



Leg 10 – Roof of England Walk

Leg 10: St. John's Chapel to Saur Hill Bridge – Directions

Length	Ascent	Time	Version	Updated
22.8km (14.2 miles)*	562m (1,844ft)*	06:50*	1.0	07/05/25

*Using OS Maps (online)

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OS maps for Leg 10: Explorer – OL31 (West Sheet); and Landranger – 92.

The route is shown on the maps as a thin red line.

A:



Leg 10 of the **Roof of England Walk** starts just outside St. John's Chapel (NY 88843 38119 and [rewarding.influence.thus](https://www.rewarding.influence.thus)) in Upper Weardale and finishes at Saur Hill Bridge (NY 85476 30211 and [regard.receiving.hangs](https://www.regard.receiving.hangs)) in Upper Teesdale.

Initially the route follows the **Weardale Way** (for 2km) on muddy riverside and field paths. After Coronation Bridge, on the edge of Ireshopeburn, you leave the Weardale Way. Follow **Roof of England Walk** waymarks between here the top of Caudron Snout – where you will share the route of the **Pennine Way National Trail** for the rest of the leg.

Cross the stepping stones/bridge over the River Wear. At the T-junction turn left. Just after the bend take the signed (Weardale Way) path, passing to the left of the house. Cross the field to the gate in the wall.

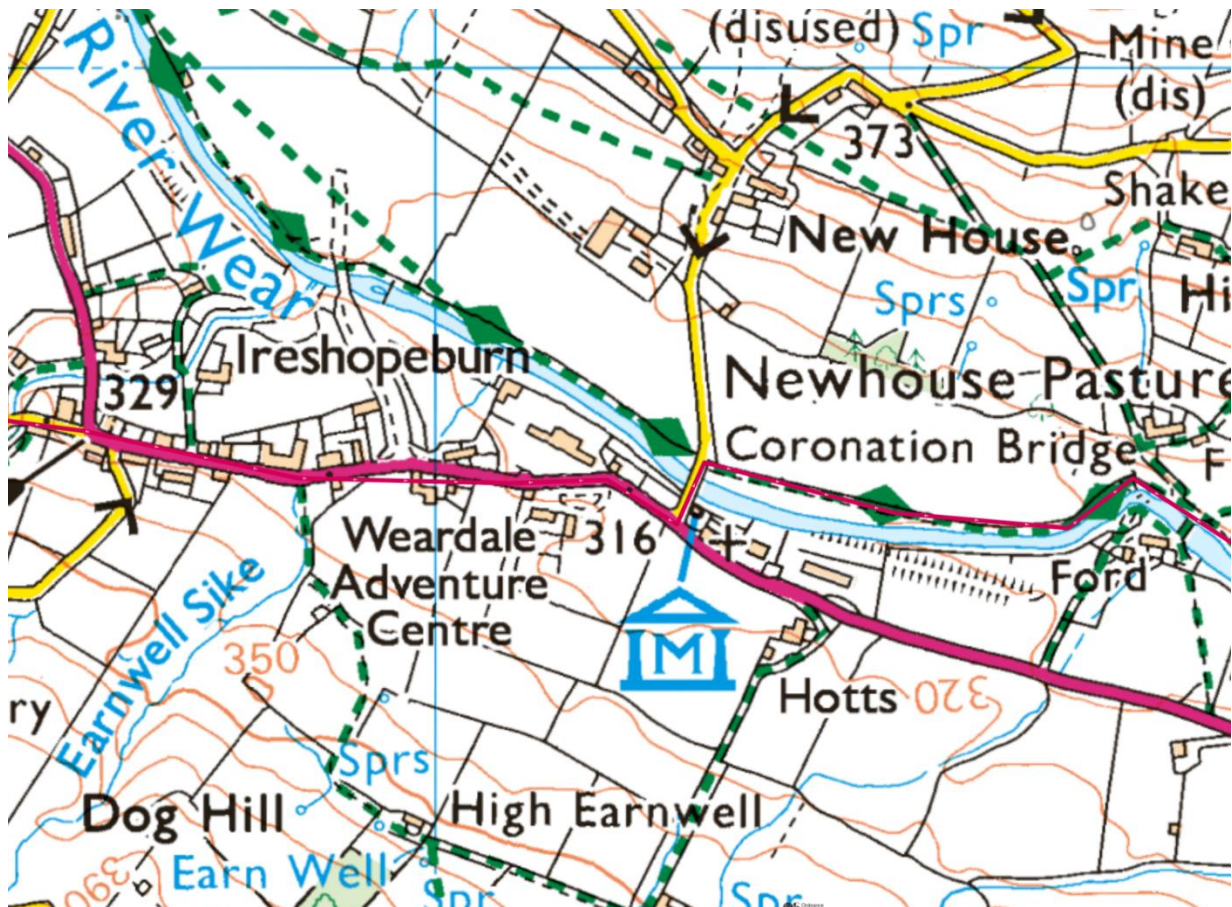
Cross another field and go through a squeeze stile in the drystone wall. Continue ahead across nine small fields, going through squeeze stiles and kissing gates.

