

RANGER ULTRAS

LOOP THE LOOP TRAIL CHALLENGE 2027 EDITION



Welcome to Loop The Loop

How many times can you Loop The Loop in 24 hours?

That's it - How many half-marathon loops on a fixed upland scenic trail course can you complete in 24 hours? No intermediate cut-offs. After Loop 1 you choose how often and when to go again. You choose your strategy and rest periods. You choose to go clockwise, anticlockwise or to mix it up. Straightforward upland route, with superb Peak District views.

Loop The Loop is both a personal distance event and competition, celebrating individual achievement as well as longest distance winners. There's a choice of low-cost indoor accommodation or on-site camping. And our venue is all-inclusive with tasty home cooked meals, snacks, refreshments, showers and drying room facilities.

Loop The Loop is also a fundraising mission for the Peak Centre. A wonderful venue which also brings experiential learning, developmental activities and uplifting residential for young people and adults of all ages.

Participant numbers are limited to within the venue capacity and to give the best experience and great value. We don't do overcrowding, either on the trail or indoors just to make a few extra quid.

The Ranger Ultras Loop The Loop, is quality loopy trail adventure, for all trail runners, as it should be.

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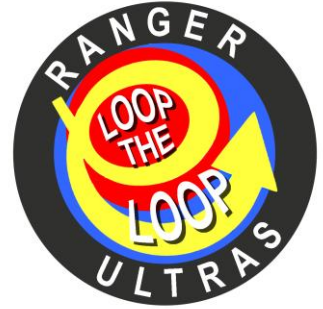
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Our mission is to share challenging, scenic and enjoyable events with the best possible combination of value, quality and accessible price. Celebrating achievement and encouraging participation from grass-roots upwards.

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THE CHALLENGE – IN A NUTSHELL...

- Loop The Loop is an individual challenge
- Fixed half-marathon loop 23.3km (14.5miles)
- 977m of ascent per loop
- No time limits on each loop
- First loop is clockwise
- After which you choose which way round
- Take as much rest as you wish in between loops
- Self-manage own transitions, using your own kit and the race facilities only
- Complete as many loops as you can within 24 hours
- Your choice to finish at any time during the 24 hours
- Your own personal space and kit back at HQ

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation / transition space / camping (see options)
- Friday evening light snack & hot & cold drinks (participants can choose to visit village pubs on Friday evening for their own bigger meal if desired)
- At HQ from Saturday morning to HQ close on Sunday: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, supper, snacks, refreshments, hot drinks, cold drinks.
- On course: Water at checkpoint
- Ranger Safety Team Support at HQ and On Course
- Navigation notes
- GPX file (sent to entered participants)
- Legends Tracking
- FINISHERS: Celebratory hand-made eco-trophy for all participants showing number of loops completed

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SUPPORTING THE PEAK CENTRE

The Peak Centre is a superb facility in the heart of the Peak District. The Centre hosts groups of all ages and backgrounds, with a mission to provide uplifting, spiritual growth, developmental and adventurous experiences.

This includes young people, people from disadvantaged backgrounds and folk who have endured additional challenges in life. Our hiring of the Peak Centre helps fund these facilities.

We'd like to invite you to join us in supporting the Peak Centre with a small voluntary charitable contribution of £30.

If you'd like to raise more, this would very welcome. For example you may wish to fundraise with sponsorship per loop. Your fundraising will go towards new, enhanced and interactive, adventure experiences in nature within The Peak Centre. We'll set up a Peak Centre just-giving page, or similar, nearer to the race.



ITINERARY

Friday 4 June 2027

- 19:00 The Peak Centre, Edale. Registration, number issue, tracker fitting.
Bed allocation / camping space / inside personal transition space
- 21:00 Registration, Kit Check & Check-in closes.

Saturday 5 June 2027

- 06:30 Breakfast, cooked and continental style.
- 07:50 All participants to the start line.
- 08:00 Start.
- 10:00 At Race HQ home cooked meals, refreshments, drinks available throughout the event.

