

The Smugglers Trod Routes

Start Fylingthorpe Village Hall GR 949 054

Turn left and walk through the carpark on to the main road B1447. Turn left for 165yds cross road then turn half right into Smay Lane. Follow Smay Lane for 0.34 miles round left bend and ignore all paths to left and right to reach the bucket drop at **Smailes Moor Farm. GR 950 062 0.52 miles**

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From bucket drop continue along High Lane for 0.55 miles to the junction Cross road, church on left and ahead into Church Lane, after 50 yds bear right into Raw Lane. Follow lane for 0.25 miles. When lane turns right go ahead through gate, foot path sign to left of gate GR 938 058. Cross two fields with hedge on right pass through wooden gate and between houses to road. Turn right on road up hill for 112 yds passing phone box to reach track on left GR 934 055 Turn left and follow track for 0.40 miles. Ignore all side tracks. Reach T-junction with stony track GR 931 050 Sign Skerry Hall Farm on left, turn right. Follow stony track for 265 yds, just before the hill top GR 929 049 turn right on to narrow path over moor passing a trig pillar to reach a wide grassy track
Turn right to reach check point. **Checkpoint 1 Whitby Road GR 925 053 2.51 miles**

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From checkpoint cross road **Danger Main Road** through gate and follow track as it swings right then left to reach gate and stile. **Self clip Normanby Hill GR 921 055 2.83 miles**

Do not cross stile turn left and follow faint path 180 deg across moor. The path slowly turns right and crosses duck boards then climbs to a marker post at GR 919 048 3.24 miles, pass 2nd marker post GR 914 045 3.66 miles, pass 3rd marker post GR 913 044 3.78 miles, pass 4th marker post GR 909 041 4.07 miles. Continue on path to reach stile and road at GR 907 039 4.24 miles. Cross stile, cross road and go through gate turn right following path and duck boards, with fence on right, to path which turns left with wall on your right, ignore gate on right and sign post on left. Follow wall to reach John Cross and **Split point. GR 901 027** **Short route** **Go to left of trees, follow track downhill keeping trees on right, at bottom look for sign pointing left, you are now back on route. Go to instruction 11**

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Long route From split point turn right through gate and follow track down hill When track bends right bear left on faint path to corner of field, cross stile and continue down field passing to left of old building. At bottom of field turn left then cross stile on your right. Follow path as it zig zags down hill through bracken and gorse, over stile to reach road. Turn left to checkpoint. **Checkpoint 2 Maybeck GR 893 024 5.77 miles**

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From check point turn right and cross grass to stream, turn right stream on left and follow path as it climbs up hill then goes through gate and down along the stream. Cross small foot bridge GR 890 032 6.17 miles continue for 40 yds then fork right up hill to reach car park. Through car park 6.35 miles and ahead between old gate post and old wall. Follow path down as it turns right through woods, with remains of wall on left and pass sign post on right, ahead when path joins from right to reach **The Hermitage GR 885 040 6.70 miles**

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Continue along the path down steps as it winds through the woods eventually reaching wall and Little Beck Nature Reserve 6.94 miles. Ahead through gap in wall to reach gate and road GR 879 049 7.44 miles. Turn left and follow road down hill cross ford to check point in front of chapel (if the streams are in flood, turn left on road but do not go down hill, go ahead to cross bridge then turn left to check point) **Check Point 3 Littlebeck GR 879 049 7.49 miles**

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Leave check point and follow path along right hand side of the chapel to the road, turn right up hill on road and follow for 0.54 miles to Intake Farm GR 877 042. Turn right into farm then after 30 yds turn left through farm yard. Ahead through 2 gates then continue for 0.46 miles along stony track to reach self clip on sign post. **(North of Leas Farm) 8.49 miles Nigels Post GR 881 036**

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From the self clip continue on the stony track as it swings right up hill to gate in gap between trees. Through gate and continue along track to 2nd gate on the left with a stone gate post. Through gate then cross field with hedge / fence on right then stone wall. Through 3rd gate GR 874 033 8.99 miles and cross middle of field 250 deg to 4th gate 9.18 miles. Pass through 4th gate and follow path / track as it winds across the open moor for 0.60 miles to reach a concrete slab bridge over a stream GR 863 029 9.78 miles. Cross bridge 225 deg for 50 yds then bear right 220 deg to reach the boundary stones seen on the horizon. **Check Point 4 Boundary Stones GR 860 024 10.17 miles**