At the farm continue following the path between buildings, cross a small bridge over a stream, go through a kissing gate and follow the path ahead, with the fence and river on your left. Ignore the footbridge over the Wear. Continue ahead with the river still on your left.



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B:



After 0.5km you will reach Coronation Bridge. Climb the steps on the right-hand side of the bridge, go through the squeeze stile and turn left on the minor road – leaving the **Weardale Way**. Start following **Roof of England Walk** waymarks.

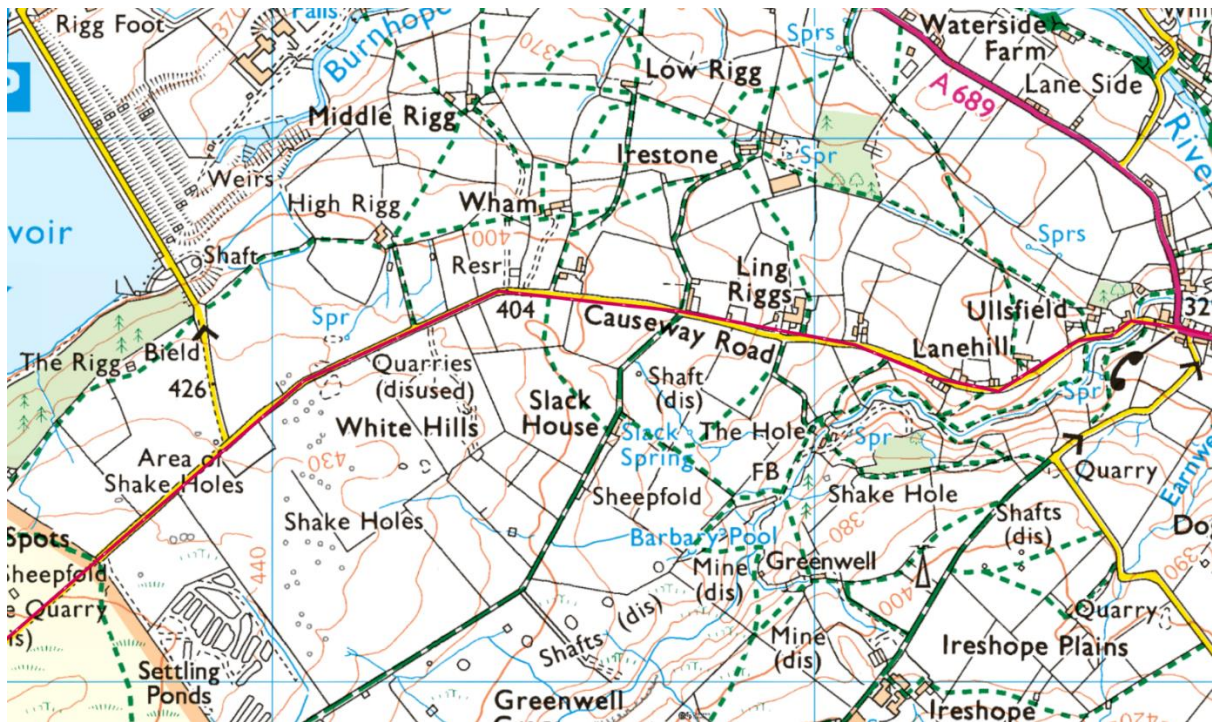
Notice the Weardale Museum and High House Chapel when you reach the main road (A689). Turn right and walk through the linear settlement of Ireshopeburn.

