

# POINT TO POINT.

## Background

Over the years I have had a fascination visiting OS triangulation stations (Trig Pts) whether it was because they were at the highest point of a hill whilst peak bagging, a challenge to 'collect' one when on private land or trying to relocate myself when temporarily lost. The latter case though has been very infrequent! Our esteemed member, Derek Clutterbuck, organised a series of very enjoyable walks for the Rucksack Club visiting a number of these edifices in the South and West Pennines and Andrew Bibby devised the notorious Hebden Six Trigs, so when Kath was chomping at the bit for BG training and snow was laying thick on the ground in the Lakes I came up with the following route. Here are a few suggestions for the title of the walk/run: SUMMIT SEVEN : SEVEN SUMMITS : TODMORDEN TRIGS or even CRUMMETT'S COLUMNS

## Route

I have tried to keep road sections to a minimum, but who am I to keep a good road runner down? It is probable you will start in the centre of Todmorden so I will leave the beginning and end sections for you to work out. Or just start from your own front door as Kath & myself did. Make your way to BRIDESTONES, T1, (NGR 932267). If you are blessed with clear conditions all the other six trigs are visible from here. From the column join Eastwood Road; go along Dukes Cut taking the path at Four Lane Ends down to Noah Dale. Turn West up to HOOF STONES HEIGHT, T2 (NGR 914291). You are now standing astride the watershed of England with views as far as the eye can see.

Continue Westward on a faint path until you come to a wall, follow this on the right hand side and as you start to climb Crooker Hill, contour around to the South, descending to Shedden Clough at (NGR 897292). Ascend track in front then look for a faint path on right bringing you to the Windmills car park. Cross the Long Causeway, taking a footpath system to join the A646 at (NGR 878282). Next climb to THIEVELEY PIKE. We crossed the road to the left and used the fell race descent route. There is a nice picnic bench in the wood for your second breakfast.

Leave the trig, go over the stile and follow the bridleway past Heald Top Farm (grotty) to the A681 at Sharneyford Top. After about 400m towards Todmorden, follow Limers Gate to T4, TROUGH EDGE END, (NGR 906219).

Go South from the column, along the wall side to the gate at (NGR 905203). Keeping to the RHS of the wall go over the brow of the hill and down the incline to 914200. Follow the Wardle Skyline route to Clay Pots Hill then cut down to the South side of Turnslack Dam. After crossing Turnslack Clough a steep descent brings you to the bridleway near Ringing Pots Hill. There are now delightful paths via Far Hey Head, Handle Hall and Whitfield Farm to bring you out near the Chinese Restaurant at Gale. From the A6033 (NGR 942173) it is straight forward through Honresfield and Gate House to Lydgate. Climb along the wall side on the Roman Road to the wall corner (966169). Cut directly to T5, BLACKSTONE EDGE (972163).

Go North on the Pennine Way to rejoin the Roman Road at the Aiggin Stone. Turn NE on the Old Packhorse Road to meet the A58 at New Gate End Bridge.

The good news is from here you are turning for home. The bad news the going gets diabolical unless you can use sheep trods. The next trig T6, MANSHEAD END (998197) is only marked on recent 1:25000 OS maps. Cut across the man-eating tussocks to hit the permissive path in Greenwood Clough. Follow this to the cairn on the brow of the hill.

The Survey station is a further 200 m along. Return to the cairn. There is a staked path on the right (not on Map) down to a ruin below Collin Hill. Keep on path until you come to the path/drain junction at approx 988194. Follow drain to right, then leave it after 300 m to go over Captains Mark Hill to the Cragg road. If you've got it right there are stiles at either side of the road.

Descend Round Hill to the confluence of Turvin Clough and Little Moor Clough. A short ascent up the bank past the Closet Stone allows you to cross the drain at 976204. Aim left towards the prominent outcrop, passing this on the right. If lucky, trods will help crossing the moor to the final trig, T7, LITTLE HODDER STONES (969213). The best line off is to head for Hodder Stones, then North to the drain.

You should be in familiar territory now so I won't insult your intelligence by telling you how to get back to Tod.

Distance is 29 (map) miles with 5100 feet of ascent. Pick a good day and I think you will enjoy the route. Pick a bad one and my ears will be burning.

*John Crummett*

## Kath writes...

Bad bits:-

Getting up early

From Bacup Rd – Trough Edge End a very boring track (OK for tarmac trotters)

No ice cream van/pub on the A58 after 20ish miles

Running out of food after Blackstone Edge

Going up Manshead End (I thought we were nearly home)

Good bits:-

The climb up to Hoof Stones with blue sky & crisp fresh snow

A lovely runnable path from the windmills to Holme Chapel (deserves to be in a race)

Breakfast 2 overlooking Holme Chapel + all the chocolate eaten en route

Getting to the top of Thieveley Pike before JC

Lovely paths I hadn't been on down to Gale

Coming off Manshead End

Not having to worry about navigation (cheers John)

Appreciating what a superb part of the country we live in

*Kath (BG Bonkers)*

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