

The Long Tour of Bradwell 2010

Route information 51km / 2094m climb

- The following is intended as additional information and not a substitute for correct footpath navigation using OS maps (Outdoor Leisure 1:25,000 Sheet No's 1 and 24) The route is clearly marked on the maps at the start
- The cut-off time at Check Point 9 (half way) is 2pm. The course finishes at 7pm. For reasons of competitors and Marshal's safety, these times will be strictly enforced.
- To qualify as a finisher you must "dib" at each control point
- **THE GOLDEN RULE: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REPORT TO THE FINISH EVEN IF YOU RETIRE**

From the Start (SK173817), head SW to the bottom of Smalldale SK171815. Turn R onto a green lane and follow the footpath/bridleway thru' cement works. 100m before the bottom of Pindale, look for the orienteering kite on the metal barrier/stile and "dib" in the SPORTident box, **CP1 SK162823 (1.5k total)**.

At road corner turn L passing the cottages, up the Pindale stony track. Carry on to the top of the track SK155819, then follow level track N to road corner SK155821.

On the road again, turn L up the hill & follow road 200m. Fork R onto Dirtlow Rake - use the track here to climb and continue to **CP2 SK135813 (5k total) - stile/gate at the track/bridleway crossing**.

Turn NE onto a bridleway, across field & down to shallow valley bottom. Look at the finger post and **DO NOT go up the other side!** KEEP IN THE VALLEY BOTTOM and descend gently, then more steeply, down Cave Dale itself - CARE!! SLIPPERY WHEN WET! **CP3 at SK151826 (7k) – road/dale end junction (Marshal/water)**

Follow road N, with the church to LEFT, straight on at the main street and then straight on at R/h bend. Follow small road 'Millbridge' then Hollowford Lane forking L past the Hollowford Centre (to your Right). Fork left again shortly. After 1km, at sharp bend, go thru' gate/stile up narrow f/p and on up to Hollins Cross. From the top descend NW on bridleway approx 150m, then straight on down f/p to the Edale Road.

From road- route choice for toilet stop

Either

- 1) Left along road then R after car park (TOILETS IN CAR PARK IF REQUIRED), and up the road to the **Nags Head at the top (marshals/water) CP4 SK122860 (12k)**

Or

- 2) Cross road and follow f/p to church & on up to **Nags Head (marshals/water) CP4 SK122860 (12k)**

Head N past pub on road. At gateway/drive turn R down to footbridge across Grindsbrook. Follow path N across the fields then steeply up the hill past Heardman's Plantation, zig-zagging onto the Nab, then NE below Ringing Roger, following the path diagonally up onto lower of the 2 edge paths. Cut across to upper path & contour round to **CP5 SK134874 (14.5km) - the Druid's Stone**.

Descend off Kinder. Contour descend SW onto the lower edge track, then after a short way bear diagonally down the steep bank to the wall. (There are some trods but take care). Descend straight down, off Rowland Cote Moor following the path by the wall. At the access point just above Woodhouse Farm, turn R (west) and drop down the path, then around the property boundary, in the field, to the lower path. Turn L (east) and follow the path below and past the house, then following the driveway south to the road.

NOTE: THIS A PRIVATE DRIVE. WE HAVE PERMISSION TO USE IT ONLY ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. IF YOU WISH TO RECCE THE ROUTE PLEASE FOLLOW THE FOOTPATH TO THE BOTTOM OF THE YHA DRIVE THEN BACK ALONG THE ROAD TO JOIN THE ROUTE AGAIN.

Turn R at the road passing under the bridge – (EXTREME CARE ON HERE! There is no path)- 150m after the railway bridge turn L onto lane leading up to Backtor Farm. Up until the last gate and open land. Follow path along the wall SE, then diagonally up to Backtor Nook & steep up stone steps to Back Tor summit. Follow ridge path to **CP 6 SK151852 (19k) - fence section at stile.**

Visit Lose Hill summit (DO NOT CUT ACROSS FLANK!). Continue down steep path to stile and (taped) f/ps passed Losehill Farm / Crimea Fm. Fine descent through fields to buildings, cross railway line and continue to green caravan then bear L to road. Cross road (CARE!) and take lane opp. down to **bridge CP7 SK171839 (22k - marshals, water).**

Head NE along lane then R past the cemetery, under railway line and past Fairfield Fm. L (uphill) at lane junction and continue thru' Aston. You may take the short cut footpath at SK182839. 75m after the Hall (on left), take the f/p at SK186839 and run diagonally up onto the flank of Win Hill. In the open land follow the obvious Hollow Way contour ascending around the nose.

