

# RANGER ULTRAS

## PENNINE BRIDLEWAY PB55 ULTRA TIME TRIAL



### Welcome to the Pennine Bridleway PB55 UTT

The PB55 UTT is a low-key race in the usual style of Ranger Ultras events. A combination of fast trails, challenging ascents and superb Peak District scenery. The PB55 UTT is a great opportunity for runners new to off-road, as well as a great middle-distance trail challenge for experienced athletes.

The UTT concept came from our attempt to adjust to the early challenges of the 2020 Covid-19 outbreak and enable runners to enjoy their trail running while maintaining social distancing. Unfortunately, the pandemic escalated beyond the point where we could offer the event that year and postponed the race for 12 months shortly before the Government lockdown.

The Time Trial is often called the race of truth...the purity of just you and the trail against the clock. This is self-navigation race. We email a GPX file to all entries well in advance of race day. If you wish to enjoy running with friends, we will allow couples and small groups to start together. Route finding is straightforward following the well-marked Pennine Bridleway National Trail.

The Course: Pennine Bridleway from historic Hayfield village, south 27.5km out and 27.5km back. The course turn is at car park (Grid ref SK 1120 7248) and will be race signed on the approach. A combination of fast trails, challenging gradients and superb Peak District scenery. Total ascent is 1711 metres.

For a post-race celebration, or waiting for friends to finish, The Royal Hotel pub is next door to Race HQ. Hayfield has excellent choice of pubs selling good food and ales, cafes, Italian restaurant, post office, newsagent and B&B accommodation. Hayfield is also home to Ranger Ultras and Ranger Expeditions guided walks.

Our aim is for our races to provide a positive and enjoyable experience in the hills and on the trails. And our ethos is always about facilitating achievement and success. Whether your style is to walk some of the way, jog or run, we hope you will be inspired to rise to the challenge.

Also contained in this document is information, including joining details and navigation notes, which will help you prepare and make the most of your PB55 Ultra Time Trial. We look forward to seeing you.

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### Race Timings

#### SATURDAY ITINERARY

##### 08:00

- Race HQ open
- Race HQ: Hayfield Cricket Pavilion (far side of The Royal Hotel car park), Hayfield, High Peak, SK22 2LD
- Parking Note: There are two public pay and display car parks in Hayfield.
  - Preferred: Station Road, SK22 2ES, £4.80 cash all day (just over the bypass pedestrian crossing, 200m from HQ)
  - Bowden Bridge, Kinder Road, SK22 2LH, £4.50 cash all day (1km from HQ)
  - Please park considerately. Take extra care not to block residents' driveways. Do not park on Church Road or Kinder Road, these are narrow roads which get very congested, especially at weekends, and residents cannot then access their homes.

##### 09:30 to 10:30

- You choose your approximate start time between 09:30 and 10:30
- Report to race start timekeeper at Race HQ
- Your individual start time will be recorded and you may proceed onto the course.
- You may, if you wish, start with friends so you can run together.
- There will be an aid-station at the Rushup Edge (9km out & 46km return) and the half way turn (27.5km)
- Note: For a valid race time, runners must report their race number to the marshal at the course-turn.
- On finishing the PB55 UTT back at Race HQ the timekeeper will record your finishing time.

##### 21:00

- Cut off time for all PB55 UTT runners to be back at Race HQ

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### FINISH / RESULTS

- Hot drinks and refreshments will be available at HQ for finishers
- Finishers medals will be presented at Race HQ
- TT staggered start format means that the race winner award will not be certain until the last runner has passed the finish line.
- The timekeepers results board will be on view at Race HQ
- Full verified results and Winners will be emailed to all participants and published online within 5 days of race completion: Ranger Ultras website & Ranger Ultras Facebook page.
- You may, if you wish, wait or pop back to HQ at the end of the day to see the provisional results
- Winners trophies will be posted to runners who wish to head home before results are available

Note: For participants travelling from further afield, there are several B&Bs in Hayfield and the surrounding area. eg: The Royal Hotel, The Sportsman Inn, The George Hotel.  
Hayfield Campsite is open for tents, campervans and motorhomes.  
The nearest YHAs are in Edale and Castleton

Note: Race HQ will be staffed throughout the event. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, soup and light refreshments will be available to racers on return to HQ. With pizza from lunch time onwards.

