

# 8 – Spinkhill to Harthill

## 3.7 miles

1. **Leave the checkpoint by the large gated entrance leading back to the road and turn right.** *The road bends to the left and then slightly to the right before reaching a crossroads – left to Killamarsh, right to Renishaw and Barlborough, straight on to Park Hall. Go straight across, heading up a lane towards the farm. After about half a mile, where a lane goes off to the right towards Park Hall, keep to the left fork, going straight on towards the farm. Go through the farm and immediately after the farm and on reaching the paddock, bear right down the lane. Where the lane turns right you turn LEFT through a gate posted entrance. To your left is the paddock. Follow the line of the power cables poles along the edge of the field. Keep to the edge of the field and turn right, heading for the corner of the next field. Here you cross over another stile and walk straight ahead, on a well defined path through the next field. Basically, you are heading towards a footbridge over the M1 motorway you can see in the distance.*
2. *When you reach the next stile, turn left and walk for a short distance to the corner of the field. Here you turn right, keeping the fence to your left, and follow the edge of the field, soon bearing right and then left. Cross over the next stile and walk towards the motorway footbridge, skirting the right hand edge of the next two fields with a fence on your right.*
3. **Cross over the motorway via the bridge then over a stile, and walk straight on for a very short distance to a track which crosses your path.** *Turn left and follow the well-defined track. After a short while you pass over a cattle grid and the path becomes surrounded by trees. Continuing straight ahead for a further half mile you will see a collection of old vehicles. Continuing straight ahead until you meet the road next to a house.*
4. **Cross over the road and turn left, then right at the footpath sign which takes you up the motorway service road.** *The road firstly swings to the left and then to the right and after a further 200 yards you will meet a footpath sign on your right. Here turn right and follow the footpath with hedgerow on your right.*
5. *The path starts to descend. You will enter the wood you can see in front of you. You do this by continuing downhill on the track until you meet a gated opening on your right (just before the track swings left). Go through and turn immediately left. Continue with hedgerow on your left for about 30 yards and then turn left on to a well-marked path. You will now have the wood on your right and the edge of the plantation on your left. You will soon see Harthill ponds appearing on your right.*
6. *Where you meet a footpath junction, turn right and cross over the metal bridge. On the far side of the bridge, turn left and follow the path round the reservoir, which is now on your left hand side, until you reach the car park, passing through a metal gate and wooden gate on the way. Rotherham Sailing Club is on your left and some bungalows are on your right. Pass through the car park until you reach the driveway and a bridge on your left. Turn right along the driveway, through some houses, to the road.*
7. **At the road turn left and walk along the pavement – you are now on Carver Close. At the road junction turn left and walk downhill, along Pryor Mede, to another road junction. At this junction turn right onto Woodall Road. Cross over the road and enter the small car park to the left of the doctors' surgery.**

## This is Checkpoint 8.