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Leave check point on rough stony track heading 120 deg. Follow track for 1.14 miles through gate to Y junction with marker post GR 876 016 11.31 miles Bear left 115 deg and follow track for a further 0.56 miles to reach forest road. Turn right and follow forest road to Pike Hill check point. Pass road on right and path off to the left. **Check Point 5 Pike Hill GR 892 009 12.53 miles**

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From check point continue on forest road for 75 yds then turn left on path to reach stony track, turn left for 5 yds then turn right. follow path to John Bonds sheep house **GR 898 014 13.11 miles** **turn right** and cross stream by foot bridge. Follow path as it turns left and follows fence up hill to gate. GR 898 016 13.29 miles From gate follow faint path across moor 65 deg to reach track

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.**(Short route rejoins here)** From the track cross boggy ground 55 deg to find faint path on hill top. Follow path to find stream, cross stream then bear right to cross track, then ahead to gate. **Self clip Lingham GR 910 019 14.12 miles**

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Through gate and follow winding path through broken woodland to reach gate. Through gate with fence on right to cross duck boards and turn left through bushes. When out of the bushes turn right and follow valley for 0.32 miles just after twin pylons turn ½ right to cross rough field to gate and bridge. **GR 919 010 14.91 miles** Turn left up hill to reach stile. Cross stile and wooden bridge continue to track. Turn right for 130 yds then turn left up hill on track. Keep left until a fence is reached then turn right. Follow fence then swing right with path to find gate into campsite at end of stone wall near trees. Follow track around the right hand side of the campsite to reach check point

Check Point 6 Grouse Hill GR 929 002 15.93 miles

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Leave check point continue on campsite road passing house on right to reach barrier. Pass barrier on right hand side then turn right, turn left along side of the Flask Inn. Continue to road. Cross road **Danger Main Road** and follow footpath sign down farm track as it bends right to pass Low Flask Farm continue on track to gate. Through gate and turn ½ left cross field 25 deg to stile. Over stile then bear right to cross 2nd field, cross bridge !!! then cross 3rd field planted with trees 30 deg to reach stile. Over stile to enter wood Harry's Folly. Follow path with hedge on left, down steps, cross stream and up bank to track. **Self Clip The Ford GR 937 018 17.33 miles**

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From the self clip turn right, follow track to farm. Turn right at farm gate then follow fence round to the left and continue on track for 250 yds. At bottom of dip on concrete road, foot path sign on right, turn left through gate and follow faint path across field 130 deg to reach hand gate in corner. Through gate and follow enclosed path to Cook House. Through 3 gates to pass to left of house then bear ½ left 60 deg on wide grassy track on moor GR 945 006 18.32 miles. After 0.87 miles bear left 80 deg at cross tracks with sign post on right GR 958 008 19.19 miles

Follow track for a further 0.8 miles across moor towards the radio mast. Just before radio mast opposite trig pillar turn left off track onto path for 60 yds to reach check point. **Check Point 7 Radio Mast GR 969 012 19.99 miles**

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From check point continue to road, turn left 320 deg. Follow road for 1.01 miles to GR 960 023 as road bends right go ahead on track passing two no through road signs.

Follow track pass Stoup Brow cottage on right then house on left to reach Browside farm on **right GR 953 024** turn right through 2nd gate and follow track through farm yard onto old railway track. Turn left and follow old railway track for 2.11 miles passing under 3 bridges, down steps cross road then up steps and pass Fyling Hall on left then under 4th bridge, and cross 2nd road to reach Middlewood Farm and check point. **Check Point 8 Middlewood Farm GR 945 046 23.61 miles**

Cut off time 17.30

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Leave check point and cross stile leaving old railway track. Follow path with hedge on left through gate continue with hedge on left through 2nd gate then when hedge turns left go ahead crossing field to reach stile. Cross stile then follow path through trees, cross duck boards to enter Robin Hoods Bay, passing fish and chip shop to reach check point at road.

Check Point 9 The Dock GR 952 048 24.11 miles

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Turn left and climb up hill on road, pass car park on left, continue ahead to cross Thorpe Lane When road bends right turn left, cross car park to reach village hall and the finish. **Fylingthorpe Village Hall GR 949 054 24.59 miles**

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