Where the main road bends sharply to the right, continue ahead on the minor road.



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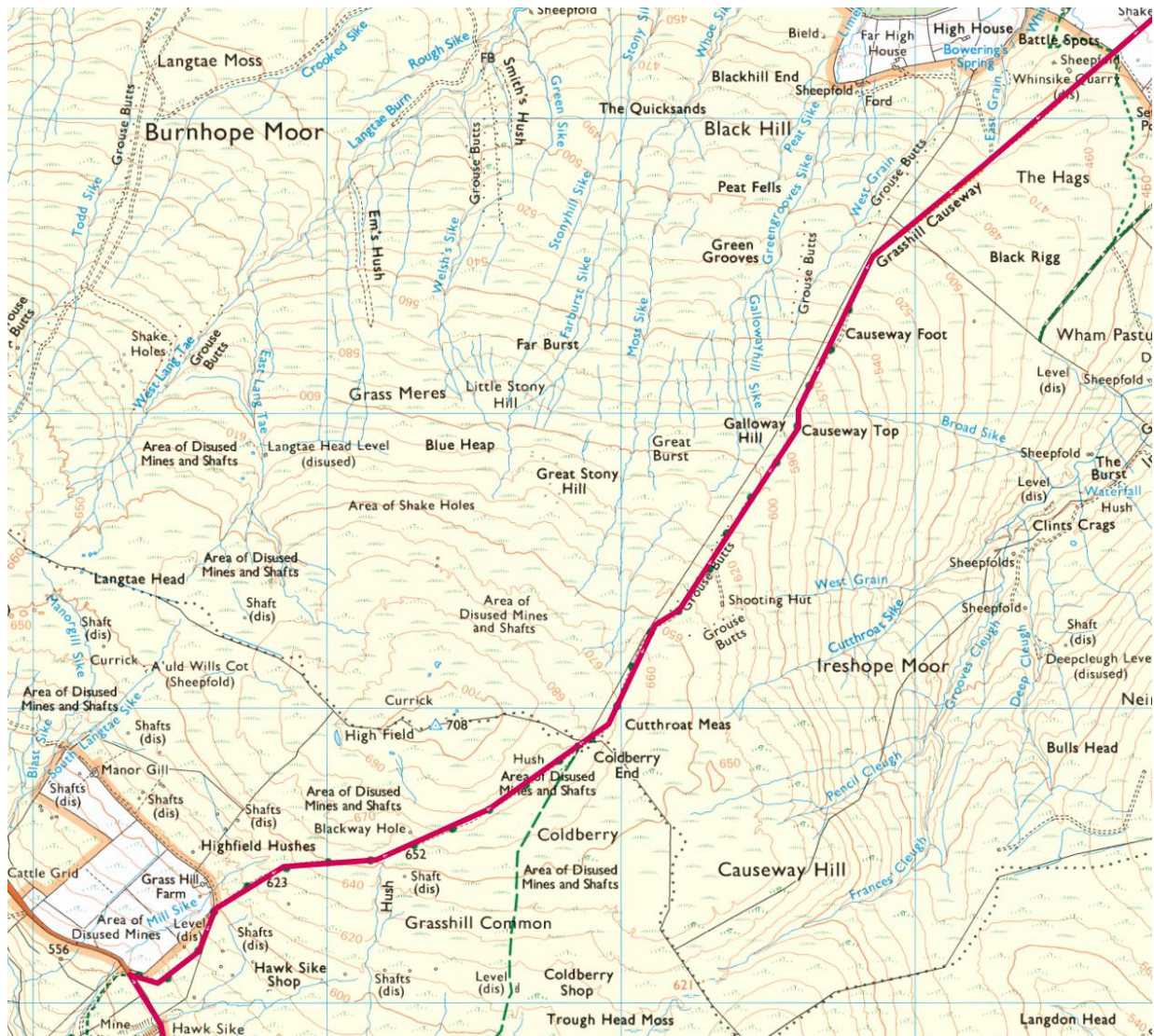
Pass a playground on the right and cross a bridge over a stream. Follow the road up the hill, leaving the village behind.

