

THE MOORS THE MERRIER 2010 - ROUTE DESCRIPTION (1 of 4)

TL=Turn Left; TR=Turn Right; FL=Fork Left; FR=Fork Right; SA=Straight Ahead; Thru=Through;
WM=Waymarked/Waymarker; FPS=Footpath Sign; WT=WalledTrack; KG=Kissing Gate;

The parts of the route new to 2010 are underlined.

Section 1. Start (012259) to Lodge Hill CP1 – 3.2miles

1.1 TL from Church Hall, SA under railway bridge and at Shoulder of Mutton, FR along main road. In 230yds TR up Stocks Lane and in 50yds TL on Nest Lane. In 100yds after Rose Mount, TL on track and SA up Daisy Bank. In 550yds over stile and SA into woods. At wall, TR and in 230yds, bear left up WT. Cross step stile and then ladder stile onto moor. SA with fence and wall on right to FPS. 995254

1.2 SA (**258°**), following path and boundary stones and in $\frac{3}{4}$ mile at FPS, SA on Dick's Lane WT. In 320yds at fence and gate, thru gate and TR thru broken wall. SA over rough ground with wall on your right down to stile on right. Do not cross over stile but bear half left (**300°**) down field to far left bottom corner in front of buildings and over stile. TL on track, thru wooden gate, and TR at Pennine Way FPS. 980248

1.3 Over stile, ignore next stile on right with Pennine Way FPS and in 130yds TR over stile and immediately TL along broken wall/fence. At next stile with FPS to Cruttonstall and Beaumont Clough, SA on the higher path parallel to the sunken track on your left. In 300yds pass water trough on your right. Contour round hillside for 450yds and FR on path to reach **CP1. 3.2miles.** 973253

Section 2. Lodge Hill to Hippines Bridge CP2 – 2.6miles

2.1 In 140yds go thru small wooden gate on left side of metal gate. SA and contour round hillside for 500yds to wall corner on your left. In 100yds, FL on indistinct path towards Cruttonstall (prominent ruined buildings). Go thru gate, pass to left of buildings and SA towards post and into WT. Over stile into woods and TR on broad track. In 200 yds the track hairpins left and in a further 200yds hairpins right. In 20yds, TL (**350°**) over rough ground down broken wall on your left to buildings. 976264

2.2 SA down Pennine Bridleway track to main A646 road. Cross the road and TL. In 150yds TR on road. Go under railway arch to FPS, and SA (signed for Jack Bridge) on Pennine Bridleway track. In 440yds when it hairpins to right, TL over stone bridge and follow track uphill. When the track bends round to left, SA on path up Jumble Hole Clough with stream down on your right. 965266

2.3 In 480yds at stone step and way marker, TR downhill. Follow path round to left passing ruined mill on your right. At WM post SA, cross bridge and follow path up steps to FPS. TL along wall, thru KG at Hippines and TL to road. TL to **CP2 at start of WT on right. 5.8miles.** 959269

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Section 3. Hippines Bridge to Egypt CP3 – 3.5miles

- 3.1** Leave CP SA on WT. SA over stile to left of gate. In 650yds TR over stile, SA to pass ruined building, and immediately TL to follow path parallel to wall on your left. Go over new stile. In 400yds, just before reaching WM post, cross stream on your right and TR on path on left hand side of clough. In 150yds TL, cross boggy area and SA uphill with broken wall on your left. Over stile in fence and SA to track and then road. 947275
- 3.2** Cross road, TR and in 10yds TL onto grassy track. Cross road and SA thru gate. Thru gate at buildings (angry resident), TR and in 15yds at wooden fence, TL down hidden path with fence on right. Follow WM Pennine Bridleway thru 5 gates. Cross tarmac farm track and thru gate. SA, keep to wall on right and continue downhill thru 2 gates. 954288
- 3.3** After large house on right, FR and continue to road. Cross bridge and immediately TL on WM path with stream on your left. Over step stile and TR. Follow fence and wall uphill to drive at top, TR and in 15yds TL on road. In ¾mile at cattle grid and two gates the **ROUTE SPLITS. CP3 9.3miles.** 946302

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LONG ROUTE (Walkers following the long route must arrive at this point before 11.30am)

Section 4 Egypt to Swinden CP4 - 7miles

- 4.1** FL over stile next to cattle grid, SA along track, pass farm on left. In 300yds, SA at bend and thru small WM gate to left of ruined buildings. SA, over footbridge, TL with path, pass WM posts and follow paved way to go over WM stile in fence. SA over WM stone stile. Pass to left of house. SA thru WM gate to join track. SA thru gate and up bank to avoid boggy ground. SA to left of ruined building and SA on WT. 938293
- 4.2** In 700yds, over WM stile following rough path to right of wall. In 400yds, SA at WM post. In 80yds, at wall corner, bear left at WM post. Follow WM path and cross footbridge. Over stile in fence and TR. Follow fence on right and in ¾mile reach trig. 914291
- 4.3** SA at trig on 280° and follow faint path on right hand side of clough. In 400yds, continue SA on more defined path to right of larger island of heather. In 700yds, cross stream and continue SA to follow path with wall on left. In ½mile, SA across open ground (faint path) to bear right and reach stream in clough. 896296.
- 4.4** SA at stream, thru gap in wall and SA with wall on left to cross stream. SA on track and, in 300yds, cross stream and continue on track. SA at KG on Burnley Way. SA at another KG and continue on track. Over stile and SA on track and follow Burnley Way. 888303
- 4.5** In ¾mile, at building with white dovecote, TR down track. In 450 yds TR at Spencers House. Pass telephone box and SA with church on left. In 150yds, SA over WM stile. Bear left up hill with wall on left. Thru KG and up enclosed track, still on Burnley Way. In 500yds at end of wall, over stile and immediately TL. 887318

