

# RANGER ULTRAS

## PENNINE BRIDLEWAY ULTRA CHALLENGE

### (270km in 100hours) – COURSE NOTES



See Race Briefing notes for Hayfield Race HQ registration, timings and bus from HQ to the Start. There is no race registration at the start.

#### Recommended maps:

- Harvey's Pennine Bridleway South 1:40,000 waterproof map (from Start to CP1 plus 14km)
- There currently is not a Harveys Pennine Bridleway North map. The following OS maps cover the northern section of the route.
- OL21 South Pennines 1:25,000 Ordnance Survey (laminated weather proof version)
- OL41 Forest of Bowland & Ribblesdale 1:25,000 Ordnance Survey (laminated weather proof version)
- OL2 Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western 1:25,000 Ordnance Survey (laminated weather proof version)
- OL19 Howgill Fells & Upper Eden Valley 1:25,000 Ordnance Survey (laminated weather proof version)
- Alternative: OL21, OL41, OL2, OL19 bought as non-laminated non-waterproof. Cut down and home laminated to make lighter and waterproof.
- Alternative: Print outs from online Ordnance Survey OS Maps, View Ranger etc. All self-printed maps sheets must be individually waterproofed.
- Recommended: Marked up your maps with Checkpoint locations, diversions, on course facilities in the following notes. See also GPX files which are sent to all entered participants...
- Note: With diversions & GPX track measurement, actual course distance travelled may not be exactly 270km.

**Route summary:** Pennine Bridleway south to north from Middleton Top to Kirkby Stephen. With some diversions, detailed below, to avoid roads as much as possible, without detracting from the character of the Pennine Bridleway. Link extensions or loops, such as the Torside Link and Mary Townley Loop will not be used, with the exception of the sections used in the main south to north routing.

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#### START MIDDLETON TOP to CP1 HAYFIELD (59km)



Lowest 188m Highest 455m  
Total ascent 1202m

All Start to CP1 course route is on the Pennine Bridleway.

On course:

- Start – Public Toilets
- 13km – A5012 Newhaven road crossing, care!
- 18.5km – Parsley Hay. Café open from 09:30. Public toilets. **Race Team water**
- 24.5km – A515 Pomeroy road crossing, care! Use designated 'funnel' route.
- 29km – A6 road crossing, care!
- 31.5km – Chee Dale. Blackwell Mill tuck shop
- 45km – A623 Peak Forest road crossing, care! Use pedestrian crossing.
- 47.5 – Perryfoot road crossing, care!
- 49.5 – Rushup Edge road crossing, care! **Race Team water**
- 59km – CP1 Hayfield Cricket Club Pavilion. Next to The Royal Hotel, Market Street, SK22 2EP (SK 0380 8692) Access to drop bag. Hot food, snacks, hot and cold drinks.
- Hayfield - Other nearby on route non-race facilities: Post Office shop. Newsagent shop. Royal Hotel (pub food). The George (pub food) Colosseo Italian Restaurant (take-out). Public toilets, Sett Valley Trail car park.