Follow the road for 2.2km and go through the gate in the fell wall. Continue ahead on the Grasshill Causeway – firstly a road and later turning into a rough track.



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D:



Follow the track all the way up to the watershed between Weardale and Teesdale. Higher up, where the track forks, bear right. As you reach the watershed, on a clear day the view across Upper Teesdale will open up, and you can even see a slither of Cow Green Reservoir shimmering in the distance.

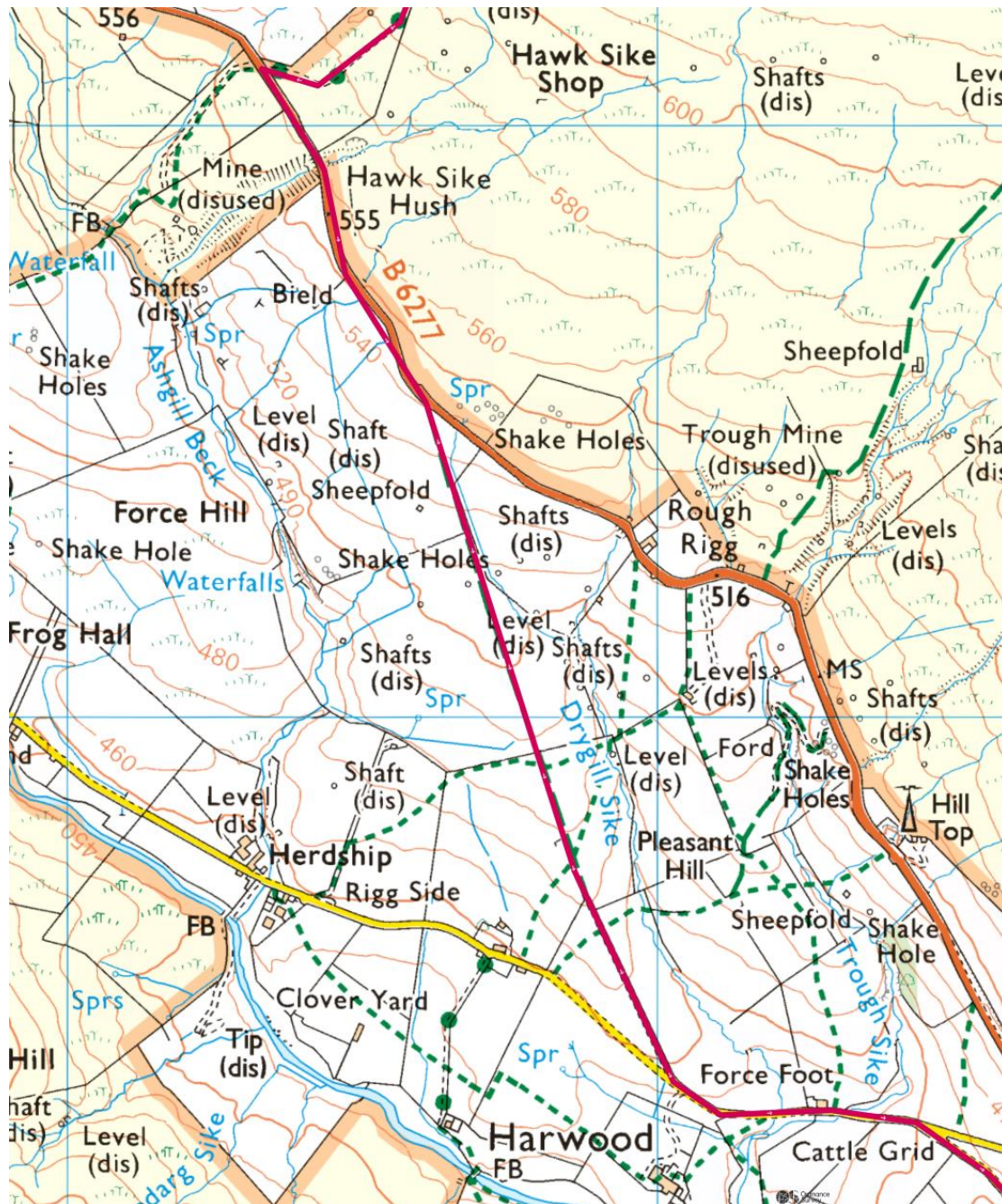
Keep following the stone track, down into Teesdale. As you round a bend in the track, a superb view of Little Dun Fell, Great Dun Fell and Cross Fell is revealed.

