

RANGER ULTRAS

PENNINE BRIDLEWAY TRAIL CHALLENGE

(270km in 100hours) – TRAVEL NOTES



In this document we highlight some of the travel options available to the Ranger Ultras' PB270 Pennine Bridleway Trail Challenge participants. This is intended as an initial resource of ideas. It's not intended to be a comprehensive list or to replace your own detailed travel planning.

TRAVEL TO PB270 REGISTRATION

Location: The Peak Centre, Edale, Hope Valley, S33 7ZA

150m from car park and train station, past The Rambler Inn, towards the centre of the village. There is no short or long term car parking for participants at the Peak Centre, Registration/CP1. The Peak Centre venue is handed back before the conclusion of the PB270 event.

Nearest car park: Edale village, Water Meadows, Hope Rd, Edale, Hope Valley S33 7ZQ

Race Registration is 2 minutes' walk from car park.

Charges: 24h max unless a season ticket is purchased online in advance. See link below

<https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/874/Edale>

Parking note: Please park considerately in the village, we regularly work in Edale and like to remain on good terms with our local community as well as for the PB270 to benefit local businesses. Hence, please do not block driveways, cause an obstruction or park on yellow lines. We really do appreciate your help in this regard.

Camping note: If using a camper van for the overnight after race registration, please do not treat the local roadside verges, bushes or gardens as a toilet. If your van does not have its own on-board toilet then Newfold Campsite is a really good choice to stay the night and has an excellent toilet block, hot showers and washing up facilities. We're sorry to have to mention this, as the vast majority of camper van users are respectful. But this has happened in our experience elsewhere (not Ranger Ultras or Ranger Expeditions events). Having to clean up others' human waste and deal with irate local residents is especially unpleasant.

Nearest bus stop: Is in Castleton. Arrival by train is much easier.

Nearest Railway station: Edale, which is on the Manchester to Sheffield line. Services are more frequent during the day. However, timings become less frequent in the mid to late evening, hence do check to make sure there is a service running at the time you need.

Nearest International Airport: Manchester Airport

Registration night accommodation:

For athletes wishing to stay over in Edale village on race registration Tuesday night, we have a limited number of low cost bunkrooms beds available at The Peak Centre (pre-booking only with your race place through Si-Entries).

Ref: Race Brief, there is no race registration on Wednesday morning & private mini-bus departs promptly from Edale to transport participants to the race start at Middleton Top.

However there are lots of local choices to suit a range of budgets.

- The Rambler Inn
- Newfold Campsite

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- Fieldhead Campsite
- Lots of other B&B options: Search Google, AirB&B, Booking.com etc
- Nearest Youth Hostel are in Castleton and Edale (few public transport options to The Peak Centre other than pre-booked taxi)
- Local towns with further choice (although we first recommend you check that you can arrive in time for Race Transport departure to the start on Wednesday morning): Hayfield, New Mills, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Buxton, Castleton.

TRAVEL FROM CHECKPOINTS

Of course we very much want to present you with your finisher's medal at Kirkby Stephen, after experiencing an amazing 270km journey up the Pennine Bridleway. However, even with lots of great hospitality and good food at each checkpoint, not everyone's race plan makes it to completion every time. With this in mind, we've put together an outline of travel options from each checkpoint and also the finish.

With participants travelling in all directions and finishing at random different times, past experience has show us that arranging pre-booked transport for participants at the finish of our races is unplannable and doesn't work as intended. Instead, at each Checkpoint and the Finish, there will be a notice board which participants can add '*lifts offered*' and '*lifts wanted*'. Participants who find they're travelling in the same direction at the same time may then have the opportunity to share taxi costs, or a lift all or part of their way home.

Note: We hand back the Kirkby Stephen Hostel on Sunday at 14:00
Hence, Sunday finishers who wish to travel home on Monday will need to book own accommodation in Kirkby Stephen.

CHECKPOINT 1: Edale – See above notes for Registration

CHECKPOINT 2: Hebden Hey Scout Centre

Train station: Hebden Bridge (2km from CP1) on the Calder Valley Line

Services to York, Leeds, Manchester Victoria, Preston

Buses: Huddersfield, Halifax, Google for routes & times

Taxi: Available to book, Google for numbers

CHECKPOINT 3: Settle Scout Drill Hall

Train station: Settle (10 minutes walk from CP3) on the Settle Carlisle Line

Services to Leeds, Carlisle

Buses: Skipton, Kirkby Lonsdale, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Google for routes & times

Taxi: Available to book, Google for numbers

FINISH: Kirkby Stephen Hostel

Train station: Kirkby Stephen (2km from Finish) on the Settle Carlisle Line

Services to Leeds, Carlisle

Bus: (infrequent) Sedbergh, Penrith, Kendal, Google for routes & times

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USEFUL LINKS:

Northern Rail Network Map

https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/Network_Map_261021_1_0.pdf