

# RANGER ULTRAS

## PENNINE BRIDLEWAY TRAIL CHALLENGE

### (230km in 75hours) – COURSE NOTES - 2026

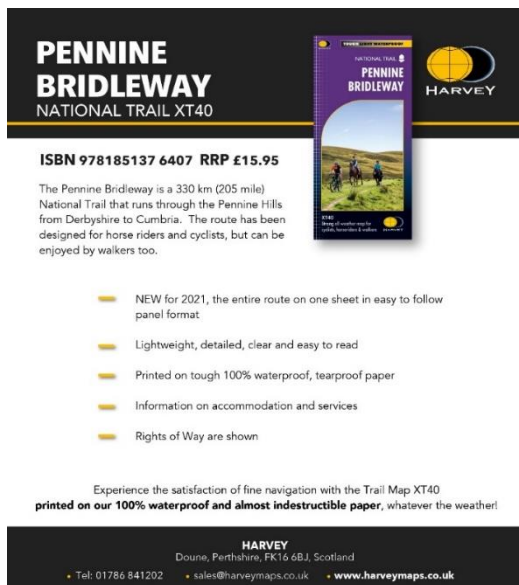


**PB137km in 50hours participants – scroll forward to Page 6 onward for your Hebden to Settle and Settle to Kirkby Stephen course notes.**

See also Race Briefing notes for Edale Race HQ registration, timings etc.

#### Recommended maps:

- **Harvey's Pennine Bridleway XT40 1:40,000 waterproof map covers most of the route.**
- **You also need Ordnance Survey OL1 Dark Peak for Edale to Tintwhistle**



Alternatives, none are as convenient or as inexpensive as the Harveys.

- Ordnance Survey OL1, OL21, OL41, OL2, OL19 factory laminated. Or if bought as non-laminated non-waterproof - cut down and home laminated to make lighter and waterproof.
- Print outs from online Ordnance Survey OS Maps, View Ranger etc. All self-printed maps sheets must be individually waterproofed.

Recommended, whichever paper mapping system you choose...

- Mark 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 230km.
- Note: **Each participant must carry their own hard copy of the course map.** Irrespective of whether they primarily use GPS or not.

**Route summary:** Pennine Bridleway and Pennine Uplands. From Edale in the south to Kirkby Stephen in the north. 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.