#### CP1 HAYFIELD to CP2 HEDBEN HEY SCOUT CENTRE (74km)



Lowest 108m Highest 413m  
Total ascent 2324m

CP 1 to 6.5km Crown Edge on Pennine Bridleway

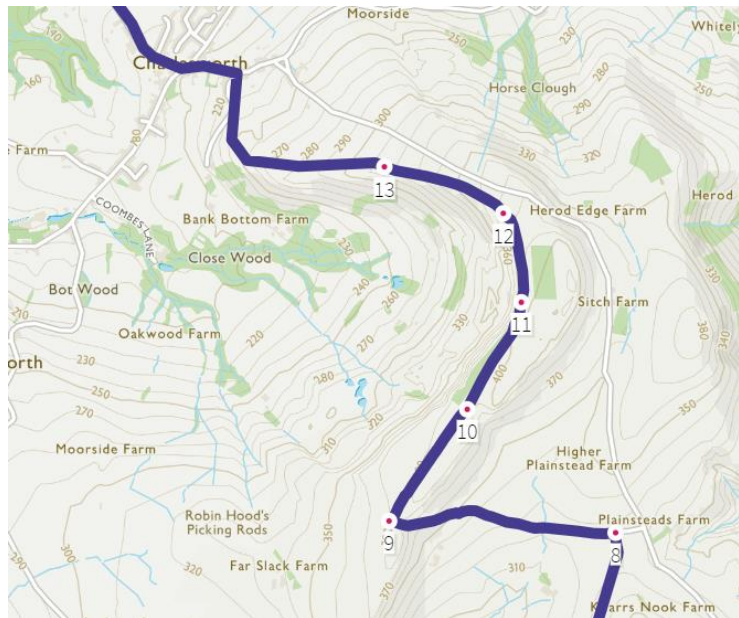
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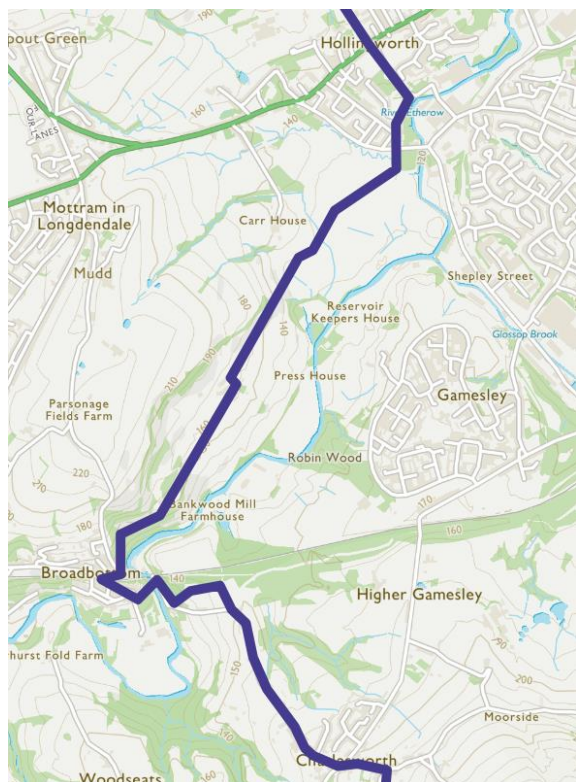
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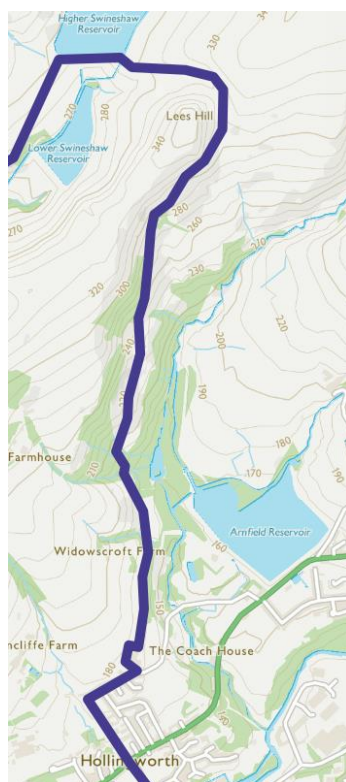
6.5km Crown Edge to 14km Charlesworth, alternative route, avoiding roads.



14km Charlesworth to 17km Hollingworth, alternative route avoiding roads. Using Trans Pennine Trail to Broadbottom then Thameside Trail to Hollingworth. A57 & A628 road crossings, care!



18km Hollingworth use Tameside Trail to rejoin Pennine Bridleway at 19km Lees Hill



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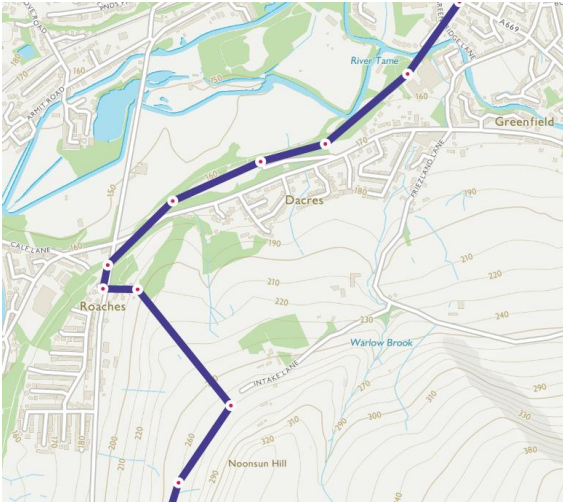
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19km Lees Hill to 25.5km Noonsun Hill Pennine Bridleway  
Then divert North West to join Thame Valley Way at A635 / B6175 road junction.

