

# THE BULLOCK SMITHY HIKE 2022

## SUGGESTED ROUTE

To be used as a guide only, in conjunction with an Ordnance Survey map.

The route described may not necessarily be the shortest but is judged to be the safer or easier to navigate than the alternatives.

**PLEASE NOTE, THE LATTER STAGES ARE NOT AS EASY TO NAVIGATE AS THE OLD ROUTE, PLEASE TAKE CARE ON ROADS AND KEEP QUIET NEAR DWELLINGS.**

**Key :- L = left, R = right, ST = stile, CP = checkpoint, T = turn, FP = footpath, X = cross.**

### **Start - opposite Scout HQ Hazel Grove SJ925 862.**

Leave start point in Devonshire Park, exiting to rear of park by either right hand gate via Devonshire Rd & Mill Lane or by left hand gate via Chatsworth Road and Mill Lane to Old Mill Lane, follow track over A555 footbridge and bridge over Norbury Brook ahead over fields and thru woods to kissing gate, TR on track to X roads, X and follow Anson Road to Boars Head, X road and over canal bridge, follow track to Lyme Park, on seeing the Hall take FP R up alongside wood (Gritstone Trail), over 2 ladder STs and on to CP at Bowstones.

#### **Checkpoint No 1 - Bowstones - SJ 974 813.**

**5.3m (5.3m)**

Follow road downhill to X roads, ahead onto school drive, at bend follow track ahead, L on FP just before 2<sup>nd</sup> cattle grid, follow path over ST and footbridge to road, TL and shortly R on FP thru fields, keeping wall on L, to farm, continue on track and road to X A6 in Furness Vale, over level crossing, follow road, after sharp left take 2<sup>nd</sup> FP on R, immediately X road follow FP NE under railway bridge, ahead across field, L on track, R up hill on FP thru Shedyard Farm to road, TR ahead on road, track and FP to CP on FP just over the summit.

#### **Check point No 2 - Chinley Churn - SK 037 843.**

**5.9m (11.2m)**

Follow FP and track downhill to drinks point at road (1 mile), L down road take Bridleway on R, ahead to FP posted Edale / Castleton, thru gates and downhill to pick up Waymarkers to FP on R, over ST in corner of field (not easy to see, keep on L of minor stream ) and downhill L to footbridge keeping wire fence on L over footbridge and ST, follow path to road, R and ahead uphill on track via gates and STs to CP at Edale Cross.

#### **Checkpoint No 3 - Edale Cross - SK 077 861. (note no drinks). 3.3m (14.5m)**

Follow FP down via Jacobs Ladder and Lea Farm to Upper Booth Farm, TL thru farmyard and R thru gate, follow FP across fields to Barber Booth, join Edale road, continue to car park and CP in Village Hall.

#### **Checkpoint No 4 - Edale - SK 124 853.**

**3.5m (18m)**

Exit CP L along road to FP on R posted Hollins Cross / Castleton, follow FP over Hollins Cross and down into Castleton, over bridge on metalled road, TR at Brook House, follow FP by stream & main car park to main road. TR over roundabout to CP at old garage forecourt.

#### **Checkpoint No 5 - Castleton - SK 148 829.**

**2.6m (20.6m)**

Exit CP to right and TR onto Castle St, bears L to Market Place TR to pick up path by side of Cavedale Cottage into Cavedale, at top of Cavedale, thru 2 metal gates, continue forward thru 5 barred gate / ST / metal gate to meet wall on R, at next gate continue forward down Oxlow Rake to house Oxlow End, L on road and R at T junction, at green island, TL to CP in Hall over main road.

#### **Checkpoint No 6 - Peak Forest - SK 113 792.**

**3.6m (24.2m)**

Exit CP TR on main road (**TAKE CARE OF TRAFFIC**) uphill to where road bears L, take FP R over crash barrier uphill (direction sign missing on post) and forward through 6 STs, at 6<sup>th</sup> bear left heading for STs diagonally over fields, TR on road (Limestone Way) and continue forward into Wheston Village, at T junction TL and take track on R continue ahead to CP in barn at Monksdale Farm.

#### **Checkpoint No 7 - Millers Dale (near) - SK 142 735.**

**4.4m (28.6m)**

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Exit CP to R picking up path down to metalled road, TR and R again at main road, follow road over bridge and up hill take track on L (Long Lane/Limestone Way), join road then TR on road, X main road, ahead on FP beside Waterloo Hotel, TR on road to X roads, ahead on track (Highstool Lane/Midshires Way) to CP in 200 yds.