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### TRAIL PERMISSIONS

Ranger Ultras have obtained the following trail permissions. Please read the following conditions of use carefully. National Trails are maintained to a higher standard in recognition of their national status and high usage. Much of this work is not a statutory of local councils and relies upon volunteers and donations.

**National Trails** authority for permission to use the Pennine Bridleway  
For this we pay a fee of £1-00 for each participant

**Trail Running Association** £1-00 for each unaffiliated athlete

The PB55 UTT is organised with race permit from the Trail Running Association (TRA) and under England Athletics (EA) rules

### LOOKING AFTER THE TRAIL AND COUNTRYSIDE WITH LOW IMPACT RACES

Please:

- Stay within the width of the definitive public right of way
- Close all gates properly, unless they are tied open by the landowner
- Be courteous to other trail users and members of the public
- If meeting or catching up with a ridden or led horse: Make yourself know to the rider well in advance. Slow to a walk. Be prepared to stop if necessary. If running in a group, approach in single file. Large masses of people may spook the animal. Ask if it is safe to pass. Pass in single file.
- Do not litter. Your packaging may be left with a race marshal or at Race HQ
- Do not sit on or damage walls
- Do not pick flowers. Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints
- Observe local bye-laws, where notified



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### MEDALS FOR WILDLIFE

Celebrating runners' achievements has always been a huge part of what we enjoy about organising races. Although not every runner wants to take a medal away with them. So after your presentation picture in Race HQ, you now have the choice to put your medal into our Medals For Wildlife box. For every Ranger Ultras medal in the box at the end of each event we'll donate the equivalent medal cost ( £3-00 ) to a wildlife charity.

Similarly if you're fast enough to win a trophy, you may choose to add this to the box and we'll donate £10-00 for each trophy.

We'll then re-use the medals and trophies in future races, which also helps reduce our environmental footprint. But we'd like to emphasise that Medals For Wildlife is optional and if you enjoy the memories that a medal brings, then you're equally welcome to take yours home.

Race Organiser, Stu, has been a supporter of Tusk Trust since running the Lewa Safaricom marathon, Kenya, back in 2008. All our Medals For Wildlife fundraising will go to Tusk Trust.



### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Ranger Ultras' on course Safety Team
- Navigation notes
- At RACE TURN: Snacks, fruit, water
- At HQ: Tea/Coffee/ Soft drinks, Pizza
- Finishers Medals
- Trophies for 1st Male and 1st Female
- Trophies for Age Cat 20-24, 25-49, 50+

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### COMPULSORY KIT LIST

#### THE KIT (must be worn or carried)

- Race pack or bum bag
- Waterproof jacket with hood or additional head covering
- Insulating hat and gloves / mitts
- Wicking base layer (not cotton)
- Warm mid-layer(s) appropriate for the weather conditions.
- Appropriate footwear for trail running
- Hard copy or colour print out of Ordnance Survey type map covering the Race Distance (e.g. OS OL1 Dark Peak & OL24 White Peak, Harveys Maps Pennine Bridleway South).  
(note: paper print outs must be waterproofed, either laminated or in waterproof map case)
- Navigation compass of base plate design  
(note: button compass will fail kit check)  
(note: a mobile phone app or watch compass is not an acceptable alternative to base plate navigation compass)



