

The University of Sheffield Big Walk 2024 – Route Card (20 mile route)

OS Grid Reference	Description of location	Dist. from start (miles)	Description of route to next check point
	Three Merry Lads	0	<p>Walk start location. From here turn left out of the car park, and head along the road as if going back to Sheffield. About 100m along (before you get to the Sportsman Pub) do a right turn into a big car park. Past the recycling bins and across the playing fields with the plantation about 50m over to your right. As you make your way across the fields you will see a white post on the horizon, the access point to the path is about 30m to the right of this and just to the left of all the rough grass.</p> <p>Turn right onto the path (the Conduit) and follow it with the stream/wall on your left all the way to the road. Once at Soughley Lane, turn left up the lane for about 200m until you come to the corner. Turn right here, over the stile and follow the path. Shortly, before you reach the gate, take a left turn at the corner of the the wall and go through another gate so that you pick up a fence on your right. You'll also see a sign that says Lower Redmires Reservoir. Keep on. (What you are going to do now is walk around the reservoirs following this path until you pick up with the tail end of the Redmires Rd.) Continuing around the reservoirs keeping to the paved trail/path. Near the end of this section you will come to a concrete bridge with iron rails – continue over this, keep on the main trail, do not deviate off down the footpath to the left. Continue until you reach the road with a marshal waiting for you here.</p>
SK256 851	End of Redmires Road	3.8	<p>Follow the byway up to Stanage Pole (SK 247844). Continue down the track about 300m down to a small waist height post marking access. Keep going along the obvious trail so that you quickly pick up Stanage Edge on your LEFT. Stay on the main track, past a marshal who will point you down in the direction of the Long Causeway.</p>
SK241 845	Top of the Long Causeway	5.9	<p>The Long Causeway leads you to the road at the bottom, and to Dennis Knoll car park. Here, turn left along the road so that the trees are on your right. Down the road, and over the cattle grid. Turn right along the path so that the trees are still on your right. About 30m down here you will see a double-gate that leads you through the stone wall. Through here, and turn left so that the wall is on your left now. Keep on this main track now all the way down to the houses (Green House) through a wooden pedestrian gate at the bottom. Marshal here.</p>
SK229 838	Greene's House (gate)	8.4	<p>At the house, turn left, through a brilliant gate (it's got a wheel on it) and immediately through the wall following a muddy path down, so that the houses are on your right. This path takes you down to some fields and then into the trees. Over the stream, heading down hill keeping in the same direction until you get to the road. Over the road and through a gate. Continue following the path downhill, past Brookfield Manor on your right, and finally you'll meet a track by a wooden marker post. Take an oblique turn right along the track. As you progress southwards towards Hathersage, the track becomes more defined (Baulk Lane) and passes first some buildings on the left and then the allotments on the right. Past the church up to your left, and eventually down to the main road (A6187) at the bottom. No need to cross this, instead turn right heading into the village, where you'll find a marshal sat by the public conveniences.</p>
	Hathersage Public Conveniences/Tourist Info	10.8	<p>Head along the road and turn left outside the George, down the B6001. Just before the Little John, take a right fork down Mill Lane. Down the lane and continue under the railway bridge. Where the lane meets with Dore Lane (with Nether Hall Lodge on your right) turn right through the (open) wooden gates and down the surfaced track which is also a public footpath. Do not go right through</p>