- 26km – A635 road crossing, care! Layby: Mel's booty van. **Race Team water**



Rejoin Pennine Bridleway after 1.5km at SD 993 041  
200m north of Greenfield / A635

27km SD 993 041 to 73km Shaw Bottom on Pennine Bridleway

- 27.5km – A669 road crossing, care!
- 36km – A62 road crossing, care!
- 40km – A640 road crossing, care!
- 42km – A672 road crossing, care! Ram's Head Pub
- 55km – A6033 road crossing, care! Use pedestrian crossing. Summit Inn Pub. **Race Team water**. From Summit, take route north, do not head south west (to Calderbrook) on Mary Townley Loop.
- 57.5km – A6033 road crossing, care! Use pedestrian crossing.
- 70km – A646 road crossing, care! Use pedestrian crossing.

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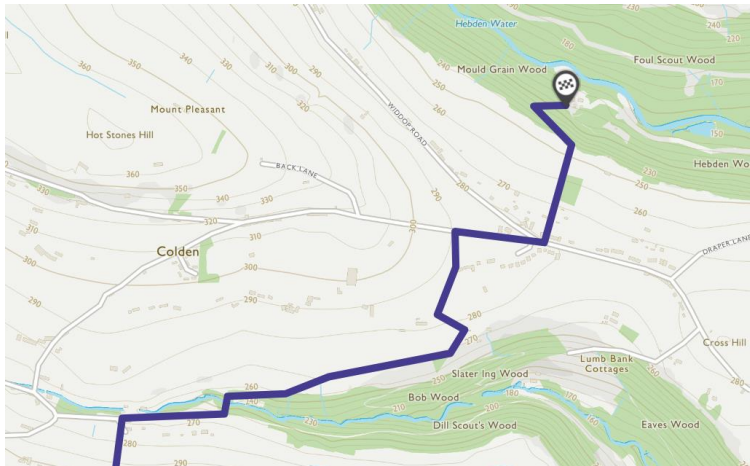
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72km Shaw Bottom to 75km CP2 Hebden Hey Scout Centre (SD 9789 2912)

- CP2 Access to drop bag. Hot food, snacks, hot and cold drinks. Showers. Bunkroom sleeping.