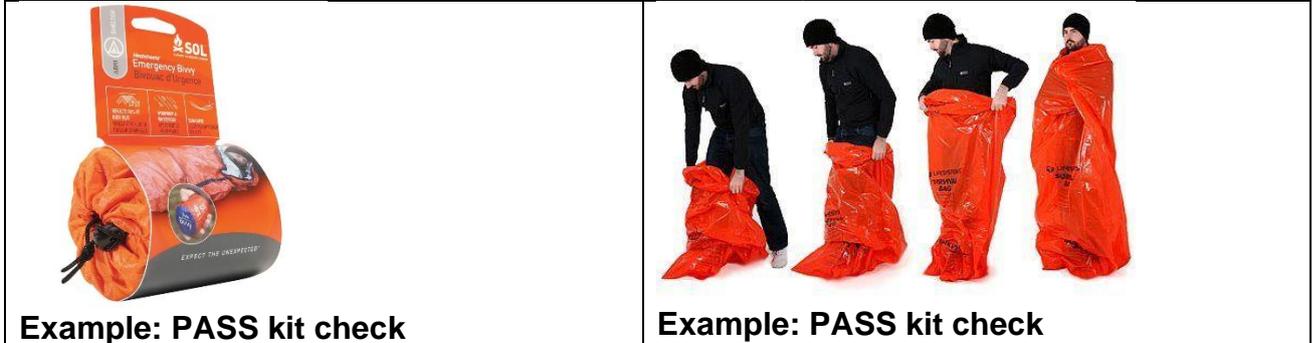
- Head torch - Options as follows:
  - Battery powered head torch with spare batteries carried.
  - Rechargeable head torch with a spare rechargeable battery
  - Rechargeable head torch with a separate power bank – the head torch must still be functional while charging.
  - Rechargeable head torch with a second back up head torch.
  - Note: A mobile phone torch does not count as a primary or back up and will fail kit check.
- Whistle

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- Emergency bivvy bag, foil or polythene survival bag.  
(note: foil blanket is not acceptable and will fail kit check)



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- Fluid container for sufficient non-alcoholic drinks
- Hill food to sustain you for the race.
- First aid kit containing: One 5cm x 5cm wound dressing, one roll of tape or bandage, antiseptic spray / wipes, blister kit. Your regular prescription medication (these should be in original package and of a quantity sufficient for the period of the race. And declared on your entry form, in case of incident on the day).
- Mobile Phone (fully charged). Standard UK network SIM cards only. Definitely not Manx SIM
- Litter bag to put all rubbish generated by yourself (you can empty rubbish bags at road checkpoints or HQ)
  
- OPTIONAL: GPS
- OPTIONAL: Unbreakable Mug (for on course drinks, we do not use single use disposable plastic cups)
- OPTIONAL: Walking poles are allowed
  
- Please note in advance: **This is a minimum compulsory kit list, all items applicable to all competitors.** There will be a kit check at HQ before the race start. Runners not having the required kit will not be allowed to start. No sharing of any item of kit. The kit list is proportional to the race and has been compiled by outdoor professionals with input from Mountain Rescue. Participants should pre-review the forecast weather conditions add such items as necessary to keep warm, dry, fed and hydrated whilst on the trail. More race details on: <http://rangerultras.co.uk/>

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### TERMS, CONDITIONS & PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