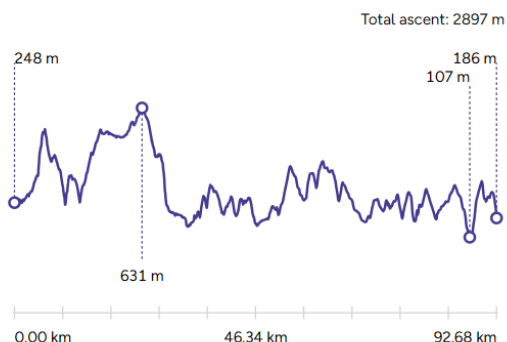
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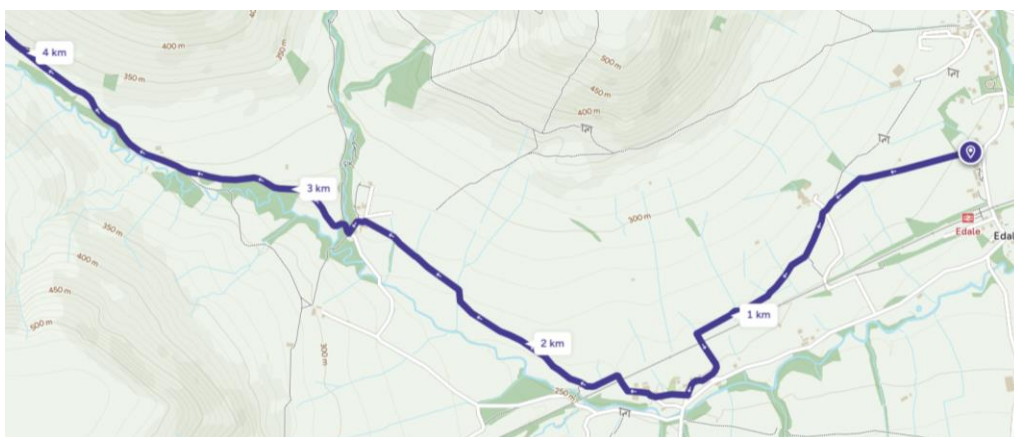
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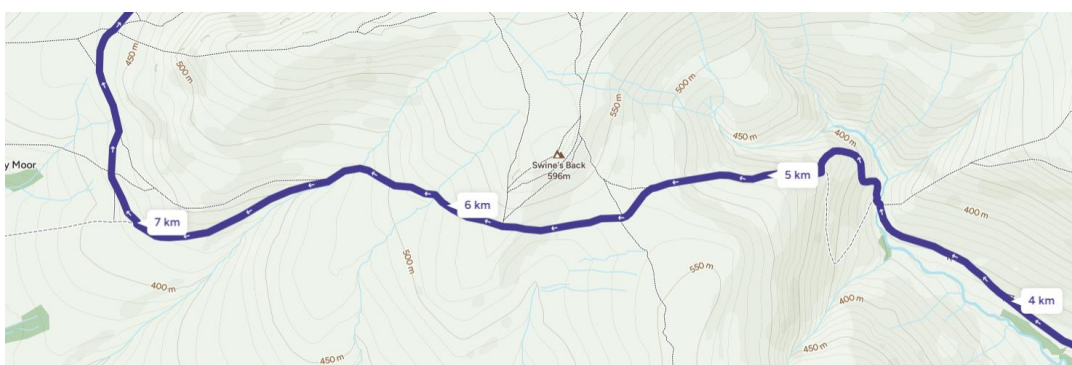
#### START EDALE to CP1 HEDBEN HEY SCOUT CENTRE (93km)



New for 2026: PB230 Start at Edale, routing towards Hayfield then keeping east of Glossop on upland trails, then westerly direction at Torside, reconnecting to Pennine Bridleway at Tintwistle.



1) Peak Centre, footpath to Barber Booth (close gates).  
Connect to Pennine Way at Upper Booth



2) Pennine Way, Jacobs Ladder. 5.5km leave Pennine Way.  
Bridleway past Edale Cross. 7km north bridleway below Kinder Low End.

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3) Bridleway past Kinder Reservoir  
Bridleway past shooting cabin  
Around base of The Knott hill.



4) A624, do not cross road.  
East along trail to Mill Hill.



5) Join Pennine Way, slabs to A57 Snake Pass  
20.5km **Race Organisation water**  
Care road crossing!  
Continue Pennine Way over Bleaklow

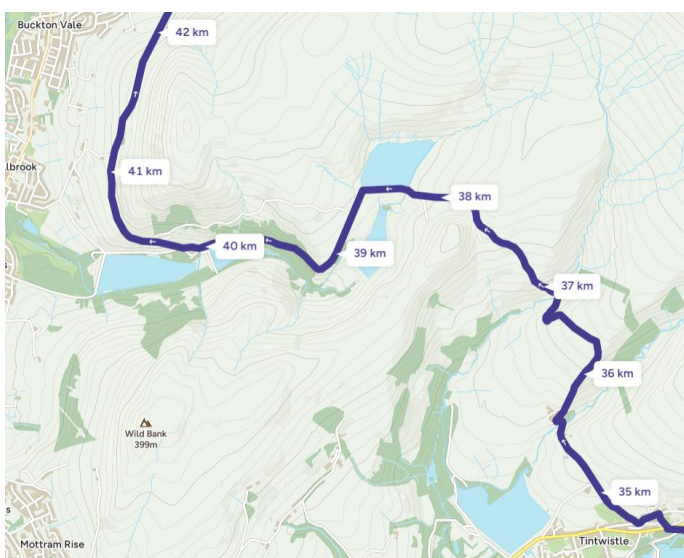
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6) Pennine Way to Torside, cross B6105 care!  
 30km Continue west on Trans Pennine / Longendale Trail  
 33.5 cross Valehouse Reservoir  
 34.5 cross A628 Woodhead Rd care!  
 Arnfield Lane, join Pennine Bridleway, northerly direction