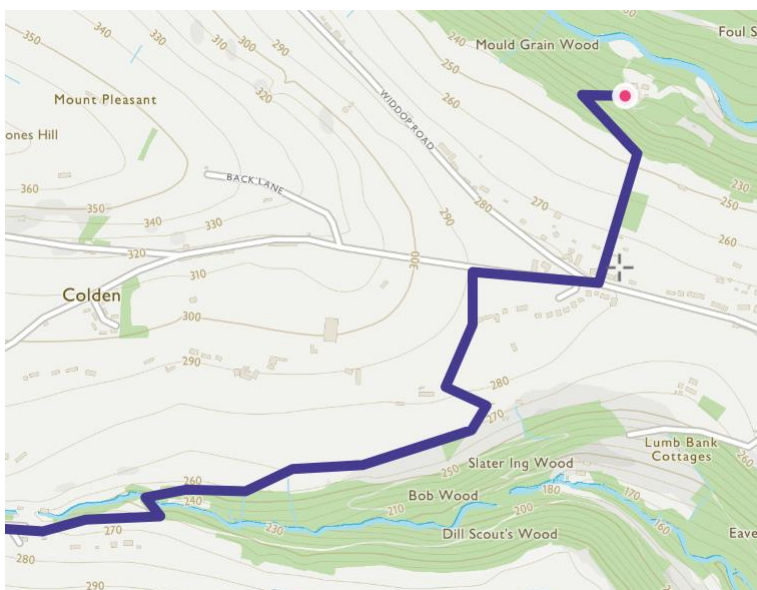


### CP2 HEBDEN HEY SCOUT CENTRE to CP3 SETTLE (69km)



Lowest 93m Highest 431m  
Total ascent 1685m

### CP 1 to 2km Shaw Bottom rejoin Pennine Bridleway



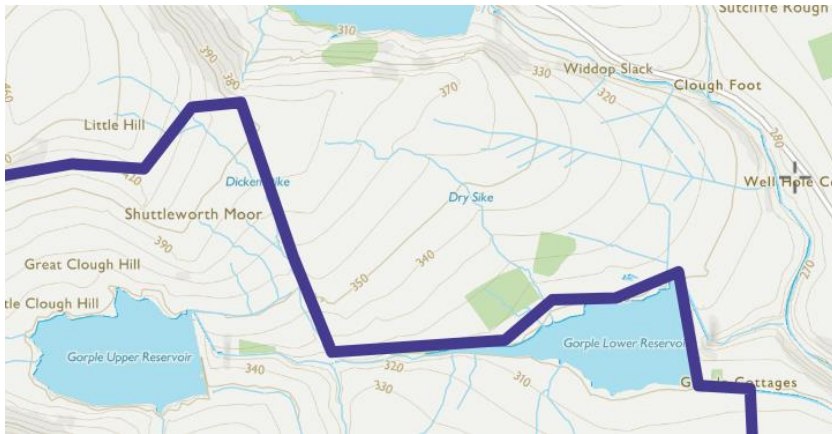
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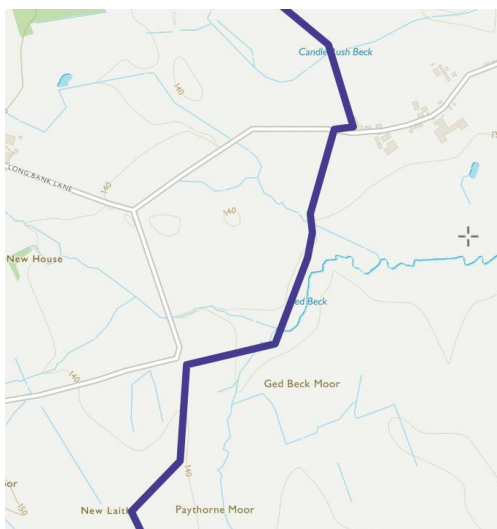
9km Gorge Lower Reservoir alternative route, avoiding road, rejoin Pennine Bridleway at 11km Clough Head Stones



11km Clough Head Stones to 57km Ged Beck Moor on Pennine Bridleway

- 14km – Hameldon SD898 323 take north branch of Pennine Bridleway. **Not** south west to Hurstwood Reservoir which is the Mary Townley Loop.
- 26km - Wycoller. Public toilets. **Race Team water**
- 28km - A6068 road crossing, care!
- 35km - A56 road crossing, care! Use central traffic island as crossing point.
- 38km – B6383 Kelbrook Road crossing, care! Use central traffic island as crossing point.
- 50km – A682 & A59 crossing, care! Use central traffic island as crossing point.
- 55km – Buck Inn Paythorne. **Race Team water**

57km Ged Beck Moor. Minor diversion (800 metres) off Pennine Bridleway, avoiding road. Rejoin Pennine Bridleway at Town End



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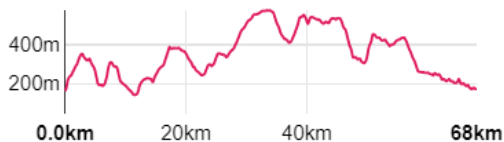
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58km Town End to 74km CP3 Castleberg Scout Drill Hall Settle, BD24 9HA (SD 8209 6366) on Pennine Bridleway

- 62km – A65 road crossing care! Long Preston village store. Boars Head pub.
- CP3 Access to drop bag. Hot food, snacks, hot and cold drinks. Hall floor sleeping.