When you finally reach the B6277 in Teesdale (after approximately 5km), go through the gate and turn left to follow the road. Take care on the road – it can be busy and fast.



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E:



Follow the B6277 for approximately 600m. Take the signed bridleway on the right and follow downhill, towards the gap/gate in the wall.

Continue downhill, initially with the drystone wall on you left.

Go through the metal gate and continue ahead with the wall initially on your right. Go through the next gate and continue downhill, the wall now on your left. At the road turn left. Go past Force Foot Cottage. Where the road forks, bear right, over the cattle grid.



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F:



Keep following the road downhill, as it bends sharply right at Lingy Hill Farm. Cross the cattle grid, by the old Methodist Chapel (now a private house) and continue ahead.

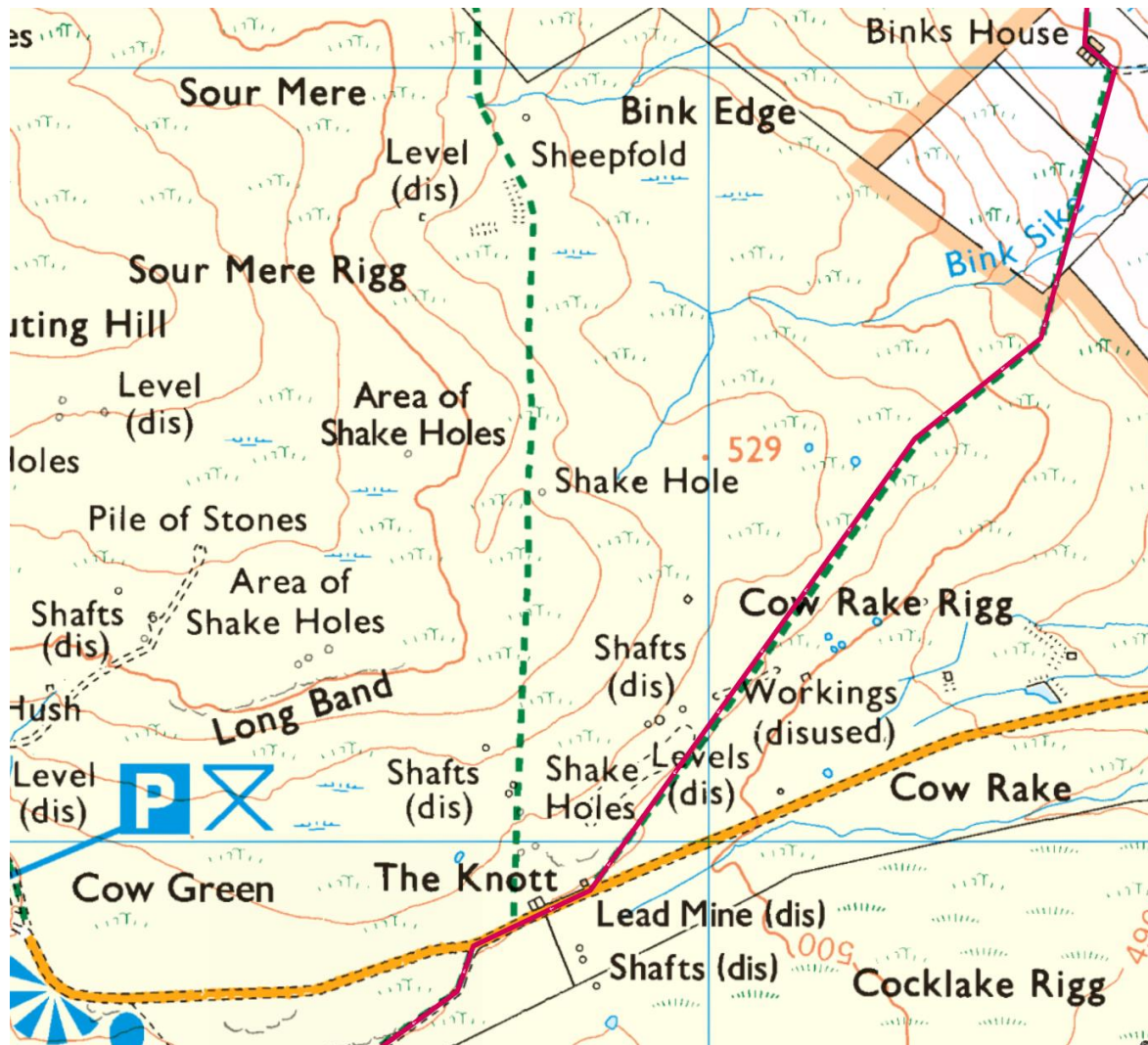
Shortly after crossing the Harwood Beck, you will reach Marshes Gill Farm. Turn right into the farmyard and bear left, going through another metal gate. Before you reach another metal gate, take the uphill track, through a wooden gate. Head uphill and cross a ladder stile. Cross the field to the opposite, top corner.

