



Leg 13 – Roof of England Walk

Leg 13: Tan Hill Inn to Kirkby Stephen – Directions

Length	Ascent	Time	Version	Updated
25.1km (16 miles)*	560m (1,837ft)*	07:24*	1.0	07/05/25

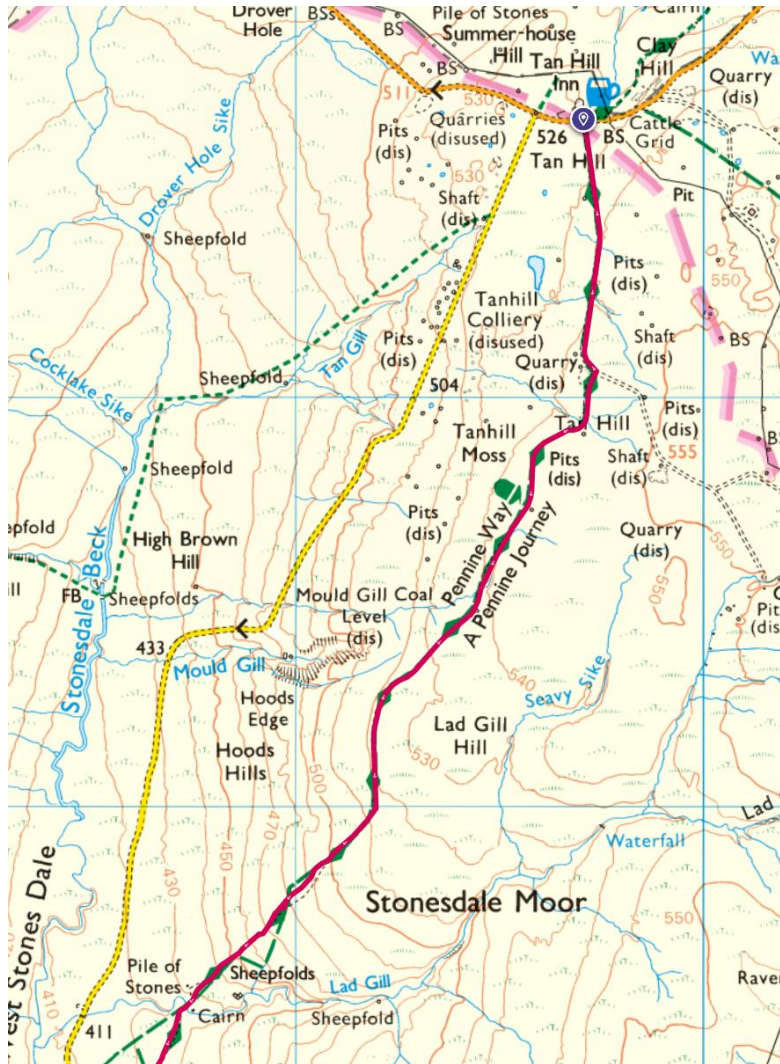
*Using OS Maps (online)

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OS maps for Leg 13: Explorer – OL19 (S); Landranger – 92 and 91.

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

A:



Leg 13 of the **Roof of England Walk** initially shares the route of the **Pennine Way National Trail** (as far as Keld) and then **Wainwright's Coast to Coast** route all the way to Kirkby Stephen. It starts at Tan Hill Inn (NY 89704 06682 and [span.active.slant](#)) and finishes at Frank's Bridge, Kirkby Stephen (NY 77651 08732 and [snatched.tomato.bangle](#)).

