Ride Name: Tough at the Top
Grade: Hard/Intermediate
Map Required: OS Explorer 264
Total Distance: 57.0Km (approx.)
Approx. Ride Time: 4.5hrs
Total Height Climbed: 1,462m

Cycling Legend

ROUTE A road B road C road Track

The route is shown as a broad purple line with the type of road and surface inset.

----- Other Bridleway

Key to symbols

Start Point
Car Parking
Pub
Cattle Grid
Post Box
Information
Cafe
Public Telephone
Farm

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Symbol  Description                                      Distance (Km)  Height (m)
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SP      Bod Petryal picnic site.                        1.2          ---
At end of car park area, bear right up forest road.                  1.3          ---
At junction, turn right.                                               1.8          ---
At junction with main road, turn left. CAUTION, fast approaching traffic.                  3.1          ---
Turn right onto minor road.                                               3.3          ---
Turn right, then immediately left onto forest road.                  3.6          ---
At junction, bear right.                                                3.8          ---
At crossroads, continue straight on.                                    4.5          ---
Optional Viewpoint. Turn right up steep climb for great views of the Clwydian Range and Snowdonia. Ride time approx. 10 mins.                  4.6          ---
Turn left.                                                               4.9          ---
At T junction, turn left.                                               6.2          ---
At crossroads, turn right.                                               6.7          ---
At T junction, turn left.                                               7.4          ---
At T junction with surfaced road, turn right.                           7.6          ---
At sharp corner, bear left onto forest track.                           7.7          ---
Take second left.                                                        8.1          ---
At crossroads with surfaced road, continue straight on.                 9.7          ---
Turn left.                                                               10.2         ---
Continue through gate onto surfaced road.                                10.8         ---
Continue straight on.                                                     11.2         ---
At sharp corner, bear right through gate into holding pen. Continue on bridleway through middle gate.                              11.3         ---
Continue through gate, turn left on surfaced road.                      12.3         ---
Turn right.                                                              12.4         ---
Continue straight over main road. CAUTION, fast approaching vehicles.   12.5         ---
Bear right.                                                             12.6         ---
Just before the end of the road, turn right onto single track descent, towards the dam wall.                              13.4         ---
At end of dam wall follow track up to the left.                          13.8         ---
Turn left.                                                               13.9         ---
Follow shore line.                                                       15.4         ---
Turn right.                                                               17.1         ---
At junction with main road, continue straight on. CAUTION, fast approaching vehicles.                              19.5         ---
Turn right at T junction.                                               20.4         ---
Follow shore line.                                                       22.9         ---
Bear left to shore line. Turn left into car park, just past information centre and through small gate onto path, turn right towards dam wall.           23.8         ---
Over dam wall.                                                           24.3         ---
Turn left.                                                               25.5         ---
Turn right over cattle grid and bear left up bridleway.                  25.9         ---
Continue straight on.                                                     26.4         ---
Continue straight on.                                                     28.5         ---
At crossroads, turn left.                                               28.6         ---
Turn right.                                                               29.0         ---
Turn left onto forest road.                                             29.4         ---
Bear left.                                                               30.0         ---
Bear left.                                                               30.6         ---
Bear left.                                                               31.1         ---
At junction with surfaced road, turn right.                              31.5         ---
Bear right onto forest road.                                             31.8         ---
Continue through gates and descend on forest track.                     34.1         ---
At junction with surfaced road, turn right.                              36.2         ---
Bear left.                                                               37.7         ---
Turn right.                                                               38.2         ---
At junction, bear right up steep climb.                                  39.2         ---
At end of surfaced road, turn left onto bridleway, through several gates, towards the forest.                                40.1         ---
Turn left.                                                               41.5         ---
Straight on.                                                             42.4         ---
Turn left.                                                               42.6         ---
Turn right onto forest road.                                             43.2         ---
Turn left.                                                               43.5         ---
At crossroads, continue straight on.                                     44.5         ---
Bear left.                                                               44.7         ---
Turn right.                                                               45.1         ---
Bear left.
Turn left onto single track. Look for green and white posts.

At junction with forest road, turn right.
At the end of the fence line, turn left on single track, follow descent.

At junction with forest road, turn left.
Just before end of track, turn right on single track to join lower forest road.

Turn right.
Continue to top of climb and turn right on forest road to continue to climb.

About halfway around corner, turn left onto single track descent.
Turn right at end of track to continue single track descent.

Continue straight on, to continue single track descent along fence line.
At end of single track, turn right to climb up forest road, past house.

Bear left.
Turn left.

Turn right.
At crossroads, turn left.

At junction with surfaced road, turn left.
At crossroads, continue straight on and back to the start point. CAUTION, fast approaching vehicles.

Finish.