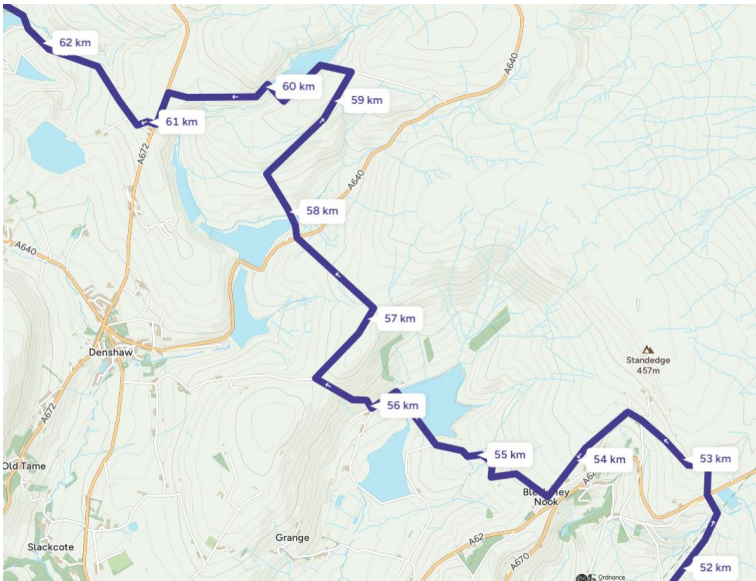
7) Continue Pennine Bridleway  
 8) Continue Pennine Bridleway



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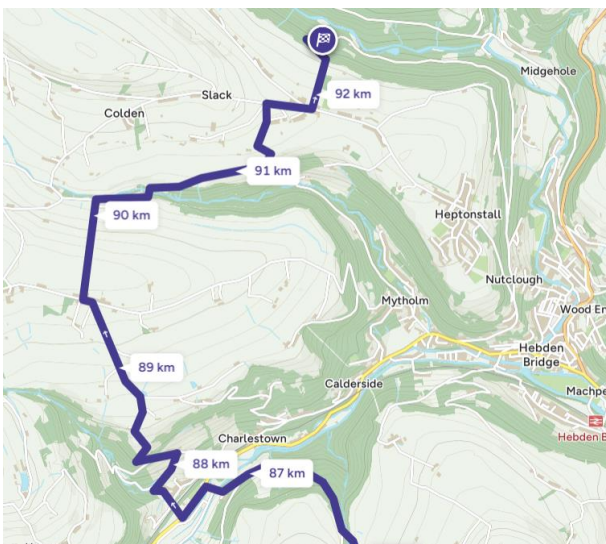
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9) 52.5km cross A62 care!  
 53km **Race Organisation water**  
 Standedge Ft Rd / Manor Ln / Byway Junc.  
 SE0119 0992  
 Continue Pennine Bridleway  
 Do not follow Pennine Way  
 58km A640 road crossing, care!  
 61km A672 road crossing, care! Ram's Head Pub



10) 71.5km A58 road crossing care!  
 A6033 road crossing, care!  
 Use pedestrian crossing.  
 Summit Inn Pub  
 From Summit, **take route north**, toward  
 Bottomley, **do not head south west**  
**(Calderbook) on Mary Townley Loop**  
 66.5km A6033 road crossing care!  
 Use pedestrian crossing.



11) 79km A646 road crossing, care!  
 Use pedestrian crossing.



12) To Hebden Hey Checkpoint  
 (SD 9789 2912). Access to drop bag.  
 Hot food, snacks, hot and cold drinks.  
 Showers. Bunkroom sleeping.