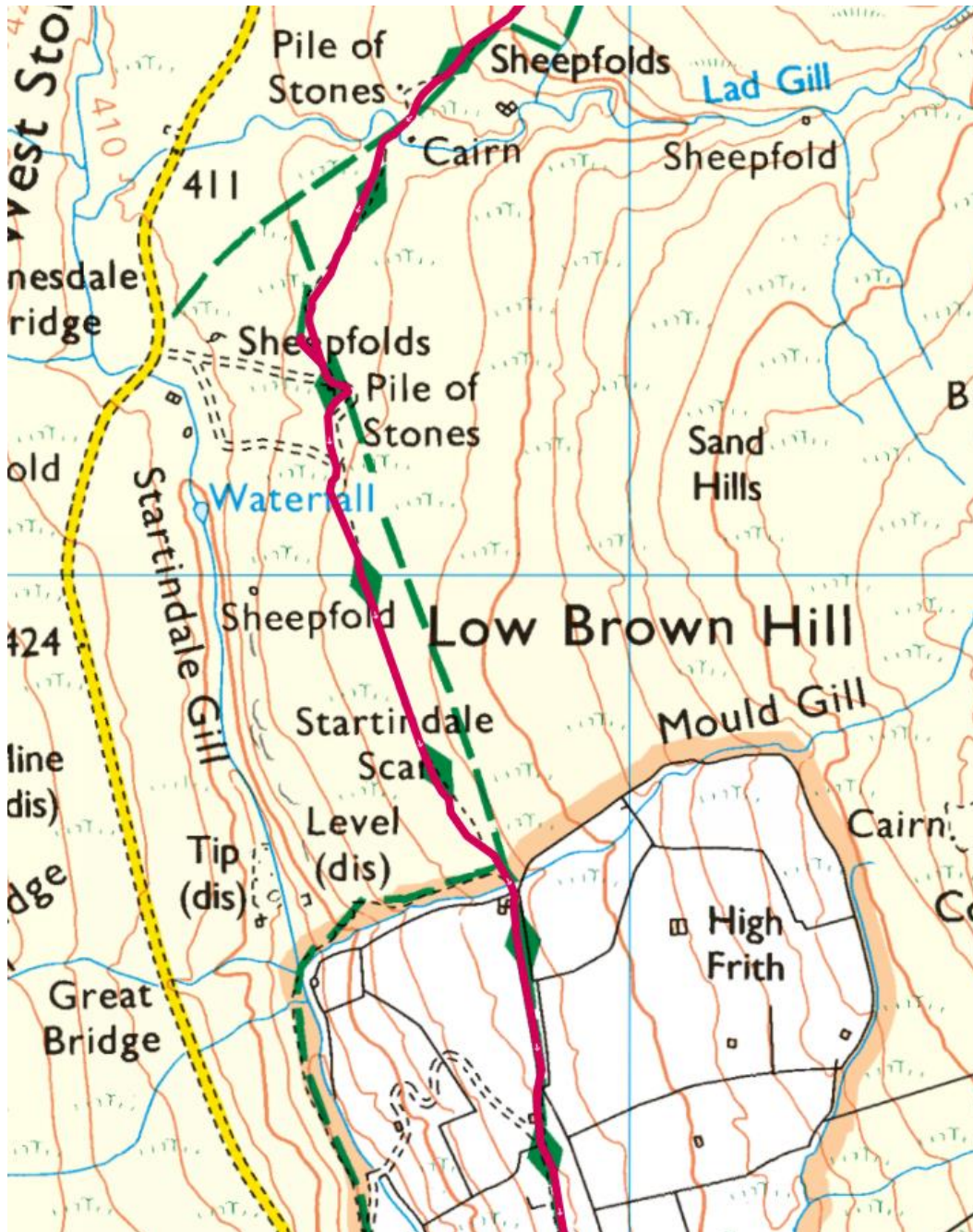
Follow the stone track, opposite the entrance to the inn – following the signed 'Pennine Way – 'Keld 4¹/₄' miles'.

After 600m turn right off the stone track onto a grassier track – signed 'Pennine Way' Continue following the stony/boggy path/track for 2km all the way to Lad Gill.



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When you reach Lad Gill – cross the stream using the stone footbridge, just downstream from the sheepfold and small stone building. Follow the boggy path as it contours round the hillside above Startindale Gill.