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			the white gates for Nether Hall. Signs about free-range hens and dogs on leads etc will soon prevail. Continue along past the farm on your right and then onto the footpath proper, all the way to the road (B6001) about 1 mile on. At the road, cross it carefully (there's your H&S brief) and onto the obvious path opposite, which is in fact a tarmac surface at this point. The river will be down to your right, and if you're lucky the air will be rich with the aroma of wild-garlic! Stay on this path/road, until eventually you come to a house (Harper Lees), where the path leads you round to the right and into some fields. Follow this broad grassy path, which is well marked. The path continues along the valley floor now and will lead you into the woods where you will see a post offering you a short cut (left) to Grindleford Station: stay right at this post and keep to the valley with the river on your right until you reach the road.
SK245 779	St Helen's Church Grindleford	15.6	Just to the right of the church grounds is some sort of roadside gas storage/maintenance locker, and to the right of this is an obvious track/driveway that leads up hill. Follow this uphill for around 600m. When you come to a fork, head round to the left to enter the woods. At this stage, just avoid walking down anyone's driveway or into any gardens and you'll be fine. Anyway, into the woods (Haywood) and up an obvious path with a stonewall on your left. So far so good ... When you get to the corner of the wall, continue directly up hill. You'll see rotten post - follow the directions uphill as for the Grouse Inn. Where you come to a path junction and it looks more legitimate to head right instead of up an over-grown rut, head right. In essence you're heading up and right until you see the cars at the top. When you get to the path just beneath the parked cars, follow this with the car park just above you on your right. You'll then see a wall corner just up to your right. Follow the path so that the wall is on your right, and about 51m later there will be a gate that leads you diagonally up and across the fields in the direction of the Grouse Inn.
SK259 779	The Grouse Inn		Turn left out of the pub, and walk about 100m along the road. The road will go downhill slightly, and then once you have crossed over a stream (under the road) turn right through a gate and onto the bridleway. You'll see a NT sign saying White Edge Moor. Follow this obvious trail now up to White Edge Lodge. Once you reach the driveway for the lodge, follow this to the road.
SK268 789	Road junction B6054 with A625		When you get to the road, take great care crossing the road, taking extra care to check for traffic coming from your right, around that bend. Cross over to the grassy island, and then again towards the white gate opposite that takes you into the Longshaw Estate proper. Stay on this obvious track, picking up a rocky slope up to your right, until half a mile later you see a gate that will lead you into the trees. Follow this now down past the main building and café (and more toilets). Past the main building, and then head along the tarmac driveway. Just before you reach the road, and just after the lodge on your right, take a right turn up a muddy pathway. This will lead you to the main road, opposite the The Fox House Inn.
SK 266 802	The Fox House Inn S11 7TY		With GREAT care, cross the road here, and continue along the A6187 in the direction of Sheffield. About 500m from the pub turn left onto the Houndkirk Trail – a big wide, rutted byway. Stay on this now for about 2 miles, before coming to the off-road car parking for Lady Cannings Plantation – a site that those of you who are keen mountain bikers, (or ravers), will know well. Onto the road and down to the pub.
SK 291 837	Meet the road – Norfolk Arms Pub S11 7TS		When you come to the Norfolk Arms pub, turn left and then immediately right down Fullwood Lane. Walk on past the Alpaca farm to your right. Then a few hundred meters later turn right into the small car park in the trees. Take the path that leads between the picnic tables down into the valley. Follow this path so that the stream is down to your right. Over a gravel track, and onwards keeping to the public footpath. At Mark Lane be sure to take the public footpath keeping the Porter River closely to

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			your right until you come to the road. Cross this and the path takes you on to the Forge Dam cafe with a public loo right next door to it.
SK 298 848	Road, stream, path – hand rail along the Porter valley – any route will work so long as you can hear or see that stream!		Walk on: resist the temptation to go on the swings, or down the slide! Immediately after Ivy Cottage Lane take the first footpath on the right that is nearest to the river, so that you walk with the river on your left. Carry on now for about 0.5 mile until you hit the road again (Whiteley Wood Rd), keeping the river on your left. When you get to the road, cross over and pick up the path now in the same direction, but so that the river is on your right. About 250m later, you cross Highcliffe/Hangingwater Rd and pick up the path in the same direction, but so that the river is now on your left again. The park is opening up now, with a wooded hill up to your right, and the river on your left. Follow along to the end where you will come to a mini-roundabout.
SK 333 857	Endcliffe Park		Right turn and a quick left turn back into the park. Follow on past a duck pond on your right, down past another pond on your left. Continue and the main green will be on your right. Past the café and continue in the same direction to Hunters Bar roundabout.
	The University Arms		Exit the park through the gates. First exit up Brocco Bank. At the top of the hill this road becomes Clarkehouse Road. Continue on past the Botanical Gardens on your right and onwards past King Edward VII School on your left. Sticking to the Glossop Rd now, past the Hallamshire Hospital on your left. Finally continue past the multi-storey car park, and then take the left turn up Clarkson Street. At the top of this street and you'll see the University down to your right and all it needs now is the final walk down to the pub and one big HURRAH. WELL DONE!!