**Checkpoint No 8 - Chelmorton (near) - SK 118 692.**

**3.4m (32m)**

Continue along track bearing L along metalled road to T junction (A 515) TR and 100yds pick up path to L posted High Peak Trail, follow path ahead to metalled road, TR and follow road bearing R twice, on to Earl Sterndale and CP in Chapel.

**Checkpoint No 9 - Earl Sterndale - SK 091 669.**

**3.2m (35.2m)**

Leave CP, TL down road, over crossroads take track (half mile) on L, uphill through gate on R, TR on FP to Dowell Dale (bearing 290), TR up hill. 300yds after 2nd cattle grid take track on L and FP R posted Booth Farm, fork R on track, take FP over ST R before Booth Farm, over ST by water trough, diagonally R to wall ST, head L towards building then TR down small valley, across fields keeping wire fence on L, bear left to ST over small stream bridge. Follow uphill keeping wall to R and to R of Brand End Farm to ST where R then L following wall steeply uphill to ST and path to track to Shop Farm. Follow track thro gate and then track to CP at Brandside Parish Hall.

**Checkpoint No 10 – Brand Top - SK044 685.**

**3.6m (38.8m)**

Leave CP by the track at the rear and descend to minor road, TL and continue on lane up hill. TR at junction to Flash Bar Stores and A53. TR on A53 and after 100yds TL signed Knotbury. After 0.9 mile take third junction on right with T junction sign. Follow lane uphill past Knotbury Farm. At end of road keep left on stony track and after bridge over stream TL on FP to Three Shire Heads, over bridge TR heading north towards Holt, follow FP, thru gate, follow FP along fence then wall, follow round up field, after about 150 yds R thru gate, follow FP ( fence on R ), at corner TL then up field, over wall ST and ladder ST, X main road ( A54 ) at Sparbent ( GR 003693 ), follow track to ford ( **if it's rained !!**), TL follow track down valley to road. Cross road to CP in farmyard of Clough House.

**Checkpoint No 11 – Clough House - SJ 987 698**

**4.8m (43.6m).**

From CP TL through Clough House car park. TR follow road for 1 mile passing Dingers Hollow Farm, take next L uphill signed Forest Chapel. At top TR then first L signed Forest Chapel. At LH bend take track to R of Toothill House, posted Unsuitable for motor vehs, continue on track (Charity Lane) for 1 mile to A537. Cross and turn left on A537 to pick up footpath/pavement for 0.7 miles until TR on Bull Hill Lane. At grass triangle TR and follow B5470 for 0.6 miles into Rainow Village. TL at 2<sup>nd</sup> L turn, and straight ahead onto Stocks Lane. (Don't follow Chapel Lane downhill)

**Checkpoint No 12 – Rainow Institute - SJ 952 762.**

**5.5m (49.1m)**

Retrace on Stocks Lane TR onto Chapel Lane then 2<sup>nd</sup> R onto Sugar Lane. After Hough Close take FP to R between houses. Follow stone flag path across fields to Waulkmill Farm & Ingersley Vale Road into Bollington. TR on Church Lane, At roundabout TL onto Palmerstone St B5090. Follow road to traffic lights before canal bridge and TR before bridge up Clarence Rd to Clarence Mill. At Mill entrance TL on footbridge over canal. TR on towpath and follow towpath for 0.7m to bridge No 25 and CP on car park.

**Checkpoint No 13 – Whiteley Green - SJ 927 789.**

**2.8m (51.9m)**

Leave CP, TR down road, immediately join Middlewood Way (MW) at bridge 8, follow MW for 1.9 miles to bridge 12. Leave MW and TR to join Wood Lane East and Wood Lane West. After 0.4m TR on FP (cobble lane) to TR onto Moggie Lane. After bridge take 2<sup>nd</sup>R on Waterloo Rd then 2<sup>nd</sup> L on Trafalgar Ave. At junction with Hepley Rd take FP straight ahead to Coppice Rd. TL on Coppice Rd and take 2<sup>nd</sup>R into Towers Rd. Follow Towers Rd to A523, TR to the final CP in the scout HQ.

**Checkpoint No 14 – Hazel Grove - SJ 925 862.**

**5.4m (57.3m) WELL DONE**