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Sunday 6 June 2027

08:00	Finish cut off time (24 hours, uncompleted loops will not count towards the finishing total)
10:00	Breakfast closes
11:00	Race HQ pack down, all rooms to be vacated & tents packed away
12:00	Venue closes

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

OPTION A: Maximum 30 places

- Friday night: Peak Centre hostel bed
- After the start: Personal indoor transition & hall sleeping space (plus in Peak Centre grounds use own single person tent if desired)
- Within your personal indoor transition space, you may organise your personal kit as you wish.
- No use of camping stoves indoors.
- On finishing challenge: Peak Centre hostel bed
- Throughout: Access to toilet, showers, drying room, dining room, meals and refreshments included inside venue.
- £190 per person

OPTION B: Maximum 20 places

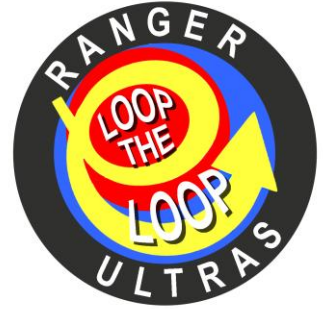
- Friday night to Sunday morning: Own single person tent in Peak Centre grounds
- No use of camping stoves inside tents
- Throughout: Access to toilet, showers, drying room, dining room, meals and refreshments included inside venue.
- £170 per person

OPTION C: One available - luxury for one, suitable for two participants sharing

- Friday night to Sunday morning: Log cabin pod with own tea & coffee facilities, sleeping & resting only - no cooking inside.
- Throughout: Access to toilet, showers, drying room, dining room, meals and refreshments included inside venue.
- £440

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LOOP THE LOOP RACE NOTES AND & FAQ ANSWERS:

- Registration is Friday evening only at The Peak Centre, Edale
- All loops start and finish at The Peak Centre, Edale
- There is **no athlete parking at the Peak Centre** please use the village public car park. See parking notes. Alternatively, Edale railway station is only 200 metres from the Peak Centre and has regular daytime connections to both east and west coast mainlines.
- Accommodation option at The Peak Centre must be pre-booked with your race entry on Si-Entries. There are no further variations on Options A, B, C.
- Our venue set up costs and facilities provided mean that it is not practical or financially sustainable for the event to offer a 'without accommodation' option.
- On Friday night only, after registration participants may stay off-site (eg B&B at own expense or head home to sleep in own bed) if they wish. But must be back at the Peak Centre by 07:00 on Saturday morning.
- Once the race is underway all participants must use their booked on-site accommodation option. No use of camper vans, caravans, B&B etc.
- For 'Option A' participants, beds will be allocated in advance into separate male/female rooms. We will do our very best to facilitate requests from friends who wish to be in the same room, but cannot guarantee exclusivity, as there are limited rooms & beds.
- There is no accommodation (either camping or indoors) available for non-entered participants within the Peak Centre venue throughout the event.
- Loop The Loop is an individual challenge. No support crews, or outside assistance either on-course or within the Peak Centre race venue. No accompanied running or pacing by non-entered participants. This gives a fair, level and equal experience for all participants.
- Please read the detailed kit-check notes and arrive at kit check with all the compulsory items ready to show the kit-check team.
- There is not a facility for on-course personal drop bags.
- Hot meals with vegetarian option, snacks and drinks for all participants throughout the event and after finishing. Food is prepared with care in a kitchen which may also be using nut, shellfish, dairy etc ingredients.
- For participants with special diets & allergies etc you're welcome to bring own food. There will be a separate room with hot water dispenser and washing up facility available.

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Additional Q&A can be found here...