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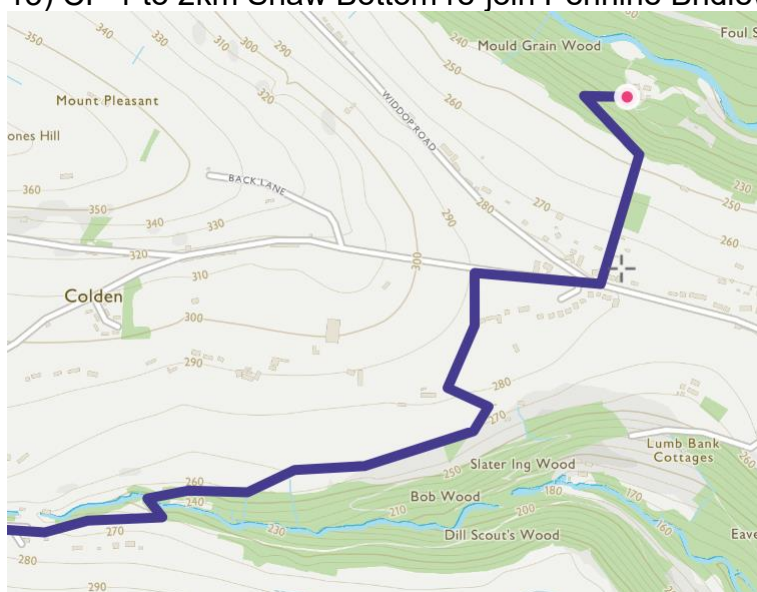
#### CP1 HEBDEN HEY SCOUT CENTRE to CP2 SETTLE (69km)



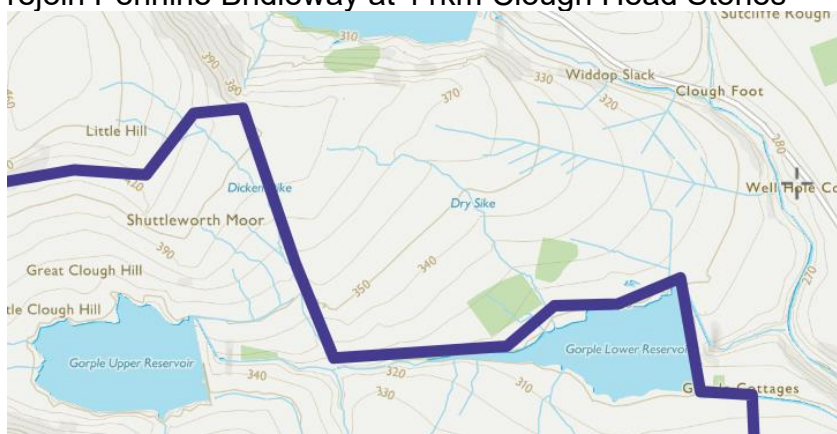
Lowest 93m Highest 431m

Total ascent 1685m

#### 13) CP 1 to 2km Shaw Bottom re-join Pennine Bridleway



#### 14) 9km Gorple Lower Reservoir alternative route, avoiding road, rejoin Pennine Bridleway at 11km Clough Head Stones



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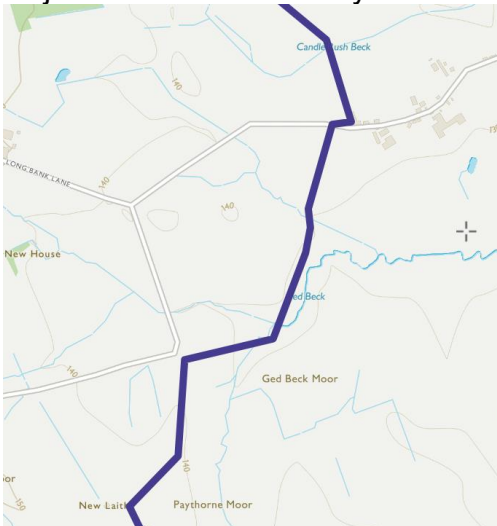
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#### 15) 11km Clough Head Stones to 57km Ged Beck Moor on Pennine Bridleway

