

PENDLE 3 PEAKS RACE - The Route 9 Miles/2700'

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST SPONSORED BY THE PENDLE INN

Start outside the Old water pump station just up from the village hall GR 823402. The route will be flagged to C/P 1. Follow the metal road approx 1 mile, past Lower Ogden Res. Across the dam following the flags onto Spence Moor to C/P 1 GR 796393.

Keep the wall on your left going straight ahead. The path will cut the corner taking you back to the wall. Use the wall as a handrail. As the wall swings round to the left at the stile follow the right fork path across Badger Wells Hill crossing the main track and drop into Ashendean Clough keeping the rough stones on your right and into C/P 2 GR 779397 Howcroft Brook stream crossing.

Climb Mearley Moor (the 1st of the big 3 climbs) following 2 stone outcrops then veering right into a clearing heading Due North joining the path to the wall corner (memorial stone) and continue along the wall to the next wall T-Junction C/P 3 GR 783404

Turn immediately left and keep following the wall steeply down until you reach a significant bend in the wall and C/P 4 GR 779406

Head North East keeping the fence on your left and contour along a small trod approx. 800m to cross Mearley Brook approx. 100m upstream from the wall GR 784412 and C/P 5.

The 'Big Dipper' awaits. Cut back to the path fighting through the stones as you climb to the pile of stones/Scout Cairn and C/P 6 GR 789414.

Follow the path North East along the ridge past a stone shelter to the stile in the wall. Cross it and continue about 200m along the ridge before dropping down approx. bearing 42 degrees looking for a Wall End in the bottom C/P 7 GR 802426.

Turn directly south and face the 'Big End'. A battle of wills drags you up this climb cutting back to the path that leads you uphill to a stone stile/gate. Cross it and head south to C/P 8 and the Trig point of Pendle Hill at 557 meters GR 804414.

From here it's all down hill following the path south keeping the 'edge' on your left down to Buttocks Gate and C/P 9 GR 807401.

From Buttocks it's flagged to the finish. Turn left through the gate and down to a stile. Follow the fence on your left and another stile. Cross the fields looking for a felled wood on your right to another stile. The path takes you down through the wood down to a gate/metal road. Turn left and follow the metal road approx 800m to the finish at the Old water pump station. GR 823402

FOLLOW THE FLAGGED ROUTE TO C/P 1 AND FROM C/P 9 TO THE FINISH