

Cracoe Cracker Challenge CCC

26th October 2024



General information

Suggested Kit

- Waterproofs
- Suitable footwear in good condition
- Working torch
- Whistle
- Emergency food
- Fleece top
- Trousers to be carried if shorts are worn
- Survival bag
- Mug or cup
- OS 1:25000 Outdoor Leisure map OL2, Black & white photocopies of maps will not be accepted.
- Route Description
- Compass
- First aid kit

Parking

- Please car share if possible. There is some parking at the Village Hall and on Hetton Rd. Please follow the marshals.

Registration

- From 7:30. Cracoe Village Hall (VH) Postcode BD23 6LQ; Grid Reference SD973 597

Start time

- 08:30 walkers & 09:00 runners

Start location

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PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE AT ALL TIME, TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME & CLOSE ALL GATES [Unless held open]

North Loop 12.5 miles

1. From the VH Car Park, TR & TL in 200m onto BW before terrace houses. Continue on BW going under Railway Bridge. Follow the BW until you reach a gate with 'PRIVATE SIGN'. TL [SP Public BW]. Stay on enclosed path until you reach a wooden gate into an open field.
2. Go through the gate & follow the FP across fields to a barn on the horizon. Pass the barn on your left heading to the right of a small copse in the distance.
3. Go through a gate, then cross the stream using the stepping stones & climb a small bank onto the moor.
4. SO across the moor towards & over the saddle between Hamerton Hill GR SD965 621 & Blackstone Edge GR SD971 623 - keeping high on clear track with stream on left to reach & go through a gate.
5. Continue SO to reach a finger post, TL & cross small stream, then climb up TK to an old railway carriage.
6. Go through the gate & follow the TK bearing left. At the TK T junction TR & go through the gate. Just before reaching a small quarry car park/flat ground TR at CCC sign to cross Boss Moor, carry on for 1 mile to reach and go through gate. TL [SP Malham Moor Lane].
7. Go through the next gate into BW enclosed path & follow this round to the R to another gate. Follow a well-defined FP to the left passing through a wooden gate.
8. In ½ mile go through two gates into BW. Just before stone barn TR, go over Wall ST (SP Woodnook)
9. Descend to a double gate in the corner of the field, then cross the farm yard, go through a gate & climb a short grassy bank to another gate on your left.
10. Go through the gate & follow the FP markers with the wall on your left. Go through next gate so the wall is now on your right. Follow the FP down passing a barn on your left to reach & go through a wall ST.
11. Continue in the same direction following the yellow topped FP posts descending to a ST into Woodnook Caravan site. Please show consideration to the campers & keep to the FP through the site.
12. Follow the tarmac drive to minor road (Wood Lane).
13. TR follow RD for 50m & just before the barn on your left (SP Long Ashes), cross the wall ST into field, then cross the stream by the bridge, TL & climb to ST at the top of the field.
14. At RD TL to large gate DO NOT GO THROUGH IT. TR up steps (SP Quarry Walk). At top bear left on gravel path. Just before the fence TR (SP Long Ashes) & go through gate. TR to Skirethorns Lane through broken wall & follow FP to JCT of paths. Bear right, [SP Threshfield] leading on to Skirethorns Lane.

Check Point 1 GR SD981 638 6.5 miles Opens 09:30 to 11:00

15. At RD TR for 50m crossing to wall ST on L [SP Threshfield ½ mile]. Cross field diagonally to left to ST in corner. Over ST, turn R to next ST. Over ST then SO to next ST & at the third wall ST TL [SP Old Hall]. At the fourth wall ST cross & TR [SP Old Hall] keeping close to wall on R walk towards yellow topped post. At the post, bear slightly uphill away from wall to ST in top left-hand corner by a bungalow. Cross into a small field, over wall ST on your left & follow TK, to the busy B6265. **DANGER CROSS WITH CARE** & follow the lane opposite, passing the Village Green on your R [note the timber Stocks & Threshfield Village Institute on your right]
16. At Junction TR following RD at the second FP on your left, [SP Threshfield School] go through gate across the field & the old railway bridge. Go SO to follow FP down to School.
17. TR at RD after going through gates. Follow RD (**WITH CARE**) over bridge & TR up the hill. SO, at cross roads onto Lauradale Lane to the CP on your right.