### CP3 SETTLE to FINISH KIRKBY STEPHEN (68km)



Lowest 145m Highest 575m

Total ascent 1580m

CP 3 to 55km B6259 on Pennine Bridleway

- 6km – B6479 Road crossing, care!
- 21km – B6479 Road crossing, care! Small layby near gate (SD 7878 7472) **Race Team water**
- 35.5km – B6255 Road crossing, care!
- 42km – To Garsdale Railway Station, along Galloway Gate Lane, care!
- 47km – Garsdale Station. **Race Team water**
- 49km – A684 Road crossing, care! Moorcock Inn
- 55km B6259 Road crossing, care!

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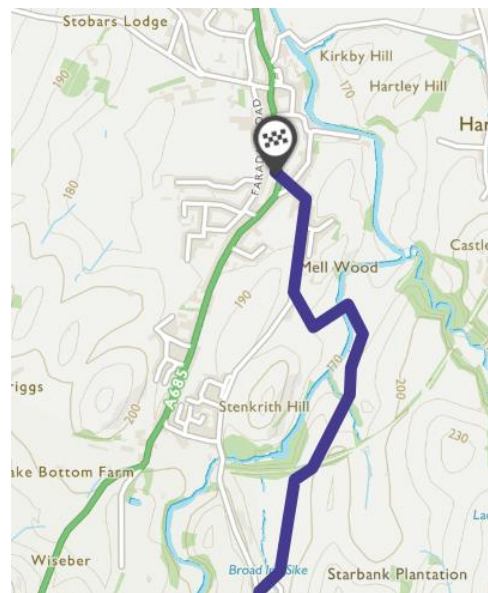
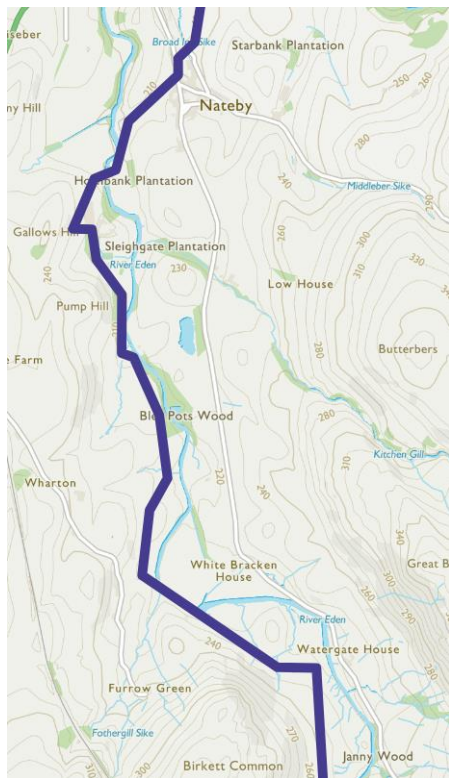
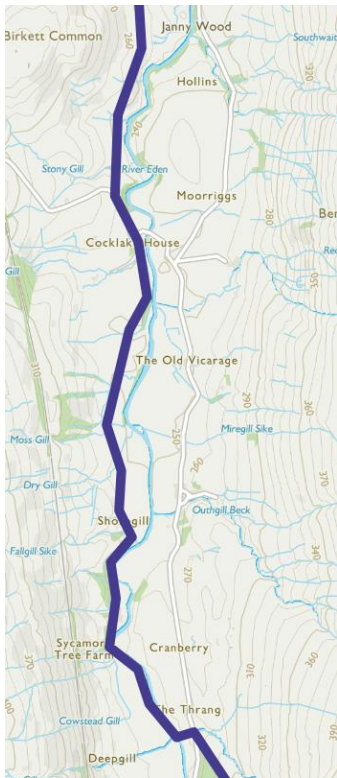
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55km B6259 leave Pennine Bridleway and continue on A Pennine Journey trail to 67km

67km leave A Pennine Journey, over field, cross river bridge into Kirkby Stephen



68km - FINISH Kirkby Stephen Hostel, Market Street, CA17 4QQ (NY 7748 0854)

- Drop bag. Hot meal. Hot and cold drinks. Bunkroom sleeping.