

Nidderdale Road to Nowhere – Route Description

Approx 200 metres after the start turn right and head across Scar Houe reservoir dam.

After crossing the dam follow the track heading diagonally uphill to the left, to reach Carle Fell Road (track), continue left to head West along Carle Fell Road for approx. 2 km.

Shortly after passing the remains of Lodge, an old settlement, turn right at the T junction and head uphill. Pass through 2 gates on the way uphill.

Follow the track to reach CP1 (**tag drop, 2.5 miles, 4 km**), at a 3rd gate on the top of the moor. Do not pass through the gate but turn left and follow the fence line across the moor, with the fence on your right-hand side.

Continue to follow the fence line to the top of Little Whernside, taking care passing through the peat hags (**Flagged**).

The path continue straight on roughly following the same fence line as it descends from the summit of Little Whernside. After a distance the fence line changes to a dry-stone wall, continue to follow this wall. Continue with the wall on your right-hand as the path ascends onto the Great Whernside plateau.

At a style (**6 miles, 9.6 km**) the wall meets another fence, cross over the style and follow the fence line, with the fence on your left, follow this fence to reach the summit of Great Whernside, CP2 (**7 miles, 11.2 Km**).

Leave the check point and to follow the rough path that follows the previous fence line heading in a Southerly direction along the Great Whernside plateau.

After reaching Sweet Hill the rough path heads down a steep descent, try to keep close to the fence line. The path runs out at the peat hags. Make your way through the peat hags (**Flagged**), staying fairly close to the fence until you reach a corner in the fence line. Leave the fence line and continue straight on, leaving the peat hags and cross a section of rough moorland until you reach a footpath that runs alongside a dry-stone wall.

Turn left on the footpath and follow this to Capplestone gate mine workings CP3 (**9.5 miles, 15.25 km**) .

Leave the check point heading East and follow the initially thin path that fairly quickly increases in size and head across the moor where the track becomes and track and follow this to Mossdale shooting house, CP4 (**11 miles, 17.6 km**).

Follow the footpath (finger post) behind the shooting house that climbs diagonally across the hillside. Cross the stile over a fence at the top of the hill. Continue to follow the footpath, it becomes increasingly thin as it follows a small ravine on your right-hand side.

The path eventually runs out, but continue on the same line with the ravine on your right hand side, until you meet a well made track, follow the tracks east until you reach CP5 (**13.8 miles, 22 km**).

After leaving the check point head in a Northerly direction on the track uphill for approx 50 metres, then turn right and cross the stream, head up to the gate. Pass through the gate and follow the grass track up hill and through a second gate, the grass track eventually changes to a hard track and passes through a further gate. At a T junction turn right pass through a gate and continue to follow the track, ignore turns on the right hand side.

After approx 2 km along the track (**16,8 miles, 27 km**) turn left uphill and follow the track until you meet Moor Lane and CP6 (**17.25 miles, 27.5 km**). Leave the checkpoint and follow the track North west back to Scar House reservoir and the finish.