At the fingerpost SK192846 continue N along main track approx 20m to water trough/stream crossing. Turn E off the track, drop 15m down shallow stream to turn L onto a smaller path, following an old wall towards and then into the woods. Cross Parkin Clough SK193851. DO NOT DESCEND STEEPLY but continue on contour track, gently descending to **CP8 SK195858 (26k) - gate at track junction.**

Descend SE to reservoir, turn S. **DO NOT CROSS DAM WALL**, but drop down the road to fork R onto the old railway line (Touchstone/ Thornhill Trail) SK197852 to **CP9 SK197839 marshal / water point at car park (28k)**

Note: the old railway line is towards the bottom of the road. Do not take the obvious fork R close to the top of the dam wall, which leads back into Parkin Clough

****CP9 IS THE 5hr CUT-OFF POINT - IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE IT BY 14.00hrs YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RETURN A DIRECT ROUTE BACK TO THE FINISH!!****

Continue along old railway line to footpath crossing at SK199836 (finger post "Touchstone Trail). Turn L down bank and cross the field diagonally to **CP10 behind statue in the middle of the bridge SK204833 (29k)**

Cross bridge, pass between the mill buildings NE onto drive. Turn R through the car park then L onto the back road. Continue NE to the main road. Turn L then cross R onto Fiddlers Well Lane and continue NE up Bamford Clough (aka "The Escalator"). Bear R at the top and continue along road. Keep L at next junction then s/o to track at road bend and on up to **CP11 SK234848 (31.5k) - footpath stile.** Note: this is only 2/3rds of the way up the hill!!! DO NOT MISS IT!

Follow track to Stanage Edge proper and take the f/p SE - lovely views/great running - part paved as near road to **CP12 SK260830 (35k) - N.side (upstream) of the first bridge attached to stonework** – you can pass under the bridge or take the longer route across the road - CARE!! (marshal / water) Note: if wet/exposed the marshal/water point shall be in the car park

Descend down the valley. Route choice:

- 1) Initially down the W side on track below Higger Tor, before dropping into the valley bottom & following small track down to Toad's Mouth bridge. Turn L onto road and then take FP on the R.
- 2) Continue E and cross the second bridge then take the long sweeping carriage track South East beneath Burbage Rocks (Burbage East). At corner SK262808 bear off the track and cut down to stile at Toads Mouth Bridge. Turn L onto road and then take FP on the R.
- 3) Initially down the W side on track then via Fiddler's Elbow, climb onto Higger Tor. Drop to Carl Wark and continue S to Toads Mouth Bridge. Turn L onto road, around bend then take FP on the R.

The control is down the bank immediately on the R, after passing through the stile, on the **base of tree by the river, as it emerges from under the road CP13 SK261806 (37.5K)**

Continue down streamside path, but near footbridge SK257800 then follow the small tracks across the moor to skirt the top edge of the woods across Lawrence Field to **CP14 SK250793 (39k) – stile at wall corner.**

Drop 10m down the bank (taped) then head SW along the quarry terrace to the top of, then down the inclined plane. Towards the bottom, bear L onto a small path then R down a fence line to come out on a track (taped). Bear R then turn L at kissing gate to cross the railway bridge. Follow path leading to Coppice Woods and descend to riverside path. Follow upstream to **CP15 SK233806 (42k) - roadside by Leadmill Bridge (marshals/water).**

Turn L over the bridge and take the 2nd R lane (CROSS WITH CARE!!) up past Hazelford Hall. Just before the hair pin SK230798 take path past Tor Farm. Pass thru' gates, along obvious field track and over stile into woods. After footbridge, climb up to open land, across valley to oak woods and down to **CP16 SK211795 (45.5k) – on fence post by gate N side of f/bridge at Stoke ford.**

Continue thru gate and over second f/bdge, then L at fingerpost “Abney”. Take the obvious/nice woodland path NW up Abney Clough to eventually come out in Abney. L on the road, then R up narrow lane (opposite phone box SK198797). At the lane end turn L and follow the track until the stone stile after the stone gateway SK183802. Cross stile and follow path along the field edges and descend towards Bradwell - bearing L onto the bridleway (GREASY IF WET!!). Onto the lane down to a hollow then bear R up the short slope through houses to an open area (The Green), straight on (gently downhill) taking steps on the R by post box

Follow main road thru' the village, to the **Finish at SK175818.**

WELL DONE!!

51k
2094m climb.

FINISH CLOSES AT 1900hrs. (We'll be tidying up and heading off for a pint!)

THANKS FOR COMING AND HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE ROUTE!!.....