1. I am over 20 years of age by the start of the event. Proof of age may be requested.
2. I have read, understood and agree with all statements and conditions within the race brief, race rules, race documents and participant waiver.
3. I understand the nature of the event. I agree that I enter the event at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own safety and actions during the event. I do not hold Ranger Ultra or its parent company, Ranger Expeditions Ltd., or any of its Directors, employees, support workers, volunteers or agents responsible for any damage or injury sustained to me, my property or any third-party injury caused by me during the event.
4. I do not have any medical condition that would deem me as a medical risk during the event.
5. I understand the entry fee of £50 includes a non-refundable deposit of £25
6. If I choose to cancel my entry up to 30 days prior to the event, I will be entitled to a refund of £25
7. If I choose to cancel my entry less than 30 days prior to the event, I will forfeit the full cost of entry.
8. Race event entries may not be transferred to another person.
9. Due to the investment of entry fees into race infrastructure and venue booking, well in advance of the event, deferrals are not allowed.
10. I accept that in the event of personal injury I will respect the opinions of the Event Organisers and their medical staff if they choose to withdraw me from the event.
11. I agree to abide to all instructions, directions or decisions given by Ranger Ultra personnel, during the race and at all checkpoints.
12. I understand that any abuse or discrimination of any nature towards fellow contestants or Ranger Ultras personnel will result in immediate expulsion (without reimbursement of paid fees) from the race.
13. I will abide by the countryside codes of practice, keep to recognised marked pathways where appropriate, close gates after passing through them and not drop litter in any shape or form. I will be respectful to other non-race users of the trail and their rights of way.
14. Cut off times may be amended during the race to accommodate adverse changes in weather at the discretion of the Event Organisers.
15. I will adhere to any pre-advertised or amended cut-off times during the event.
16. The Event Organisers have complete autonomy during the event and their decision is final.
17. The Race Organisers will do everything in their power to ensure that the race proceeds as planned.
18. In the event of adverse or extreme weather, acts of God, natural or man-made disaster the race may be delayed, cancelled or modified. The Race Organisers may modify, change or shorten the course at short notice. This will be notified to participants by the Race Organisers as soon as possible. This may be at the prior to the event, at the race brief, or in developing circumstances whilst the race is in progress. The decision will be made by the Race Organisers and the participant will respect any decision made in the interests of safety without complaint or recompense. Refunds or deferrals will not be given for changes to the course.
19. In the event of the race being cancelled through no fault of the Race Organisers for example:

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- i Extreme Weather including and not limited to floods, fire, dangerously high winds, natural disasters or acts of God then no refund will be offered.
- ii Man-made factors including and not limited to accidents, countryside incidents such as foot and mouth or any other man-made incident which could stop the race then no refund will be offered.

### RACE RULES

1. You must ensure your race number is recorded by our course monitors during the race.
2. In some instances, athletes may be advised on their pacing to safely meet any cut-offs.
3. The use of support teams is not allowed.
4. The use of mules or pacers, or non-race entered accompanying runners is not allowed.
5. You must complete the course on foot with no assistance from vehicles of any kind for transportation.
6. No illegal drugs or alcohol are allowed during your race.
7. If you stop for a substantial length of time (over 30mins) find an area with mobile phone reception and contact RACEHQ via SMS or a phone call.
8. You must remain on the course at all times, unless directed to make a course amendment to detour around a hazard
9. You must have demonstrable navigation skills.
10. You must carry the COMPULSORY KIT at all times whilst on the course. We may spot check at any time during the race for safety. If you don't you will be deemed unfit to continue and withdrawn from the race.
11. If trackers are used during for the race, these will be taped to your rucksack strap in a position which ensures best signal transmission. This should not be moved or removed until the end of the race. You are responsible for looking after the tracker device and for handing it in to Race HQ when you finish. If you fail to do this you are responsible for any charges associated with returning the tracker.
12. Trackers (if used) may have an SOS button fitted. This is for emergency use only. Its activation will result in race safety team(s) being mobilised and potentially blue-light services such as Mountain Rescue, Police and Ambulance. Racers understand that by pressing the SOS button their race is over at that point.
13. In the event of adverse or extreme weather the race organisers reserve the right to amend the route and programme accordingly. You will be informed a.s.a.p. at the nearest checkpoint (or monitoring position) and will be briefed when appropriate. However, athletes who have completed the route prior to any significant amendments (original route) will rank higher if they complete the course.
14. In the event of adverse or extreme weather you may be held in certain areas on the course or at a checkpoint. This is when course conditions are a danger to your well-being. In this scenario we cannot be held responsible for any additional time this adds to your race and you will be released as soon as possible, and when possible in order. However, cut-off times may be amended to allow for delays. We are not in charge of the weather.
15. If you are deemed unsuitable to continue at any stage of the race, the race organisers reserve the right to withdraw you from the event. This could be for the following:

