

The University of Sheffield Big Walk 2022 – 50km route from Hope

OS Grid Reference	Description of location	Dist. from start (KM)	Description of route to next check point
SK 181 833	Hope Station	0.0	Head to the main road (A6187) and turn right heading for Hope village. After you pass Aston Lane on your right take the footpath right, just before the bridge over the River Noe. At the old mill (now a house) it becomes a track. Follow the track until a T-junction where it meets a road and turn left over the bridge. When the road meets another road, turn right and follow Edale Road past a pub (The Cheshire Cheese), under a railway bridge and shortly after look for the footpath on the left just after Bleak House.
SK 169 842	Footpath from Edale Road	1.9	Follow the footpath for approx. 200m. At the junction where it meets some wooden stables, take the footpath to the right, heading along the field boundary between a wire fence and a hedge. The path broadens, and shortly after a metal gate with a rock hanging from it the track opens out. Follow the path bearing right, beginning to head uphill through numerous fields. Pass a footpath sign for Mam Tor via Losehill Farm. Head for a stone barn in the field and pass this heading to Losehill Farm. At Losehill Farm turn left and follow the path uphill, following a signpost for Losehill . Follow this path until it begins to level out. Cross a stile on the right by a huge cairn (pile of rocks) and follow the steps up to Losehill summit for excellent views of the Edale and Hope Valleys.
SK 153 854	Losehill Summit	4.3	From Losehill summit, follow the ridge towards Back Tor and then down the rough and broad track. At the bottom, pass through a wooden gate (on your left) and continue along the ridge with the fence / wall on your right. Follow the ridge past Hollins Cross onwards towards the summit of Mam Tor . You will pass through two gates. After the second gate pick up the bridleway on the right so that you are walking with the wall almost directly on your right. This bridleway skirts around to the right of the hill top and brings you out onto the road. Turn left onto the road (take care here - blind summit) and over the top of the pass looking for the path to your right, with the marshals located there too who will also have some water for you, (the last until the Yorkshire Bridge Inn).
SK 127 836	Mam Tor	7.7	Pass through the gate and follow the path, which rises up to the crest of Rushup Edge. Bear right at the sign where the bridlepath and the footpath fork. Follow the crest of Rushup Edge with spectacular airy views, keeping the wall on your left. The path rises to Lord's Seat, (fenced-off burial mound) then levels off before beginning to descend towards the far end of Rushup Edge. As it descends the path gradually broadens and becomes a sunken rocky track and reaches a junction with a prominent signpost where there will be a marshal wanting to check you through .
SK 099 829	Path junction / signpost	10.5	At the junction turn right, signposted for Edale. The track is now broad, level and sandy. Follow this track for approx. 300m. Where the track makes a distinct sharp turn to the right, look for the prominent wooden pole and paved path on your left. Follow this paved path over the open moorland to the brilliant white trig point at the summit of Brown Knoll.
SK 083 851	Brown Knoll summit	13.2	From the summit, continue to follow the paved path as it descends to meet a fence. Cross the stile and after a few yards take the paved path leading right. The path leads gradually downhill until it meets a broad stony track at a large wooden gate. Go through the gate and take the path to the left signposted in yellow "Pennine Way" (If you follow the blue sign downhill you're going wrong!) heading uphill towards Swine's Back where there will be a marshal waiting for you . This becomes stepped as it steepens, then it bears right following a broken stone wall. At the large cairn in a dip, ignore the

