

36 MILES  
TWO BEACONS CHALLENGE  
Start High Royds Village - GR176432

Exit the Recreation Ground by the south-east corner onto Bingley Road and go to the traffic lights at the junction with the A65. Turn right for 50 yards and then left down Bridleway, just before school playing fields. Over Railway Bridge and up track to rd - straight across and continue up track to next rd, TR. After 300 yards, immediately after quarry entrance TL along bridleway towards Moor Farm. Pass farm on R - track goes slightly uphill, turn R before large stone house along wide track. Continue 1/2 mile, take stile in wall on L (just before bend to R) GR 204435 Up field, through stile in wall, continue up field to next stile in wall. Over road and through car park (Beacon Field Car Park GR204441)

Through wooden barrier at top of Car Park on to Surprise View. TR with wall on R, continue along track until Miller Lane Gate. Through gate and on down track (Miller Lane). TR at road. GR214444. Up rd approx 150 yds to small car park on L. GR217442 - 4 miles.

Across CP, take middle track - to the left of the stone) continue across open common land. Down steps and over wooden footbridge. Forward along wide well defined track with pine trees wood on R. Keep walking under power lines (main track has turned and gone off to R). You should be on well defined but narrow FP. Down to main rd, cross rd, turn R for approx 250 yds (Old Pool Bank Corner "The Bar House" GR238444).

Turn L down Old Pool Bank Rd, continue down rd until you meet the main road into Pool village (opp Pool Court Restaurant). TL down through Pool Village towards river, passing Half Moon Inn and Post Office. Immediately over bridge look for stile in wall on R (26 mile route goes left here). Over stile and follow riverside path, river on R. Over stile to L of gate, turn R into Castley Lane, keeping river on R. GR258459- 8 miles.

After 500 yds TL to Ings Farm, through gate (GR262462) and straight ahead turning R through gate above buildings on R keep fence on L. Up field, over stile, cross to opp corner of field, through gate into lane and up to main Harrogate 658 rd. Carefully cross rd and TL passing Riffa House on R. 50 yds past Riffa Business Park on L, TR up rd to Riffa Manor. At gates bear L and straight ahead through gate into wood - follow path. Where FP forks, bear R over stile, down field, keeping fence on L. Halfway down field TL over fence by gate back into wood GR255472.

Down path, over stile, bear R over stepping stones, up field, keeping broken wall and fence on R. At top of field R through gate, over stile beside next gate, forward, keeping fence on R. You are now on old Riffa Lane. Over gate, path continues between 2 rows of trees, eventually through gate TL on tarmac rd passing Hill Top Farm on R GR240476. Follow road towards Leathley - on descent look out for gate on R with FP sign - over and down field, keeping fence on R to stone trough. Over stile, down, keeping fence on L. At bottom of field TR (26 mile route now joins from left GR235474).

Over stile and across field, over next stile and across short field, look for stile in fence on L. Over stile, follow fence and hedge around perimeter of field, keeping to L. Make for metal field gate near to farmhouse. Over stile next to tree down field to next stile. Follow fence on L to stile to rd. TR up rd for approx 250 yds. SP Public Footpath on L. Through gate, follow fenced FP round side of house and old mill. GR231478.

Over stile, follow FP across open pasture (under power lines). Continue on path, river now on L to stile in wall. FP goes obliquely R uphill toward old mill goit dam (looking up at some very large stones) do not go up hill as far as cottage which you can see on your R. Once up slight hill and level with goit dam, FP is quite well defined and going off to L. Carry on this FP, over stile until you come to Trout Farm which is on your L (stream on R). GR225483 - 12 miles.

Across CP and road onto bridleway (near gatehouse in wood) continue along bridleway for approx 1½ miles to next road. Lindley Wood Reservoir now running with you on L. At road turn L across bridge then immediately R once over bridge. GR209498. On well defined path, River Washburn now on R. Across next bridge and continue on path across two fields. (River now on L). Now at Dob Park Pack Horse Bridge and Ford GR197508. Make as though to cross bridge but look for stile in fence on R. Over stile (do not cross bridge). Continue on well defined path for 1/2 mile to another bridge with gates on both sides. Cross bridge and bear R on well defined farm track, passing through several fields. Now going uphill with reservoir water overflow on R. At top of hill walk straight forward on track (do not turn R across reservoir). GR193528.