- 14km – Hameldon SD898 323 **take north branch** of Pennine Bridleway. **Not** south west to Hurstwood Reservoir which is the Mary Townley Loop.
- 17km – Thursden **Race Organisation Water** (SD9074 3463) Ridehalgh Ln / Halifax Rd Junc Cattle Grid - north of Rieve Edge
- 26km - Wycoller. Public toilets.
- 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.
- 54km – Paythorne Bridge **Race Organisation water** (SD8311 5125)
- 55km – Buck Inn Paythorne.

#### 16) 57km Ged Beck Moor. Minor diversion (800 metres) off Pennine Bridleway, avoiding road. Rejoin Pennine Bridleway at Town End



#### 17) 58km Town End to 74km CP3 Castleberg Scout Drill Hall Settle, BD24 9HA (SD 8209 6366) on Pennine Bridleway

- Proceed northward on Pennine Bridleway directly to Settle. We are not using the Settle Loop extension.
- 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.

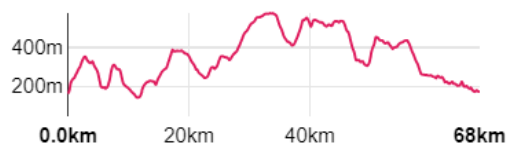
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#### CP2 SETTLE to FINISH KIRKBY STEPHEN (68km)

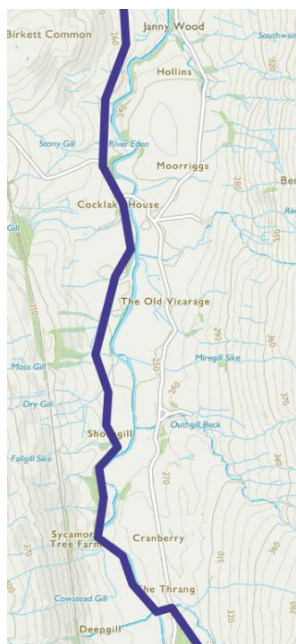


Lowest 145m Highest 575m

Total ascent 1580m

#### 18) Settle to 55km B6259 on Pennine Bridleway

- Proceed northwards on Pennine Bridleway directly to Stainforth. We are not using the Settle Loop extension.
- 6km – B6479 Stainforth. Road crossing, care!
- 9km Elaine's Tea Rooms at Feizor (open 08:30 to 16:30 daily)
- 12km – At B-Road, turn left toward Austwick (not on Pennine Bridleway). Shorter route, less road. Use grass verge. Reconnect to Pennine Bridleway at Twaite Lane Track.
- 21km – B6479 Road crossing, care!
- 32km – Cold Keld Gate (near Kidhow Gate) **Race Organisation water** (SD 8298 8338)
- 35.5km – B6255 Road crossing, care!
- 42km – To Garsdale Railway Station, along Galloway Gate Lane, care!
- 45-47km – Approach to Garsdale Station **Race Organisation water**
- 47km – Garsdale Station.
- 49km – A684 Road crossing, care! Use designated funnel refuge, not road. Moorcock Inn
- 55km B6259 Road crossing, care!