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			path to the left and continue heading straight on, following the broken wall and drifting round to the right towards the huge stone anvil of Noe Stool. Follow the path past Noe Stool towards the rock formation Pym Chair. It looks a bit like a Chinese Pagoda temple!
SK 088 869	Pym Chair	16.0	The path passes to the right of Pym Chair and becomes many separate paths. They all head in the same direction but the paths to the right seem to be the least muddy. Head for the maze of Woolpacks. The path through Woolpacks can be a muddy nightmare (or a bogtrotter's delight!) Lost boots and shoes are quite common here so make sure your laces are tight before entering the maze! Woolpacks is a natural sculpture park, with amazing gritstone formations that have been sculpted by the wind. Look out for rocks that look like a sea lion, Homer Simpson and Snoopy! The main path is a peaty muddy highway that spreads out as it progresses. The best approach is to follow the general direction but to pick your way according to the conditions! All the different paths eventually come together on the other side, and there are generally hundreds of footprints to follow! From Woolpacks the path continues along the edge past Crowden Tower to Crowden Brook. Here the path descends quite steeply with steep and dramatic views on your right.
SK 095 872	Crowden Brook	16.7	Cross Crowden Brook and bear right (don't follow any of the paths off left as you'll get lost in the interior!) After approx.1km you pass a rocky outcrop on your right resembling a pig with an open mouth. Someone has scratched a spiral design onto it too! Just past here the path splits and becomes paved. Ignore the right fork and keep left heading for the top of Grindsbrook. Keep left at the minor fork just before Grindsbrook. Look out for the marshal here. Cross the brook at a huge cairn and follow the path around the edge. The path swings left and follows the rim of a dramatic ravine. Follow the path until you can cross the stream at an open area of huge flat slabs of rock. Bear right back along the rim of the ravine until the path swings left and continues along the main edge. Follow the path over Upper Tor and Nether Tor until you reach the top of Golden Clough.
SK 125 875	Top of Golden Clough	20.7	At the top of Golden Clough the path divides. Ignore the eroded cobbled path descending to your right (heading for a huge pile of stones) and take the higher path that remains level and follows the top of the clough towards the top of Ringing Roger. At the top of Ringing Roger there will be a marshal. The path passes between a prominent cairn approx. 50m away on your left, and a closer pair of cairns on your right. Here the path narrows and bears off left heading for Ollerbrook Clough. Around the rim of Ollerbrook Clough the path becomes quite narrow. At the far side, the path forks. Take the left fork – eroded and slightly uphill. (Though the right fork joins up again a few hundred metres further on) and follow the path over Rowland Cote Moor. Keep to the edge and ignore any paths heading left into the interior, or right down into the valley. More steep and airy views! Eventually the path dips down and crosses the stream at the top of Jagger's Clough.
SK 139 878	Top of Jagger's Clough	22.6	Shortly after crossing Jagger's Clough, you'll notice a broken stone wall appearing on your right. This continues for approx. 300m until it disappears again. Shortly after the wall disappears keep following the path, bearing right where necessary, until you begin to descend and reach a short rocky step (marshal here) about 5ft high. It's easy but take care. After the step the path continues to descend, curving round to the right across Crookstone Out Moor until you reach a wall with a metal gate. This wall marks a distinct boundary between heather moorland and the grassy upland pasture on Crookstone Hill
SK 151 880	Gate in Wall	24	Pass through the gate and follow the path downhill, heading for two distinct trees. At the trees the path splits. Here there is a signpost and a stone way-marker too! Take the path to the left for Hope Cross. (If you go straight on you'll come to a locked gate near Crookstone Barn and have to backtrack). The path descends to join a broad rocky track at a gate. Turn right and follow the track,

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			going straight on at a crossroads, until you reach the tall stone pillar of Hope Cross at SK 161 874.
SK160876	Hope Cross	25.0	From here, you'll see the summit of Win Hill up ahead on the horizon – keep walking in this direction. Initially follow the bridleway which leads you to the wood-line. Just at this point, you'll see a footpath that skirts along the wood-line, with a wire fence on the left and a stone wall on the right. For the easiest line, follow this for the next mile or so. Where the track very clearly deviates off and up rightwards towards the summit of Win Hill, leave the wood-line and head for Win Hill. As you get to the foot of Win Hill you'll come to a fork: take the high path leftwards for the hill top.
SK187851	Win Hill summit	29.0	Follow the summit top on and down the other side, and down a steep path, and into the woods ahead. Just where the ground shallows out you will shortly come to a metal kissing gate. Turn right here taking the footpath so that a wall is immediately on your right and a fence will be on your left. At this kissing gate there will be a marshal waiting to take your number! A very muddy path will bring you down to a patch of grass, a stone wall opposite and you'll see a signpost pointing you left in the direction of Thornhill. Follow this, down a bit and right through gate and then down the path with a wall on your right hand side. This brings you to a cross paths, where there is an old moss-covered signpost. Take the left turn here headed for Yorkshire Bridge. This path spits you out onto the Thornhill Trail. Just opposite, you will see an old worn out footpath signpost signposting the path down towards Yorkshire Bridge. (On the same post is a bright red sign marking the way of the Thornhill Trail). Take this path down to Carr Lane. Turn left onto Carr Lane. A few meters later, turn right, over the bridge and up to the main road. Onto the road, turn left to the Yorkshire Bridge Inn where food, refreshments and a warm toilet seat await! (The last one in fact until the end).
	Yorkshire Bridge Inn		CUT OFF TIME – PLEASE NOTE – ANYONE NOT HERE BY 17:00 WILL BE INVITED TO LEAVE THE EVENT AT THIS LOCATION AND OFFERED A LIFT BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY ARMS.
SK201854	Yorkshire Bridge Inn / A6013 main road	32.4	Turn left out of the pub car park and stay on the road until you come to the dam wall at the head of Ladybower Reservoir . Turn right here, over the road and up a footpath. Continue up through the woods until you find yourself in a clearing beneath some power cables, where you will need to turn right. (Do not be tempted to veer off up through the woods). Follow the well marked path under the power lines and then let the path lead you round to the left and up hill with the fence on your right. The path will shortly lead you over the fence and you will continue on this path (initially with a wall on your left) all the way to the top of Bamford Edge. As you get out the woods, and close to the edge, you will see Win Hill over to the left now and you will soon see that the path splits. Continue on the left fork, through a stone wall until you are at the top of the edge itself (where there will be a marshal to meet you). Collect your food and head out a little further to enjoy your lunch at one of the lovely seating areas along the way.
SK207858	Bamford Edge	33.8	Turn right and head along the top of the edge so that the moor is on your left and the rocks (and super view) is off to your right, heading to Great Tor now with a very obvious path to lead you there. Continue onwards until you see some rocks up to your left with a path of sorts that will lead you there. At this spot you can also expect to meet the next marshal.
SK213846	East end of Bamford Edge	35.5	You'll meet the marshal here, and look over in the direction of Stanage Edge. All you will see is a sea of heather and a load of fern too. And hopefully, without looking too hard, you will also see another marshal. They will point out the merest of paths that exists (usually on a Strava heatmap only). Make