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- i Medical grounds – Fatigue, injury, previous medical condition etc. Not all injuries will require withdrawal from the event and it is at the discretion of the medical staff.
  - ii Cheating – Not completing the course as marked/ instructed, using public transport or receiving outside assistance etc other than what is specified.
  - iii Unable to complete the course in the allotted time.
  - iv Unsociable behaviour.
  - v Poor navigation skills.
  - vi Unsafe racing.
16. If another individual is in need of emergency assistance it is expected that you provide assistance. Once reported, the race organiser will credit any time spent assisting with the aid or rescue of a fellow participant.
  17. You must agree with the participant waiver prior to joining the race, and complete the medical questionnaire and supply this prior to race start
  18. The race organisers reserve the right to amend or update the rules or terms of entry at any time without prior notice or recourse

### **VOLUNTEERING**

We welcome volunteers to our Ranger Ultras races.

There are various roles available:

- On course marshal / refreshments / safety team
- On course sweeper
- HQ race times & results board
- HQ hospitality

In return for a day with us, as a sincere thank you, we offer free personal entry for you into any of our Ranger Ultras' one day trail races or Ranger Expeditions' guided open group challenge walks (see below).

To volunteer, please contact: [rangerexped@gmail.com](mailto:rangerexped@gmail.com)

With some brief details

- Your name
- Your mobile number
- Your email
- Where you'll be travelling from
- Event(s) interested in volunteering for
- Role(s) you're interested in
- Any special diet or medical conditions we should be aware of (in confidence)
- Your emergency contact person:
- Emergency contact number
- Event(s) you'd like join as our thank you for volunteering.

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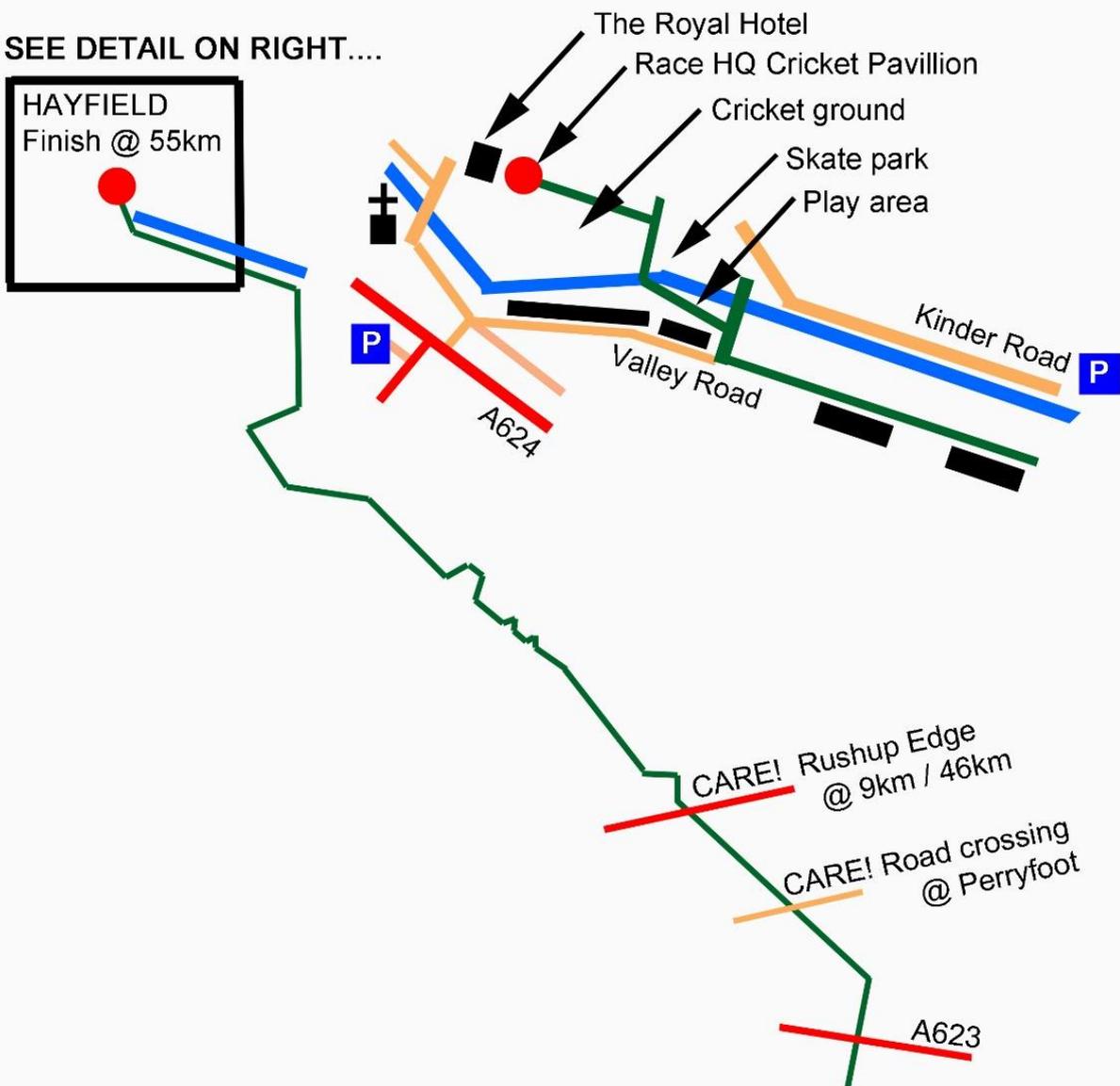
### COURSE NOTES