Cross the stile over the fence. Then cross the stream and bear right uphill and with the stream now on your right. Use the stone step stile to cross the drystone wall. Head uphill towards Binks House (uninhabited).



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G:



On the far side of Binks House turn right (leaving the track) across the field to the gate in the wall. Go through it and cross the next field, heading to the top left corner.

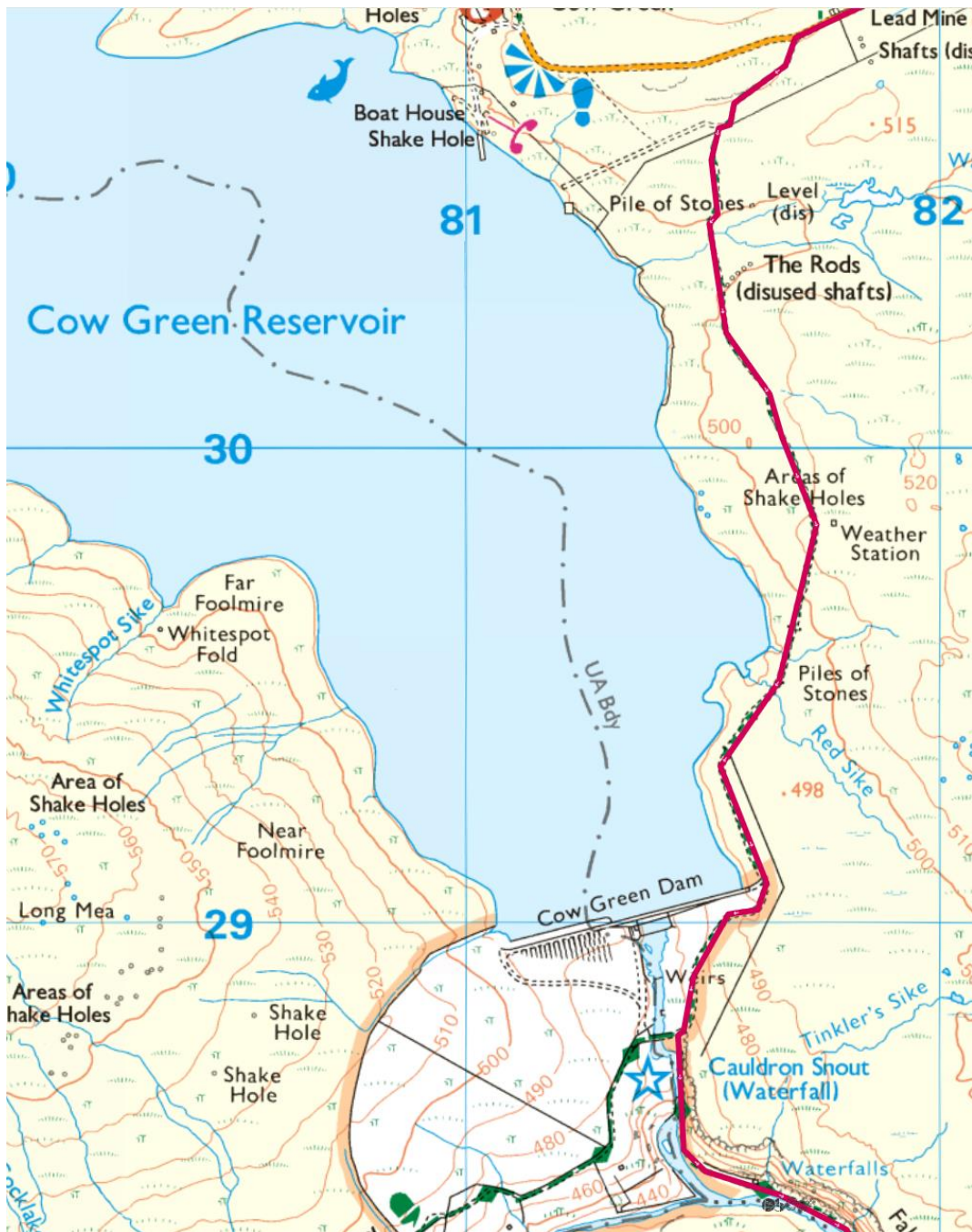
Cross the squeeze stile next to the red metal gate onto the open fell. Turn right and continue ahead, across the open fell for about a km. There is not much of a physical line on the ground here. If it is misty taking a bearing would be prudent.