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			your way down in a NW direction towards the apex of two collapsed and dilapidated walls where you will meet another marshal. From here the path continues in the same vague way down hill to another marshal, and then up-hill towards Stanage Edge.
SK225856	Crow Chin, Stanage Edge	37.4	Meet the marshal at Crow Chin and make your way up to the left of the rocks and onto the main track. Turn right along the main track, with the rocks down to your right now. You'll walk past the trig point at High Neb (a white pillar about 1.3m high) and a couple of hundred meters later you will see a path leading down to the left, initially to a stone shelter. Follow this path, which could be muddy, down the hill and away from Stanage Edge. About 800m on and the path will rise up towards the remains of stone wall and another path. Turn left along this path, keeping the wall/fence to your left. This path and wall will lead you round and over a broken down wall, and then on to a small plantation. Walk around the plantation keeping it to your left. You'll then see the path snaking down through and past some temporary grouse butts (look like green fence panels). Follow this down, cross the stream and follow the path round to the left, to a small reservoir, with a marshal, and to the flattest, most-even, and most welcome path in the world!
SK248864	Small reservoir at the head of Rivelin Brook	40.3	Follow this path now, through some metal gates, staying level and never leaving it, until you meet the road almost 2.5Km later. Turn left down the road for about 500m more and where there is reservoir head-wall to your right, and a foot path leading through the plantation, you will meet a marshal.
SK265858	Road/path/ foot path leading through the plantation	43.2	Follow this path down and round to the left going past an underground reservoir. Past some houses, and then to a metal gate. Here you need to turn left (don't go on to the big trail ahead). Go a few meters along a footpath heading back into the woods. By a tree on your left the path goes over the wall via some stone steps. Follow this path up through the woods, over a wall and on past the farm on your left. This will bring you out onto Soughley Lane. Continue over the road and along the very obvious and, easy-going path called the Redmires Conduit. Follow this now for 2.5Km until you get to Blackbrook Road. Here you will see some playing fields opposite, continue over the road and through these fields. The path leads you past some play areas and up to some high wire-fences. Follow the path so it leads you with these sports pitches on your right.
	Redmires Reservoirs Rd	43.2	CUT OFF TIME – PLEASE NOTE – ANYONE NOT HERE BY 20:00 WILL BE INVITED TO LEAVE THE EVENT AT THIS LOCATION AND OFFERED A LIFT BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY ARMS.
SK296861	Crimicar Lane, S10 4EL	47.1	When you get to Crimicar lane, turn left. A marshal awaits at the Shiny Sheff, turn right onto the Redmires Road and follow this down all the way to the shops at Crosspool. In Crosspool, just before the zebra crossing, take the right turn along Selbourne Rd and follow this to the A57. Follow this down now all the way to the University and to the University Arms. Well done!
SK343874	The University Arms	52.2	Finish!