

Points to Observe on the Route

When approaching HILL INN, do not use the lane that passes the post office near Low Hill. Keep to the right toward the checkpoint, which is situated by the metalled road to the north east of the Hill Inn public house. On leaving the checkpoint, follow the road in a south-westerly direction and turn first right onto the metalled farm track, which leads toward Wherside.

On leaving the WHERNSIDE checkpoint, do not take the direct route down Blackside Pasture, but stay on the east side of the ridge wall (keeping the wall on your right hand side) until it can be crossed using the stile at NGR SD 724789. Proceed down High Brown Hill Pasture, using the marked gateway at NGR SD 714791.

Once through the KINGSDALE checkpoint, follow the flagged route to the gate in the top corner of the field. Cross the next large steep pasture diagonally, using the stile in the top left-hand corner to cross the ridge wall.

From GRAGARETH checkpoint heading along the ridge to Green Hill and GREAT COUM checkpoint, it is best to keep the ridge wall on your right-hand side to avoid problems crossing intersecting wall junctions.

From the checkpoint at GREAT COUM, descend in a north-westerly direction to the relocated FLINTER GILL checkpoint, in the far corner of the pasture. Note – shortly after leaving GREAT COUM checkpoint the ground steepens considerably and there is some difficult ground to negotiate if the optimum route is not found (including scree, tussock grass and drainage gullies). This can be avoided by a descending traverse to the right of the escarpment to meet the stone wall which can then be followed and used as a navigated “handrail” to FLINTER GILL checkpoint.

After the FLINTER GILL checkpoint continue down the track, turning right at the end. Turn left after 400m, into another walled track and follow this into Dent village. Turn right onto the main road which leads to the checkpoint at Conder Farm.

When leaving the STONE HOUSE checkpoint, go back over the road bridge and up the walled track which passes under the viaduct. At the end of the walled section, marked by a beacon at NGR SD 794862, turn left and head in a northerly direction to GREAT KNOUTBERRY. After visiting the checkpoint, return to the beacon before proceeding to REDSHAW. On leaving the

beacon the marked Pennine (may be Dales Bridleway) Bridleway at NGR SD 792861 takes a higher route towards Redshaw and avoids some boggy lower ground.

Prior to the REDSHAW checkpoint, pass through the gate at NGR SD 794848 which will be marked with a flashing beacon. Cross the field diagonally and use the stile in the opposite corner by the checkpoint. When leaving the REDSHAW checkpoint, follow the south side of the fence to SNAIZEHOLME. When leaving SNAIZEHOLME checkpoint, follow the fence line (keeping the fence on your left-hand side) for 1 km to join the Ribble Way path. Pass through the gate on your left and follow the path contouring around the rim of Grove Head to join the metalled road (Cam Road).

Between the DODD FELL and FLEET MOSS checkpoints, use the route through two gates, (at NGRs SD 851837 and SD 855836), following the track eastward to the road below FLEET MOSS.

When leaving FLEET MOSS, use the road to descend the road to DEEPDALE as per the map provided.

Cross the River Wharfe via the wooden footbridge at NGR SD 889799 (it will be flagged and have flashers for night-time). Then follow the track down the riverbank to the new DEEPDALE checkpoint at NGR SD 891798. From DEEPDALE cross over the road bridge and follow the Dales Way to Yockenthwaite farm. Once through the farm, head up the fell to the new CHAPEL MOOR checkpoint at NGR SD 924807.

Following along the same line, head for the relocated HELL GAP checkpoint, now moved down the track to NGR SD 936815. As previously, all entrants must stay south of the district border to avoid the ‘No Access’ area. At HELLS GAP re-join the original route down the hill into CRAY.

After the CRAY checkpoint, use the gate at NGR SD 9475 7981. Continue SE until you intersect a gritstone path which ascends directly to the checkpoint at BUCKDEN PIKE.

When leaving the BUCKDEN PIKE checkpoint, stay on the west side of the wall, using the new gritstone path to the Polish Air Memorial crossing to the east side of the ridge wall and follow it to NGR SD 965776 to a hand-gate in the wall. Turn right through this gate and head in a southerly direction toward TOP MERE.

On leaving the CAPPLESTONE GATE checkpoint, keep the wall on your right-hand side as far as the junction with the green lane, once on the lane then bear left after the gate, following the flags and beacons on the footpath to YARNBURY.