<https://rangerultras.co.uk/index.php/faqs/>

We endeavour to be responsive and helpful in all our correspondence. However, in the week before each race, our attention and time is focussed on setting up infrastructure, preparing start sheets and ensuring the smoothest possible roll-out of the event. **Hence, questions during build-up week may not be seen.**

You're welcome to join the **Ranger Ultras Facebook Community** for friendly Ranger Ultras themes chat, topics, race reports, news and discussion.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/officialrangerultrastrailrunningcommunity>

PARKING NOTE: Friday / Saturday / Sunday

- Public pay and display car park next to the entrance to the village: See this link for up to date charges: <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/874/Edale>
- Please consider car sharing wherever possible.
- Don't forget to get a ticket prior to the race start.
- The 11 spaces immediately outside of the Village Hall should not be used.
- Please do not park in Edale village itself, or roads elsewhere which will cause an obstruction (see map in course notes)
- Edale has a train station with connections to Manchester and Sheffield. Please consider using public transport.

MEALS

Participants will have choice of a tasty vegetarian or meat hot meal. Our meals are often inspired by journeys and expeditions and it's our pleasure to share these with you. Meals may not be suitable for participants who follow more restricted diets such as vegan or have specific requirements.

The race kitchen is a small space and so for everyone's safety it is a staff-only area. While the race kitchen is kept clean and tidy, we cannot guarantee that food is free from nuts, dairy, wheat, soy, shellfish or other allergens. If participants are in any doubt, we recommend bringing your own suitable food items. Hot water will be available for rehydration type meals.

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RACE RESULTS & FINISH TROPHIES

The timekeepers provisional results board will be on view at Race HQ
Full verified results will be emailed to all participants and published online within 7 days of race completion: Ranger Ultras website & Ranger Ultras Facebook page.
Every participant completing more than one loop will receive a bespoke Loop The Loop trophy showing their number of completed loops.

GPX FILES

GPX files are emailed to all participants, starting a few months in advance of the race. Then regularly to new entries as we approach race day. We like to send early so that you have all the information you need to do your race recce and preparations. A common occurrence is participants unchecked email spam boxes deleting sent info, causing us a lot more work in replying to individual requests to resend. Hence, its vitally important for all participants to mark rangereped@gmail.com as a safe sender please.

Q&A regarding GPX files can be found here...

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RACE WRAP UP

PHOTOS & RESULTS

Please allow us a few days to pack up the event, all the kit and maybe catch up on a little sleep. Race photos are free of charge and will be posted on Ranger Ultras Facebook page in a dedicated online album.

Before publishing, the race results require checking and collating into an online format. This is a time consuming job which cannot be rushed. When ready, the results table will be posted on our Facebook page and in the drop-down results menu under the relevant race Ranger Ultras webpage.

It's our aim to have race photos and results available for you online within 1 week of the finish.

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LOST PROPERTY

Do check before you leave the event that you definitely have all your kit. Leaving shoes and poles behind is a common occurrence.

Once the race results are done, pictures of all the lost property will be uploaded to the Facebook community group and attached to post-race wrap up email. If identified lost property is yours, your options are:

- 1) Collect from Hayfield, Peak District, or get a friend to collect, if you're passing nearby.
- 2) We'll bring the lost property box to the next race for you, or a friend, to collect.
- 3) Small items only - gloves, hat, buffs: Send us a large letter stamped self-addressed envelope, £2.60 stamp gets you up to 500g weight, UK delivery. You'll get a proof of return postage, but the item will not be tracked or insured.
- 4) Expensive items - clothing, shoes, poles etc. Only returned via insured and tracked postage at cost. The delivery has to be insured as we're not in a position to be liable for and replace items lost in the post. We have to ask for full postage costs as, the cost of returning items is more than we make on your race entry.

(appx indication of cost: For just a pair of trainers, tracked With Signature & up to £150 insured value = an eye watering £9.45 UK delivery, not to mention all the extra time packing, going to the post office, getting the weight pricing checked etc etc)

For the above contact stu via email: rangerexped@gmail.com

If your lost item is not in the pictures...

You're welcome to ask in the Ranger Ultras Facebook Community group if another participant has accidentally picked it up. And arrange return between yourselves.

If you find you have inadvertently picked up someone else's kit...