Check Point 2 “Arthur Anderton Memorial Institute” 8.2 miles GR SD998 629 Opens 10:00 to 12:30

18. Leave CP 2 TR into Linton crossing stone bridge, TR at [SP to Threshfield] CCC Sign.
19. SO to reach & go through gate & follow [SP to B6265] over the disused railway bridge.
20. BR & then SO with wall on L to reach gate, go through & cross B6265 **DANGER CROSS WITH CARE** & take road opposite (Moor Lane). Continue past High Pasture Cottage
21. When the RD goes right, keep SO on TK, through gate & SO following TK for 50m to small post. Stay on main track, through a gate & immediately L CCC Sign on an indistinct path up to a wall ST. Follow FP down the moor towards Quarry. When descending path bears R, away from wall – follow & then reach small stony/sandy track. TR towards small copse.
22. The FP falls to a stream. Cross stepping stone to a gate, (here you will retrace your steps back to VH) go through gate, bearing slightly left uphill. Stay on the footpath towards the barn on the horizon. Keep barn on your right & descend to reach wooden gate. Go through gate, straight ahead & stay on enclosed path until you reach main track. Turn right on to track, go under railway bridge, through gate, and up to minor road. Then TR back to VH.

Check Point 3 “Cracoe Village Hall” 12.5 miles GR SD973 597 Open 10:30 to 13:30

For those who are doing the North loop Challenge, Congratulations & Thanks for
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There is a cut-off time at 1.30pm at Checkpoint 3 (12.5 miles). Anyone not through this Checkpoint will be asked to retire.

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South Loop 12.5 miles

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23. Leave the VH carpark TR passing 1 Town End then 1 & 2 Barn Cottages. Follow FP for 75m across the busy B6265 **DANGER CROSS WITH CARE** into Back Lane. Follow TK/BW [SP to Rylstone 1 mile]. After approx. 300 yards ignore the track coming in from the L.
24. Continue on TK to pass the farmyard on your Right. TL before St Peter Church [SP Barden Moor] and follow the TK through 4 gates passing trees on your Left. At the 4th gate with trees on right, reach a TK junction TL [SP Sandy Beck Bar & Barden Moor], in 400m TL though Gate [SP Barden Moor].
25. Climb steadily passing a small wood on your right. Continue SO up TK to reach and pass through wooden gate. When the FP levels out, don't take the FP to the Left but swing Right to a Gate, go through Gate & TL with wall on your left.

Please note this is a Permissive Path on the Bolton Abbey Estate, if you are asked to stop for any reason, please refer them to the Event Organiser on 07485004092.

26. Follow FP with wall on your left passing Rylstone Cross & Cracoe War Memorial. Continue on this FP with wall on left.
27. When the FP turns into a TK, follow the TK to a Bothy (hidden below/behind the Shooting Lodge.) GR SE0153 5997. At the Bothy, come off the TK and take the footpath opposite the Bothy on your left, which descends slightly to Hesker Gill. After 200 m ignore small cairn on left & stay on right hand path. After crossing Hesker Gill, take the RH fork, keeping the Gill on the R. Follow FP to gate into walled TK/BW down to Thorpe once the TK turns to RD pass cottages to the Village Green.

Check Point 4 19.5 miles GR SE013 618. Open 12:15 to 16:00
28. TL at VG into Kail Lane (no road sign), climbing up to T Junction TL into Thorpe Lane (unsuitable for HGV & wide vehicles). In ½ mile, TR over wall ST [SP Linton ¾ m], not the first SP TK to B6160.
29. Following FP through Fields past a small wood on your Left & down to Gate. Climb over wall ST, follow TK through Gate, then just before the farm, TR through Gate (i.e. ignore the 2 wall stiles on the R). Once through gate turn immediately left and follow FP with wall on left to two Gates onto TK. Follow TK left then right into Linton.
30. At T junction B6265 TR to Check Point.

Check Point 5 "Arthur Anderton Memorial Institute" 21 miles GR SD998 629 Open 12:20 to 18:00

31. TR out of Check Point towards Linton, crossing RD bridge. DO NOT TR after bridge, but go SO passing the bus shelter on your left.
32. After passing National Speed Limit Sign, TR into Moor Lane, then follow TK to Great Farlands Laith. Passing great Farlands Laith, go through a Gate & follow TK to B6265. **DANGER VERY BUSY ROAD – TAKE EXTREME CARE**. Cross into BW [SP Cracoe 3 miles]. Go through Gate following BW to sheep pen, then go through the Gate onto moor. Follow FP to small copse, cross stream over stepping stones & go through Gate & follow the FP back to Cracoe VH (again re-tracing your steps from the first loop). *(If not sure refer back to paragraph 24)*
33. Well done, 25 miles completed! Now for some refreshments & food to replenish all those calories burnt throughout the day.

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