When you reach the road, adjacent to the small brick building, turn right. When the road forks, bear left.



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H:



When you reach the point where a stone track joins the road, continue ahead, through the gate, staying on the tarmac road - joining the nature trail and entering the Moor House-Upper Teesdale National Nature Reserve.

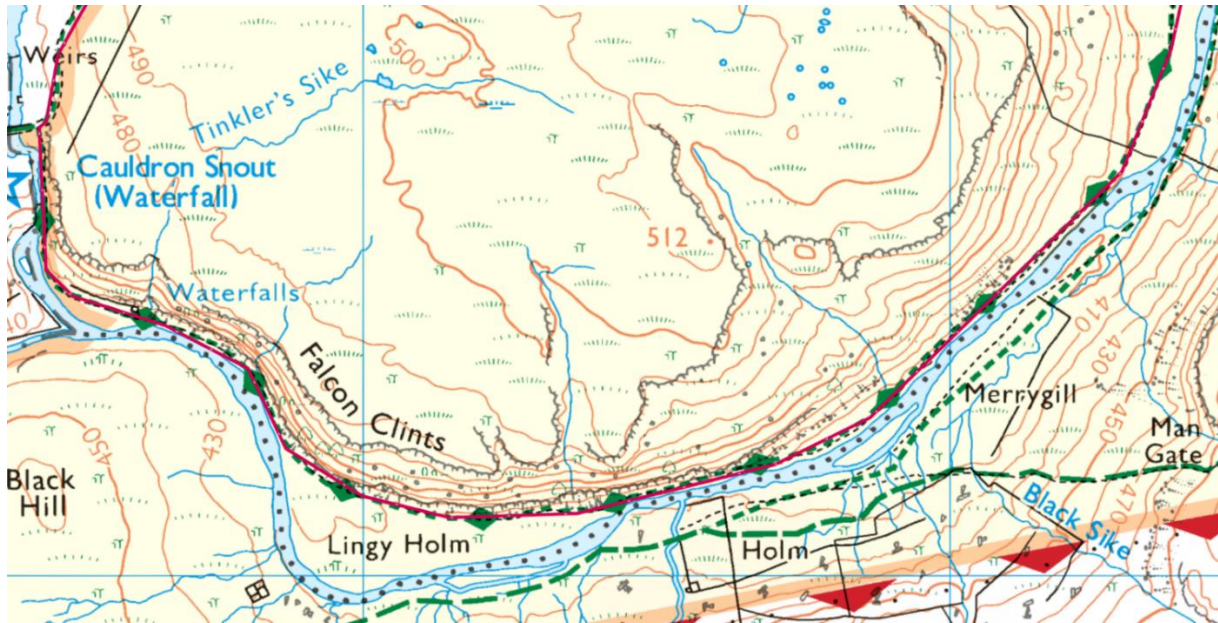
Follow the tarmac road all the way to Cow Green Dam – approximately 2km.

When you reach the dam – keep following the road, downhill now, to the bridge over the River Tees at the bottom. Immediately before the bridge, turn left, joining the **Pennine Way**. Scramble down to the bottom of Cauldron Snout. Take your time on the climb down – especially if the rocks are wet. You are likely to need to use your hands as you down climb adjacent to the waterfall.



