **Earcroft**. Cross the A666 (**care**) on to Sandy Lane and continue down to mini roundabout (27.5 km). Turn R and steep climb 1 in 8 (12%) to **LOWER DARWEN**.

SO at TL up to next TL at **Guide** where SO to B6231 signed 'Oswaldtwistle'. At the **BRITANNIA ROUNDABOUT** (31 km) **TURN RIGHT** onto the B6232 and go over the **ROUNDHILLS** (35 km) then descend to the road bridge at the bottom. The roads bends left then you turn R at TL towards Haslingden.

In **HASLINGDEN** (40 km) SO at TL and descend to first roundabout where SO. Go straight ahead at next roundabout following the cycle route signs 'Edenfield', and descend to **EWOOD BRIDGE** (43 km) then climb to TL where turn R into **EDENFIELD** (45 km).

Fork L at the mini-roundabout onto the A680 direction Rochdale. Just before the descent on your right is 'Dearden Fold' the avenue where Walter lived. After the short descent, climb to the finish at **OWD BETTS** pub (49.5 km)

Note: TL = TRAFFIC LIGHTS SO = STRAIGHT ON
R = RIGHT L = LEFT X = CROSSROADS