Similarly, you're welcome to share within the Ranger Ultras Facebook Community Group and arrange repatriation between yourselves.

For the preservation of our sanity, please try to keep to the above options.

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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

Biosecurity measure to prevent the spread of pathogens, pests and non-indigenous species. Please...

- Clean footwear (no traces of mud or vegetation) before leaving home
- Clean footwear after the race (and when you go to different training / race recce areas) as good biosecurity practice

PERMITS & TRAIL FEES

Ranger Ultras is affiliated with the Trail Running Association (TRA) and England Athletics (EA). The PS&N 43/50/93 Ultra is organised with race permit from the TRA and under EA rules

Trail Running Association: Ranger Ultras supports the sport of trail running. We pay £1-00 to the Trail Running Association for each unaffiliated athlete



Peak District National Park: Permission to use public rights of way. For this we pay a fee of £1.00 for each participant.

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COMPULSORY KIT LIST

We want your kit check to be as straightforward as possible, so you and the event team can get along with enjoying your day on the trails. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the following kit check notes...

- Bring all of the compulsory kit to kit check, ready to show the team.
- Treat the kit list as the minimum standard rather than something to try and beat. It has been compiled with input from mountain professionals, mountain rescue and trail runners.
- Sorry, no kit = no start. We cannot make exceptions or exemptions to kit as this would then have to apply equally to everyone else and just make a mess of the whole process.
- There will be random kit checks on the course. Any competitor not carrying essential items of safety equipment will be disqualified from the race.
- All athletes must carry a paper copy map (no sharing) even if you are using GPX, Watch etc.
- No sharing of kit.
- Do check the weather forecast to ensure you have sufficient variety and quantity of clothing to suit seasonal conditions. Which may be hot or cold during the daytime and considerably cooler at night. Do not under estimate the effect of fatigue on your ability to regulate body temperature. Add clothing to your kit to suit the conditions.

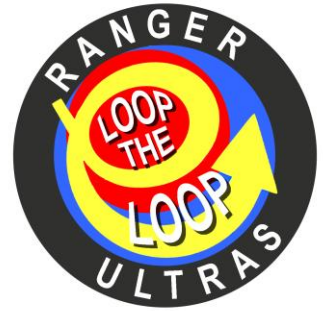
THE KIT (all items must be worn or carried by each participant)

- Suitable race pack or waist bag
- Race route roadbook (provided)
- Waterproof jacket with hood or additional head covering
- Wicking base layer
- Mid-layer(s) appropriate for the weather conditions
- Appropriate footwear for mountain trail running
(100% road shoes / shoes with no trail grip, will fail kit check)

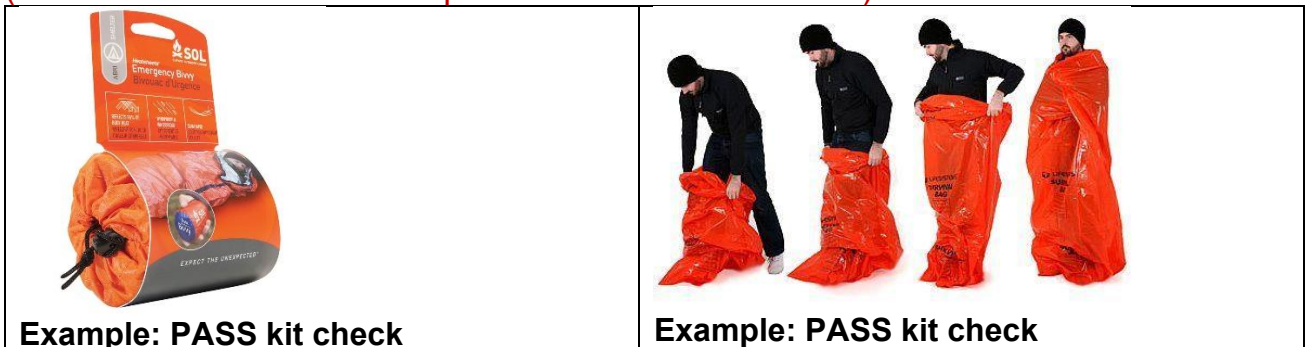
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- Head torch and spare batteries (choose one of the following options)...
 - Battery powered head torch with spare batteries carried.
 - Rechargeable head torch with a spare rechargeable battery
 - Rechargeable head torch with a separate power bank – 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.**
- Red backlight or chem light (**retro reflective tape or passive reflectors are not an acceptable substitute and will fail kit check**)
- Whistle
- Emergency bivvy bag, foil or polythene survival bag.
(**note: foil blanket is not acceptable and will fail kit check**)