Swinsty Reservoir now on R. Continue along this track for approx 1/4 mile and look carefully for Swinsty Hall appearing on your L through the trees. Into wood, take first L, eventually going through gate at top of wood. Walk straight forward across 3 fields (slightly uphill) and over ladder stile. Wall now on L, crossing short field toward gate and stile in L corner of gate. This is entrance to a narrow drovers track. (Timble village clearly visible in front of you. Up drovers track, then farm track, then narrow tarmac road, turn R on narrow walled track to Timble Inn/village hall opposite. (Now cottages) GR180529 - 18 Miles

Up and out of village walking towards where Otley/Blubberhouses road crosses, approx 1/2 mile. Straight across here onto rough track, passing two houses/bungalow on L. (Now leaving 26 mile route SP Ellarcarr Pike). Continue forward SP Ilkley/Denton - to 5 bar gate - over stile at side and continue on hardcore track into wood. Continue on track until it turns sharp R. Straight forward and over stile in fence (very large pile of stones partially obstructing view of stile). Forward on well defined path in plantation, fence on L. Where fence breaks, what looks like a stile, keep to L and down over small stream. You should have sight of stone wall.

Keep walking with wall facing you then on R until you come to stile over wall Over stile - walk oblique L out onto moor. Continue on this narrow path until you come to a Standing

Stone, small cairn and path joining from L. Turn R. Continue on this path across moor. Some areas can be very boggy, take care not to lose path. Approx bearing for crossing first part of moor is between 300 and 310 degrees. Look for large wooden marker post, this is at the stone wall you will arrive at. GR133530.

Over stile and straight forward. Quarter of the way across the moor. Continue forward on path, a wall comes into view on R, eventually you walk close to wall. Ignore another wall coming in from L. Walk straight forward for about 100 yards keeping wall on R. At point where wall bears to R GR122536 turn L (half way across moor). Now heading for Beamsley Beacon - approx bearing 230 degrees SW; - Follow fairly well defined path, watch out for Boundary Stones to help you across. Firstly head for The Old Pike (cairn) then Beamsley Beacon trig point. Weather permitting take a moment and enjoy fine views of Dales. Continue on path down ridge, half way down bear L following well defined track to road. GR094518 - 24 miles.

Turn L, follow road round R hand bend and on downhill. Road then takes L hand bend and into a high walled section of road. Large farmhouse on R with large black gates - 50 yds past house, through () bar wooden gate then L down track. Continue down track then path to a gate. Across field to 5 bar gate in front of you, down second field towards road. At road, go down for approx 100 yds, here road turns L - you go straight forward towards West Hall. Continue down farm road keeping to R, now turn R in front of Beckside House, over small bridge then L down tarmac path towards iron bridge.

Over iron bridge (River Wharfe) and up path in front onto road. Turn L and keep on L side of road following pavement round to "Give Way" sign. Cross road and turn L for approx 10 yds - SP Public Footpath - over stile and forward up field to gate stile. Over main road - new Addingham bypass possibly not shown on map. Through gate stile and oblique L across field through white gate and turn R keeping next to wire fence, round to stile. Over stile, straight forward across field towards wood (do not bear L), forward down hill towards stream and over bridge. Up through small wood, over stile and R across field. Onto road turn L then immediately R - SP Public Footpath Keighley.

Continue on track until it divides - take L hand one through gate - up track - farm on L - off track and forward onto grass area and over stile in far L corner before trees then sharp R, keeping close to hedge, up hill to gate. Through gate and forward up hill, stream bed on R (under power lines). At top of field through gate, forward across short field, through gate out onto road, turn L. After approx 20 yds, farm track drops away to your L - you walk straight forward on slightly elevated section. Round corner, through gate, up field, keeping wall/fence close to your R. As you near top of field, over stile in wall. Now up moor bearing L as you climb. As you get to top of hill stile becomes visible on L. Over stile and along footpath towards Ilkley.

Make for wall next to reservoir and continue on passing houses on L until you reach road. Now turn L down road. 50 metres before speed limit as road bends down to L, take track on R between gorse bushes. Follow well defined FP to track R and follow track to White Wells. Pass in front of White Wells, down steps and take FP past pond then past tarn

below on L, over footbridge and up stepped path to Cow and Calf rocks. GR133466 - 31.5 miles

Walk towards Cow and Calf Hotel. Pass Hotel and after approx 75 yds well defined FP onto moor on R (just past riding stables). On up path and traverse moor side to your L towards Burley Woodhead (Ebor Way). After approx 1½ miles you will come to the valley that runs down to Burley Woodhead - do not go down - but walk straight forward on well defined FP. After further 1/2 mile you will begin to bear R and come across a small disused quarry at the back of Crag House Farm. Keep walking-towards York View Farm GR149446. Turn L through white gate and down lane to Menston Burley Woodhead road.

Straight across SP Public Footpath.- Down hill, passing Glen Cottage on your R. Now turn L in front of brown garage (the Glen House . on your L)\_ Down steps between hedgerows, over stream, over stile, now Old Mill Dam on your R. Over stile and across short field, over next stile in corner in front of you. Turn R past Bleach Mill. GR159445. Follow this lane to Menston Village, through village on main road and back to the Recreation Ground in Menston

WELL DONE!