

## The Blubberhouses Moor 25

**Route Description (updated June 2014)**  
[Note:- Relocation of Refreshment Stop and of CP7]

### START Bland Hill (GR 207 531)

Turn R at the Community Hall, right at road junction and after 500 yds turn L on road down the hill to reach lane on L. Follow this lane to Reservoir Dam, cross Dam turn right to **CP 1 (GR 194 528)**. Continue on track for 1 mile to road (toilets on left). Cross over road taking Permissive Path (red arrow). Follow path along the west edge of Fewston Reservoir for nearly 2 miles to car park. Climb steps on right and cross the A59 aiming for right hand side of barrier. **FAST TRAFFIC CARE NEEDED**. Down steps and through conifers to follow River Washburn for 1.3 miles. Cross footbridge over river and follow track leading to L.H. side of Thruscross Dam wall ahead. Climb steps to checkpoint.

### CHECKPOINT 2 Thruscross Reservoir (GR 155 574)

Leave Car Park by main entrance and turn L on road, R at T junction, take next road on L (North Moor). At 2<sup>nd</sup> Footpath Sign on the right next to metal gate with Moor Access notice, follow track to Spittal Ings House. Then over ladder stile on R, continue on moorland track for 1.8 miles aiming for Rocking Hall C.P. on horizon ahead. Keep R at fork in track after about 500 yds.

### CHECKPOINT 3 Rocking Hall (GR 111 579)

Leave Checkpoint through gate in south enclosure wall then following track for 1.5 miles descending to junction (GR 093 567). Take RH track down to Bolton Park farm (please shut gates). Continue downhill on access road to reach Wooden Bridge (do not cross). Turn L on riverside path to gate/stile, turn L to cross Footbridge or Ford. Climb up the road for 30 yds then turn R on good path. Ignore path descending to R, continue to reach a small gate. Just after gate leave main path taking level path with wall on L to Bridleway Signpost to L (do not drop down to river) and **S/C 4 (GR 076 542)** at gate. Follow enclosed path to Storiths, through farm to checkpoint at T junction.

### CHECKPOINT 5 Storiths (GR 081 543)

Over stile, bear R to next stile, follow wall on L through gap, continue with wall on L to reach stile. Cross corner of next field to ladder stile, over and slight left towards wall corner, over next ladder stile. Now follow wall on R, crossing stiles to reach A59. Cross with care using traffic island on L taking road to Deerstones (no longer a CP). At road end, R for 30yds to last house then L down to footbridge (public access not marked on some O/S Maps). Cross and climb zig zag path up to gate with Ling Chapel Farm ahead, forward to next gate (F.P. sign) in a few yds reach farm access road. Turn R for 100 yds take path

on L just after finger post across moor to road. Turn L to Checkpoint 6 (it is possible to continue along farm access road, then turn L up road to checkpoint).

#### **CHECKPOINT 6 & REFRESHMENT STOP Roadside Beamsley Beacon (GR 092 522)**

Leave check point at finger post (Beamsley Beacon) climb with wall on right to join path turning L and climbing up to Trig point, continue on clear permissive path for 1.6 miles to reach wall at Round Hill (Little Gate). Turn R, with wall on L to cross stile, follow wall/fence in easterly direction for about 0.5 mile to a reedy area. A faint path swings R towards low ridge then onward to a Ladder Stile and gate just past old stone marker (Ripon – Ilkley). Through gate and in 0.7 mile in dip, cross small stream (GR 142 527) path heads R to shooting butt on hilltop (ignore rights of way shown on map) at hilltop pass 1767 dated boundary stone on right. Continue eastwards and after 0.25 miles at stone marked with a D ignore path to L and continue ahead. In 0.7 miles reach Ellarcarr Pike (metal gate and stile) and checkpoint.

#### **CHECKPOINT 7 Ellarcarr Pike. (GR 159 523)**

Down track to T junction, R to continue along track to road, cross and follow road signs to Timble. On entering village turn R at Map Display Board to follow the ‘No Through’ road. After reaching Highfield Farm on L continue for 100 yds to turn L at sign on footpath along High Lane. Follow lane to metal gate/stile, cross field, through gap, bear L to line of trees and follow to stile. Keep fence on L to next stile. Now aim for blue notice at edge of wood, go through gates into wood, follow wide track to reach and go through small gate. Follow path on R between wooden fences. Turn R at small new gate continue to waymark post, through gap in wall to stile and in 20 yds turn L down steps to Swinsty Dam wall. Retrace steps back to finish at Community Hall.

If using the field paths from the finger post at GR 200 532 (Bland Hill ¼ml) cross stile and up enclosed path towards trees. Over stile to right of metal gate and up field with wall on right to pass tumble down barn. Where wall swings away to the right keep straight ahead towards marker post and stile in wall (do not take gate on right). Over stile bear left towards highest point of field, continue ahead to stile in wall. Over stile and up field with wall on right to stile leading to road. Cross road with care, turn right to Community Hall.

#### **FINISH Bland Hill (GR 207 531)**

**Historic note:** The route as originally devised was 25 miles in length hence the title of the event. Subsequent opening up of permissive paths beside the reservoirs and the Washburn have resulted in today’s slightly shorter route.