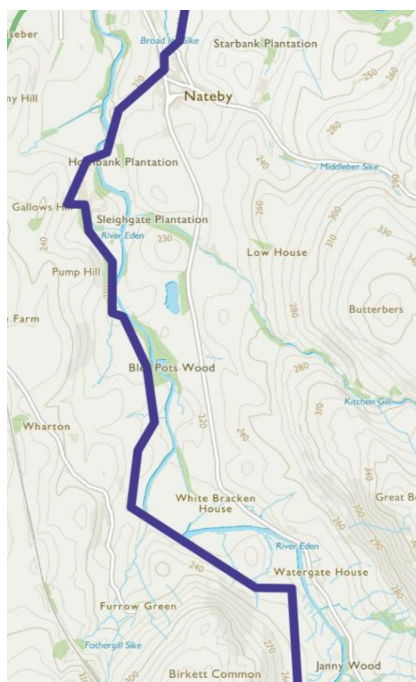
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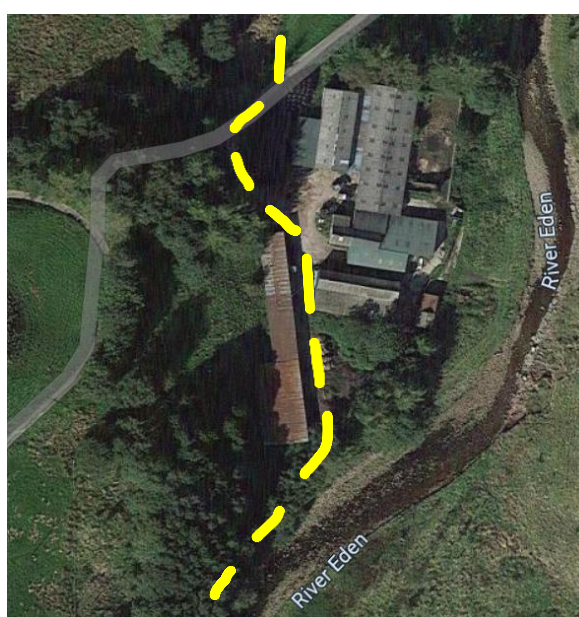


19) Do not take the western Pennine Bridleway branch to Stenerskeugh. This will not take you to the finish. Use the following instructions to the finish, which avoids busy A685 road crossings. And it's a more scenic finale run in to the finish!



19) 55km at B6259 take Pennine Bridleway north extension to Kirkby Stephen (also Pennine Journey trail) to 67km

20) 59km proceed without delay through farm, especially at night. Keep head torches low & do not shine into buildings.



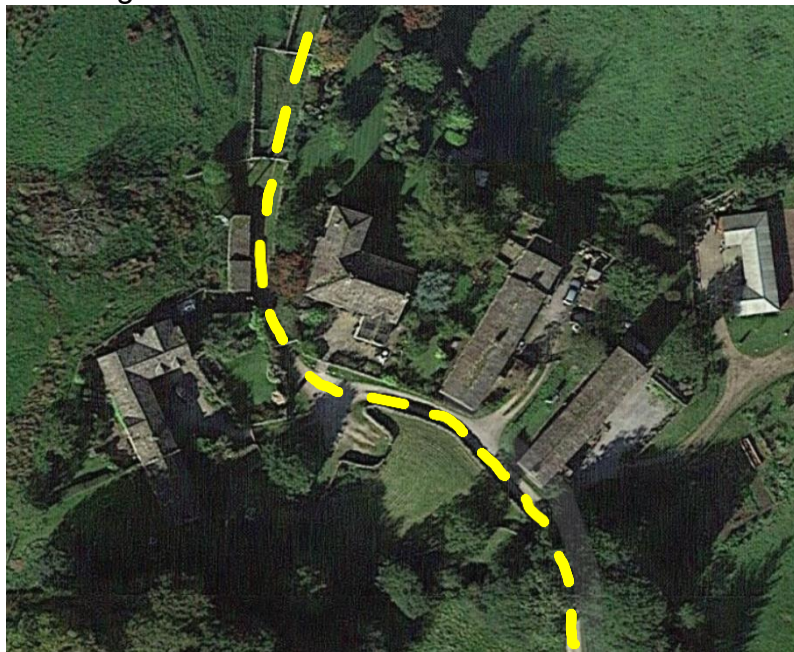
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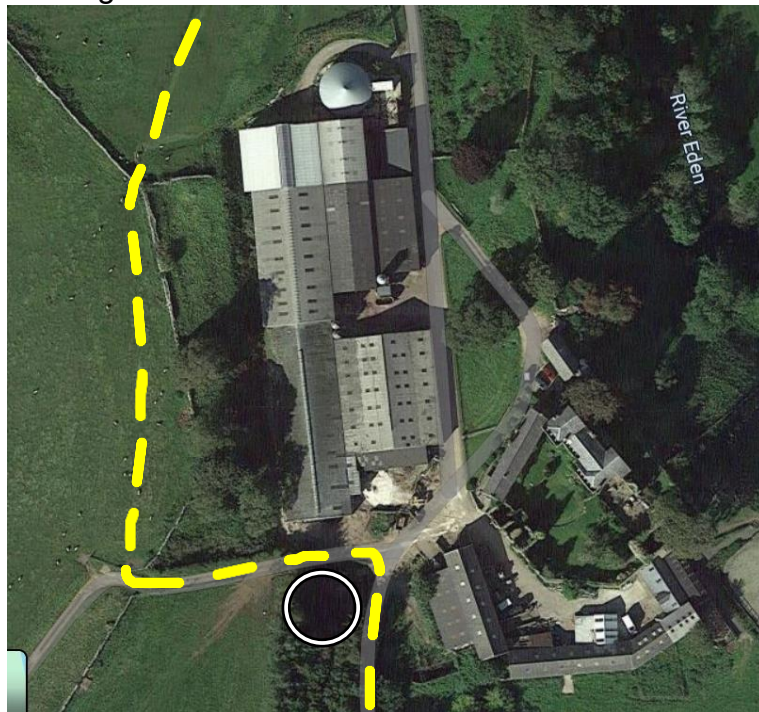
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21) 59.5km Shoregill. Proceed without delay through residential hamlet especially after dark. Keep head torches low & do not shine into buildings.