On-course refreshments (water, soft drinks, sweet & savoury snacks) at:

- 9km Rushup Edge
- 27.5km Race turn
- 46km Rushup Edge

### Course Notes: Hayfield to A623 Crossing (not to scale)

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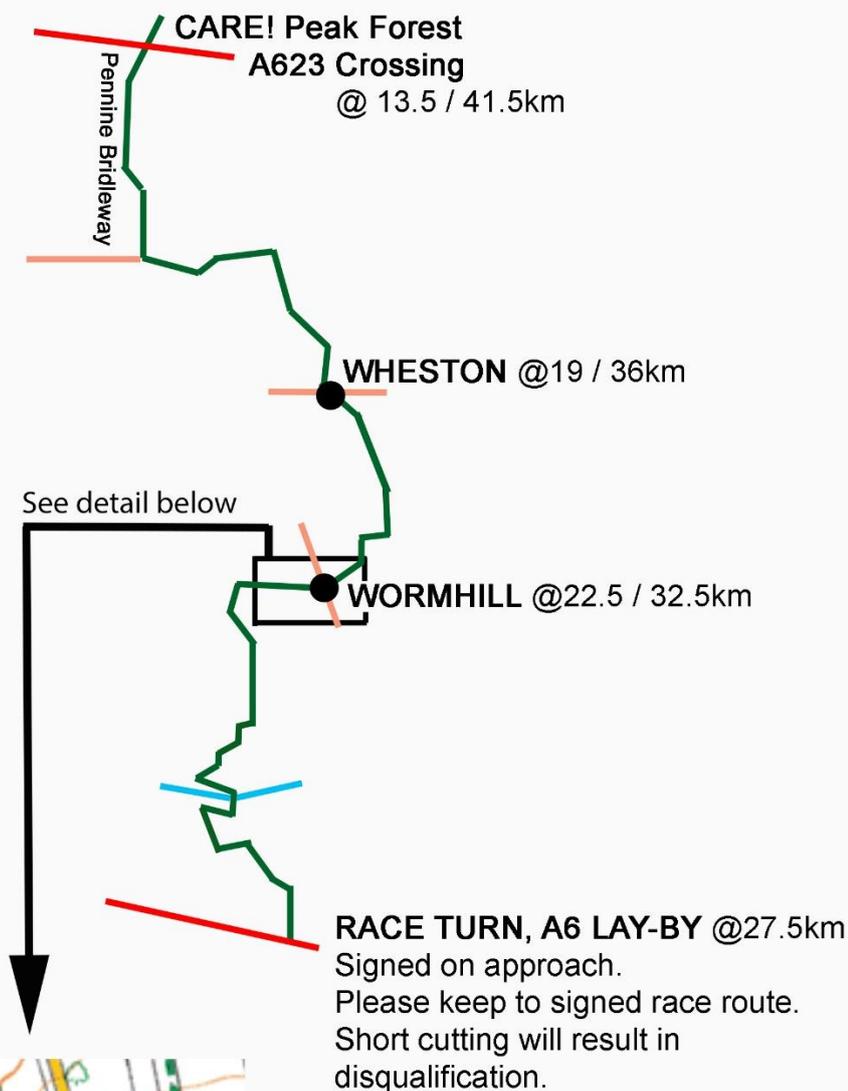