Example: PASS kit check

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- Fluid container minimum 1.5 litre non-alcoholic drinks
- Hill food to sustain you while on the course.
- Small pocket size pack of tissues – for use at public conveniences, requested by organised event permit provision from Peak District National Park Authority in order not to deplete availability of toilet paper for the general public.
- 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.
(**note: Manx SIM, Lycamobile etc will fail kit check, due to extortionate call back and data charges**)
- Litter bag to put all rubbish generated by yourself (you can empty rubbish bags at checkpoint or HQ)

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- OPTIONAL: GPS
- OPTIONAL: Walking poles are allowed
- OPTIONAL: Waterproof over trousers

- NOTE: Ear Buds & Headphones: NOT worn on the short road sections or road crossings

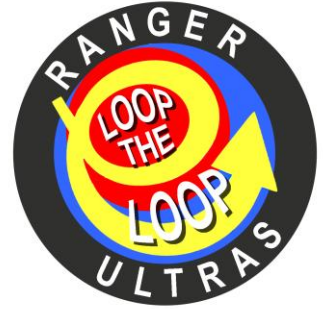
RACE RULES

A reminder of the race rules so that all competitors and staff have a safe, fair and enjoyable race.

1. You must ensure your race number is recorded by our course monitors during the race. Please do not move onward until they have acknowledged noting it down.
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. Dogs accompanying racers are not allowed (England Athletics rules)
7. No illegal drugs or alcohol are allowed during your race.
8. If you stop for a substantial length of time (over 30mins) find an area with mobile phone reception and contact RACE HQ via SMS or a phone call.
9. You must remain on the course at all times, unless directed to make a course amendment to detour around a hazard
10. You must have demonstrable navigation ability to follow paths and trails in daylight and night.
11. 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.
12. 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.

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13. 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.
14. 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:
 - 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.
15. If another individual is in need of emergency assistance it is expected that you provide assistance. The race organiser will credit any time spent assisting with the aid or rescue of a fellow participant.

Note: Time credit begins from the time reported to race organiser / race official and help arriving so that you are released to continue on the course. Emergency assistance does not include slowing down to accompany fellow racers unless there is real distress or welfare concern.
16. You must agree with the participant waiver prior and complete the medical declaration (on Si-Entries) prior joining the race.
17. If you cannot participate for any reason, your cancellation / withdrawal options remain the same as seen and acknowledged before completing entry (on Si-Entries)
18. Training injuries are a foreseeable aspect of sports and unfortunate events in life do occur. Hence, participants may wish to seek appropriate insurance to cover such eventualities.
19. The race organisers reserve the right to amend or update the rules or terms of entry at any time without prior notice or recourse.

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IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR IF YOU / ANOTHER PERSON REQUIRES ASSISTANCE

Contact Race HQ on number issued at RACE REGISTRATION

If the incident is a medical emergency: Dial 999 then ask for POLICE then MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Stay on the phone and follow their instructions.

As soon as you are safely able to do so (possibly on a different phone) also contact RACE HQ, as our safety team may be quicker to deploy additional help to your location.

VOLUNTEERING

We welcome volunteers to our Ranger Ultras races.

There are various roles available:

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

Rewards worth having...

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.