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4.6 At wall corner on your left SA on path. In 200yds, over WM stile and SA. SA across 3 fields, to stile by metal gate in left hand corner of third field. Cross track and over 2 stiles. SA over 3 fields to reach WM stile in 3rd field to the left of gate opening. Go over stile and SA and descend rough hillside to lower track. SA on track to reach and go thru gate to CP4 16.3miles. GR 882335

Section 5 Swinden to Clough Foot CP5 – 4.6 miles

5.1 Downhill on road, over bridge and immediately TR on private road to Ing Hey. In 400yds, SA to leave road and go over WM stone stile to left of metal gate. Over WM ladder stile, bear right and over stile to right of pylon. SA on green path. In ½mile thru small metal gate. In 300yds, after track bears left, FR towards wall. SA thru broken wall on grassy track. In 300yds, SA at KG. In 400yds, SA at track junction (ignoring orange arrow on rock). In 600yds, thru stile next to wooden gate and SA on path. 908337

5.2 In 400yds, cross footbridge. In 200yds, at road, TR on grass verge. Join road to cross bridge. In 250yds, SA at FP sign. In 350yds, at metal barrier, TR off road on to track. In 300yds, SA on right hand side of wall and TR over wooden footbridge, immediately TL and follow drain. TR at track and in 400yds, TR on to road. SA on road and in ¾ mile reach CP5. 20.9 miles. GR 947323

SHORT ROUTE

Section 3 (cont) Route Split to Clough Foot – 1.5miles

3.6 SA thru gate and follow Pennine Bridleway for ⅔mile to track and FPS at Gorple Cottages. SA on path (Pennine Way). Cross 2 bridges and TL up right hand bank of stream on paved path. SA at WM post. Over stile, and at road TL. In 440yds reach **CP5 10.8 miles** 947323 (**Go to BOTH ROUTES**)

BOTH ROUTES

Section 6 Clough Foot to Gib – 3.6miles

6.1. Both routes leave CP climbing bank to FPS, TR on path up bank, TR thru gate and immediately TR thru metal field gate. Bear half left (114°) across field (no path). In 450yds, over fence (if gate locked). SA fence on right and in 300yds, TR over stile and immediately TL. Follow fence on left to reach and go over stile. SA across track and down left hand side of building. TR on track and follow for 1½ miles to hamlet of Walshaw. 974314

6.2 SA thru buildings and FL thru gate signed for Crimsworth Dean. Follow track and then path with wall on left for ⅔mile to WM post with gate on left, go thru gate and TR. 983314

6.3 At metal gate, TR down WT. Thru gate, TR and immediately TL steeply downhill over rough ground. At ruins, continue downhill in WT to Lumb Hole waterfalls. Thru gate and over bridge, around to right and left uphill. TR on road and in 200yds reach **CP6 24.5 /14.4miles GR 995311**

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Section 7 Gib to Finish – 4.6miles

- 7.1** TL thru gate and follow path to road. **Cross road with care.** SA up rough path to track and TR thru gate. At Spinks Farm, thru gate into farm yard, pass to the left side of the house and thru two adjacent metal gates onto moorland. Leave 2nd gate half right (**160°**) passing two short metal posts in ground. In 10yds, SA on lower path and contour round hill eventually reaching and passing thru several grassed-over spoil heaps. 999303
- 7.2** Follow path over open moor crossing two gully's/streams on a bearing of roughly (**120°**) to reach the buildings at Delph End. Continue on path with fence 15yds over to your right and ditch on your left. 30yds before a very small three posted enclosure FL (**138°**) on faint path and head over rough ground towards the spoil heaps on ridge. The path becomes fainter but SA to reach a more defined path where you TL uphill and bend round to the right thru the spoil heaps. 007298
- 7.3** Join broad path from left and follow it along edge. When it bends to right downhill, TL at cairn and follow path to the second air shaft at 013293. Go past shaft to the end of mound where path forks, TR (**164°**) to pick up the path across boggy area and then on sunken path between heather to reach path junction. SA on path as it bears slightly right climbing steadily onto Sheep Stones edge and FR. Follow the edge to the trig point.015278
- 7.4** At trig point TR (**215°**) and then SA (**180°**) on downhill path to reach wall/ fence corner on the Calderdale Way. SA (**200°**) down fence line on your left (ignore stiles on your left) to cross step stile and two small ladder stiles into field behind white walled building. TR and follow fence on your left to gate, thru and TR down road. TR on main road (**care needed here**). 012271
- 7.5** Just before bend, over stile on left, turn half left and ignoring prominent cattle tracks to left **carefully** follow yellow topped markers down thru the gorse bushes to stile at track junction. Over stile, TL on to lower road and sharp TR on first cobbled/slabbed track with Owls Clough on your left. At end of buildings SA over stile downhill over field. Thru KG, TL into and down thru wood. 011264
- 7.6** SA past buildings to road. Over canal and at main A646 road, TL. Cross road at first pelican crossing, and TL across Caldene Avenue,pass bus stop and TR over bridge then TL to **Finish 29.1miles /19.0miles Well Done**

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