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Course Notes: Peak Forest A623 Crossing to Race Turn  
(not to scale)



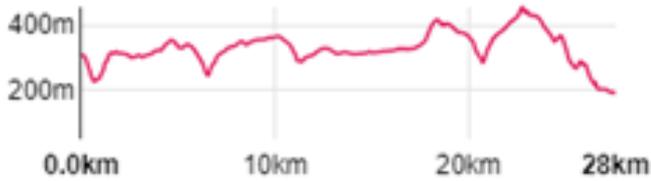
Detail: Old Hall Farm is a working farm with surrounding livestock enclosures:  
Please close all gates

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### OUT LEG ELEVATION



Lowest 191m    Highest 455m  
Total ascent 791m

### RETURN LEG ELEVATION



Lowest 191m    Highest 455m  
Total ascent 920m

Stay up to date with our latest race news, training courses and guided challenge events on our regular Facebook and Twitter updates, Ranger Ultras and Ranger Expeditions websites.

### RANGER ULTRAS EVENTS

Here's our complete Ranger Ultras trail running race series:

- Pennine Bridleway PB18 Trail Time Trial
- Pennine Bridleway PB55 Ultra Time Trial \*
- Pen Y Ghent 50km Ultra
- Yorkshire 3 Peaks 70km Ultra
- Yorkshire 3 Peaks 100km Ultra \*
- Peak District White Peak 50km Trails
- Peak District Dark Peak 43km Challenge
- Peak District South & North 93km \*
- High Peak 100km Ultra
- Pennine Bridleway (270km in 100hours) Ultra Challenge

\* Ranger Ultras Grand Slam Series events

All races automatically count towards the Ranger Ultras Point Series Competition.

See Ranger Ultras website for more details on the Grand Slam and Point Series Competitions.

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### RANGER EXPEDITIONS EVENTS

If you, or friends and family, also like a more relaxed pace and a great day in the hills, we also offer Ranger Expeditions' challenge walks, guided and supported by local Mountain Leaders:

- Peak District 3 Peaks Challenge
- Edale Skyline
- Hayfield Skyline
- Kinder Skyline
- Kinder Scout Summer Specials
- Discovery walks
- Guiding and Logistics support for your personal challenge

Meanwhile, to help you prepare in the best possible way, we also offer excellent value Navigation and Hill Skills courses for Ultra, Point Score and Expedition Style races, with instructors who are approachable, keen to share knowledge and help you achieve your aspirations.

Your event organisers,

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Ranger Expeditions & Ultras