More details on our volunteer web page:

<https://rangerultras.co.uk/index.php/volunteers-page/>

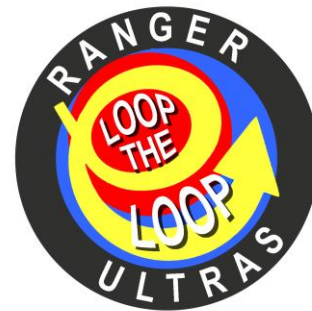
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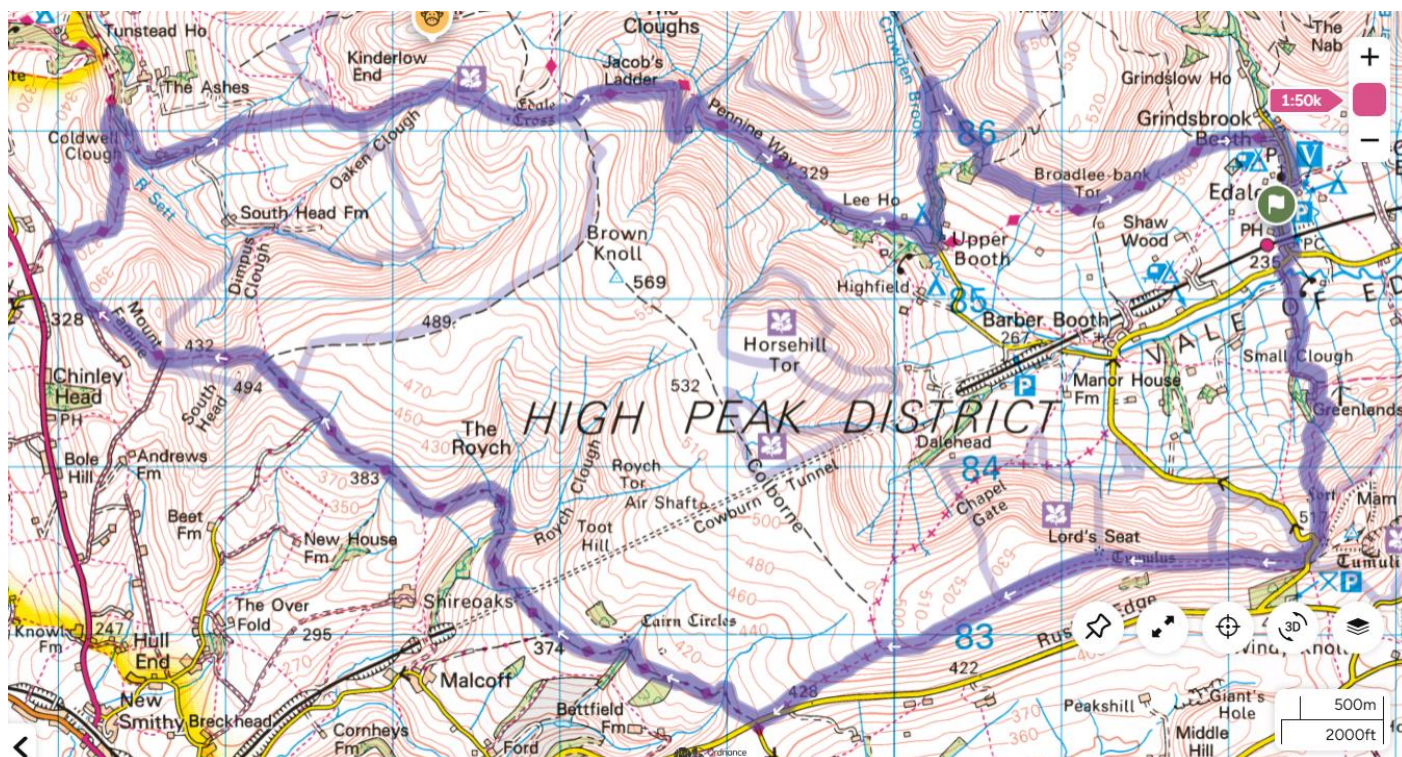
- Your name
- Your mobile number
- Your email
- Where you'll be travelling from
- Event(s) interested in volunteering for
- Role(s) you're interested in
- Any special diet or medical conditions we should be aware of (in confidence)
- Your emergency contact person:
- Emergency contact number
- Event you'd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