22) 65.5 Warton Hall. Proceed without delay through farmyard especially at night. Keep head torches low & do not shine into buildings.



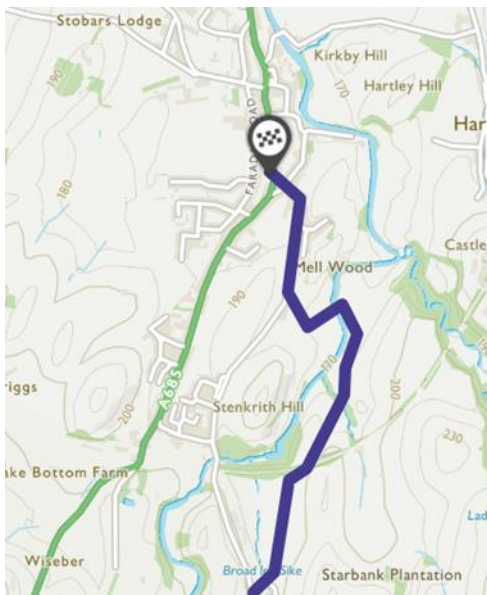
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- 66km (just north of Wharton Hall) NY7702 0642 take bridleway over river footbridge, north east toward Nateby
- 66.5km B6259 road crossing, care!
- 67.5km leave a Pennine Journey trail. Take bridleway track over River Eden.
- 68km B6259 care! Use pavement.



#### 68.5km – FINISH, CONGRATULATIONS!

- Kirkby Stephen Hostel, Market Street, CA17 4QQ (NY 7748 0854)
- Drop bag. Hot meal. Hot and cold drinks. Snacks. Showers. Bunkroom sleeping.

Race rules reminders. Please help us keep the purity of race ethos, equality and fairness for all participants:

- Café's, pubs, shops etc are all ok to use for additional refreshments.
- No external assistance, exchange of items, support or resupply from friends & family.
- No accompanied or assisted journeying by non-entered participants.
- Private residences are out of bounds.
- Carry sufficient food and fluids to sustain you between the race organisation on course water stops and indoor checkpoints.