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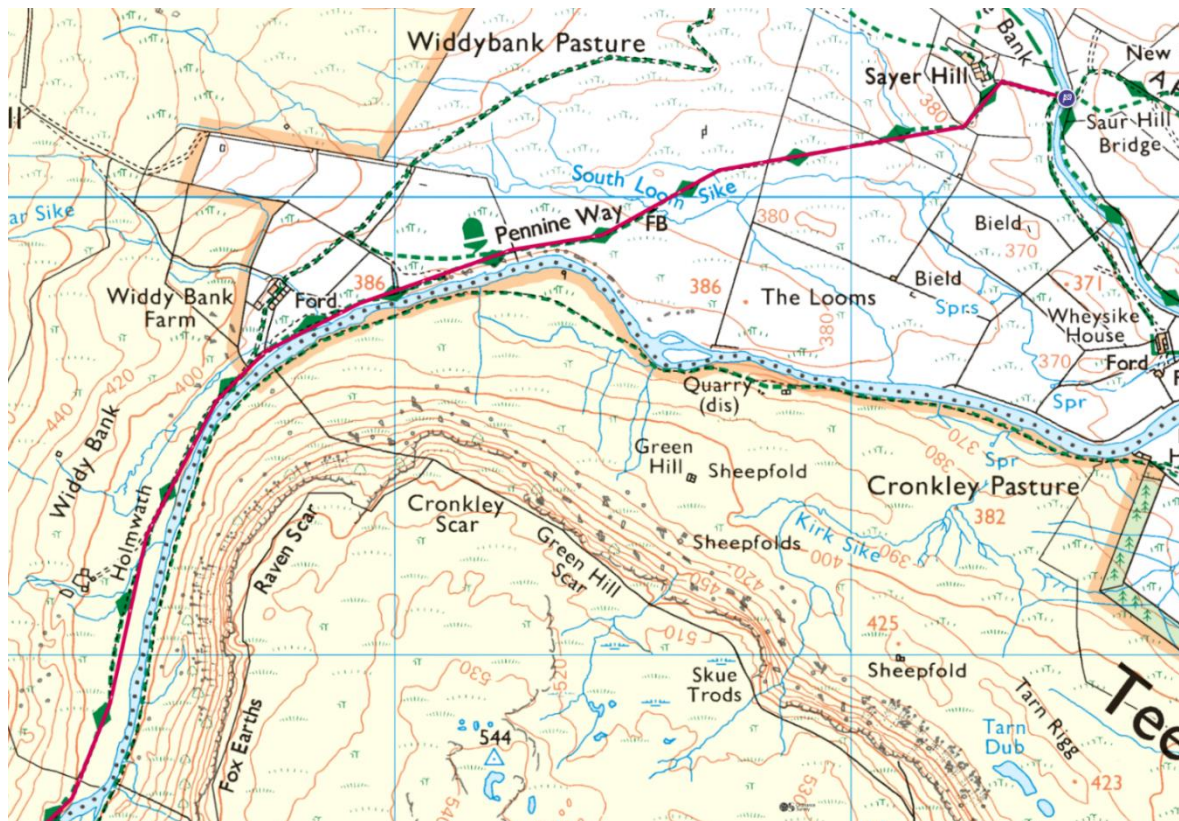
From the foot of the waterfall bear left following the grassy path ahead by the side of the River Tees. Over this next couple of kilometres, you will be crossing lots of rocky sections (take care) and stretches of boardwalk.

After several rocky sections you will eventually (after just over 2km) emerge at a kissing gate.



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J:



Go through the gate and continue following the grassy path/track, heading towards Widdybank Farm, visible in the distance.

Just before you reach Widdybank Farm, bear right, leaving the track to go through a wooden kissing gate. Continue ahead on the grassy path, with the river still on your right. Follow the path as it bends left, uphill, past a bench.

Just beyond the bench, climb a stone step stile and follow the grassy path ahead, taking you away from the river. After a short distance, cross the board walk over South Loam Sike, and continue ahead to the drystone wall.

Climb the stone step stile and cross a further two fields. Descend to Sayer Hill Farm, keeping the fence on your left. At the track turn right and continue ahead to Saur Hill Bridge.

This is the end of Leg 10.

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