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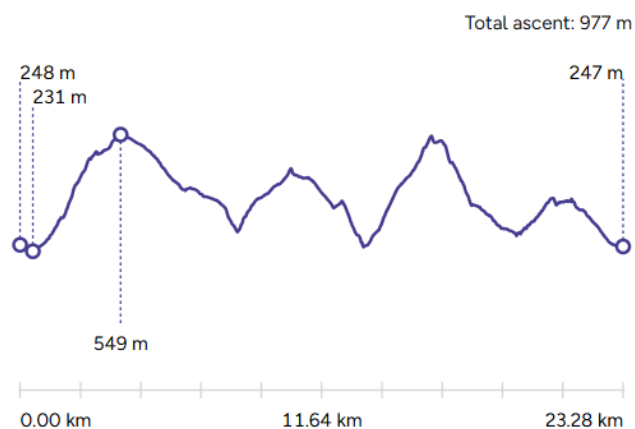


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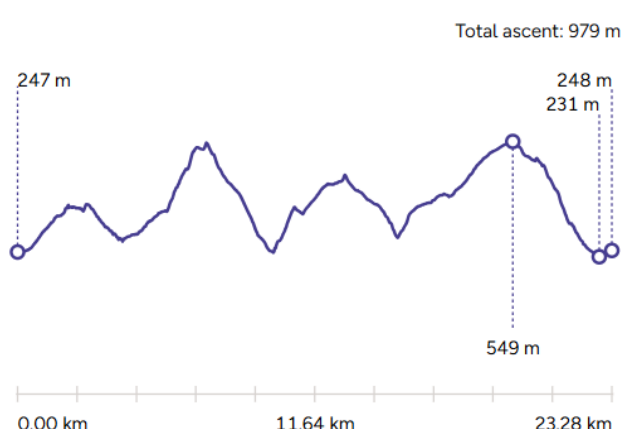


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Stay up to date with our latest race news, training courses and guided challenge events on our regular Facebook updates, Ranger Ultras and Ranger Expeditions websites.

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

- Pennine Bridleway PB18km Trail Time Trial
- Pennine Bridleway PB50km Ultra Time Trial
- Pen Y Ghent 50km Mountain Ultra
- Yorkshire 3 Peaks 70/100km Ultra
- Peak District White Peak 50km Trails
- Peak District Dark Peak 43km Challenge
- Peak District South & North 93km
- Loop The Loop Trail Challenge

We organise trail running races with the emphasis on adventure in the hills. Complete Racer / Pennine Multi-Day Race training skills sessions are available year-round.

To help you prepare for your adventures 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.

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' original challenge walks, guided and supported by local Mountain Leaders:

- Derbyshire 3 Peaks Challenge
- Peak District 3 Peaks Challenge
- Edale, Hayfield, Kinder Skylines
- Kinder Scout Breakfast, Brunch, Sunset Specials
- Kinder River from Sett to Source
- Red Brook Scramble
- Discovery Walks
- Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge (Guiding and support)
- National 3 Peaks Challenge (Guiding)
- Kilimanjaro Tanzania (bespoke groups)
- Mt. Meru Tanzania (bespoke groups)

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- Crater Highlands & Hazda Trek Tanzania (bespoke groups)
- Guiding and Logistics support for your personal challenge
- Navigation, hill skills, race skills and expedition training

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“I have guided clients on treks in Africa...to the summit of Kilimanjaro, along the sands of the iconic Skeleton Coast and many superb wilderness journeys. Working closely with local experts, for trekking, safari and wildlife encounters, I have shared iconic and life affirming experiences. And led developmental assignments on NGO and community projects. (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini)” – Stu Westfield

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RACE BLOGS, EXPEDITION JOURNALS & EXPERIENCES

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