

RANGER ULTRAS

PENNINE BRIDLEWAY TRAIL CHALLENGE

(230km in 75hours) – TRAVEL NOTES



In this document we highlight some of the travel options available to the Ranger Ultras' 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 PB230 REGISTRATION

Registration Location: The Peak Centre, Edale, Hope Valley, S33 7ZA
100m past the Rambler Inn, on the corner, on left hand side.
There is no car parking for participants at The Peak Centre.

Nearest public car park: Edale Village Car Park, Hope Road, S33 7ZQ
2 minutes' walk from car park to Race Registration

Charges (2025): By the hour and all day, up to £7.90 cash only.

Facilities: Toilets during daytime hours

Operated by High Peak Borough Council

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

Parking note: Please do not park in the village itself. I regularly work in Edale and like to remain on good terms with our local community as well as for the PBTC to benefit local businesses. Hence, please do not block driveways, cause an obstruction or park on yellow lines. I 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 the Newfold Campsite in Edale 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 Edale on other events (not Ranger Ultras or Ranger Expeditions events I hasten to add). Having to clean up others' human waste and deal with irate local residents is especially unpleasant.

Nearest bus stop: Next to Penny Pot Cafe at Edale railway station.
Timetables and the availability of this service frequently change.
Recommend Google for the latest frequency.

Nearest Railway stations: Edale
Frequent daytime services from Manchester Piccadilly and Sheffield.
Fewer trains stop at Edale later in the evening.

Taxi Services: Do not rely upon taxis being easily available from nearby towns and villages. We recommend you book in advance. The taxi numbers change, so it is best to Google this.

Nearest International Airport: Manchester Airport
Train connections: From Manchester Airport to Manchester Piccadilly mainline train station.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRE-RACE ACCOMMODATION

Ref: Race Brief, there is no race registration on Thursday morning.

Optional Peak Centre bunkroom & breakfast: Wednesday race registration overnight accommodation at The Peak Centre is optional and must be booked in advance. Peak Centre accommodation is subject to strict limits on resident numbers due to fire regulations.

Hence, to book for Wednesday night at The Peak Centre, select the option in the PB230 race Si-Entries portal. This is offered at a low cost and includes bunkroom bed with bedding, shower facilities and continental breakfast. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits etc are available to participants for registration and throughout the registration evening.

Other local accommodation choices: For a little more luxury there are lots of local choices to suit a range of budgets.

- The Rambler Inn
- Lots of other B&B options: Search Google, AirB&B, Booking.com etc
- Nearest Youth Hostels are in Castleton and Edale. The Edale YHA is 30 mins walk from the Peak Centre. (Few public transport options other than pre-booked taxi)
- Local towns with further choice (although we first recommend you check that you can arrive in time for the race start on Thursday morning): Hayfield, New Mills, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Buxton, Castleton.

For participants requiring dinner on Wednesday evening, The Rambler Inn and The Nags Head (both in Edale) offer good pub food.

TRAVEL FROM CHECKPOINTS

Of course we very much want to present you with your finisher's medal at Kirkby Stephen, after experiencing an amazing 230km journey. 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. Participants who find they're travelling in the same direction at the same time may 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.

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Train station: Hebden Bridge (2km from CP) 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: Settle Scout Drill Hall

Train station: Settle (10 minutes walk from CP) 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

Taxi: Available to book, Google for numbers

USEFUL LINKS:

Northern Rail Network Map

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