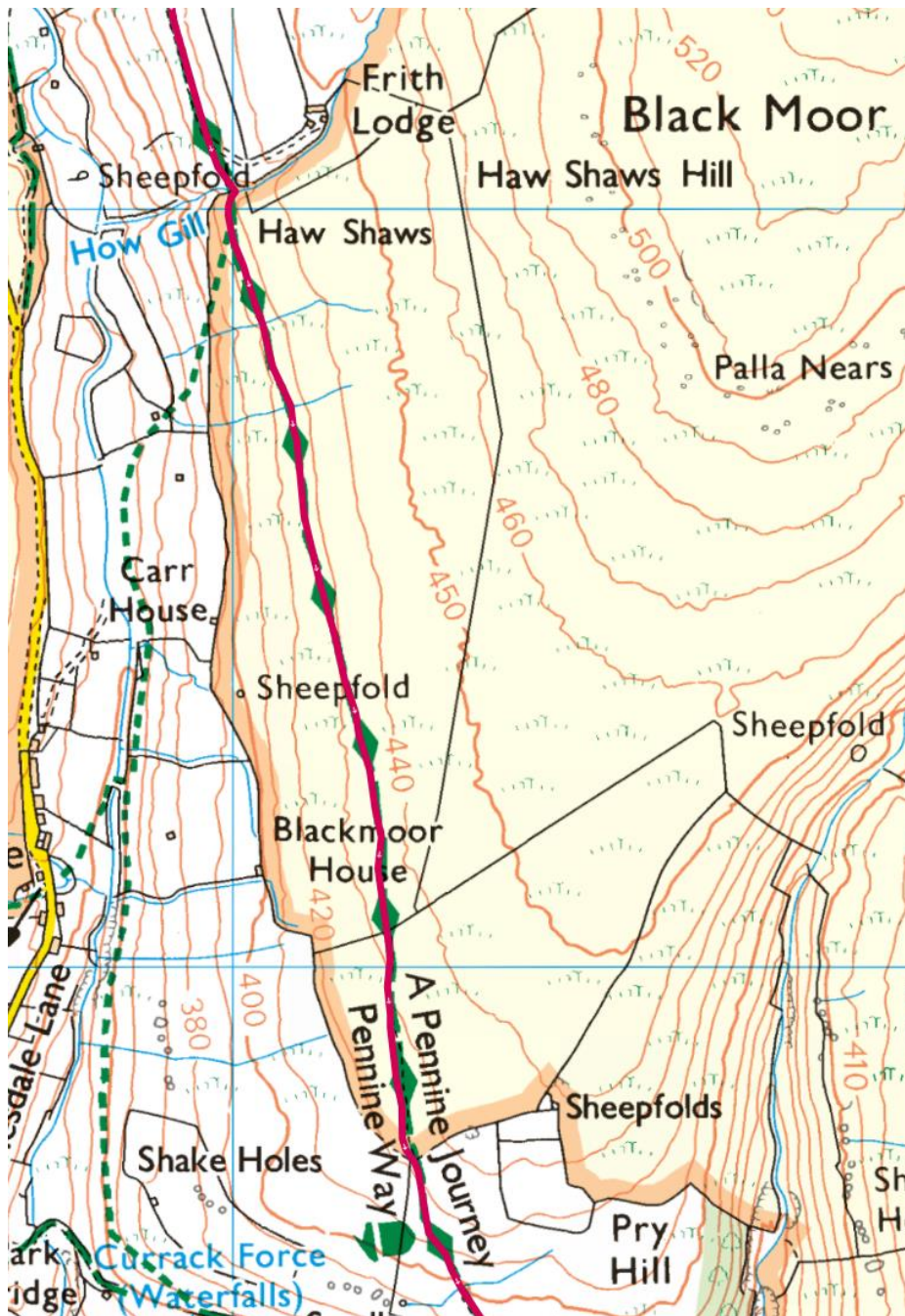
When you reach the two stone barns, cross Mould Gill and go through two gates (one metal, one wooden) in quick succession – still following the signed 'Pennine Way'.

Follow the path ahead with the stone wall on your right (tumbled down wall on your left). After a short distance descend to go through a metal gate. Follow the path/track past a barn on your right hand side.



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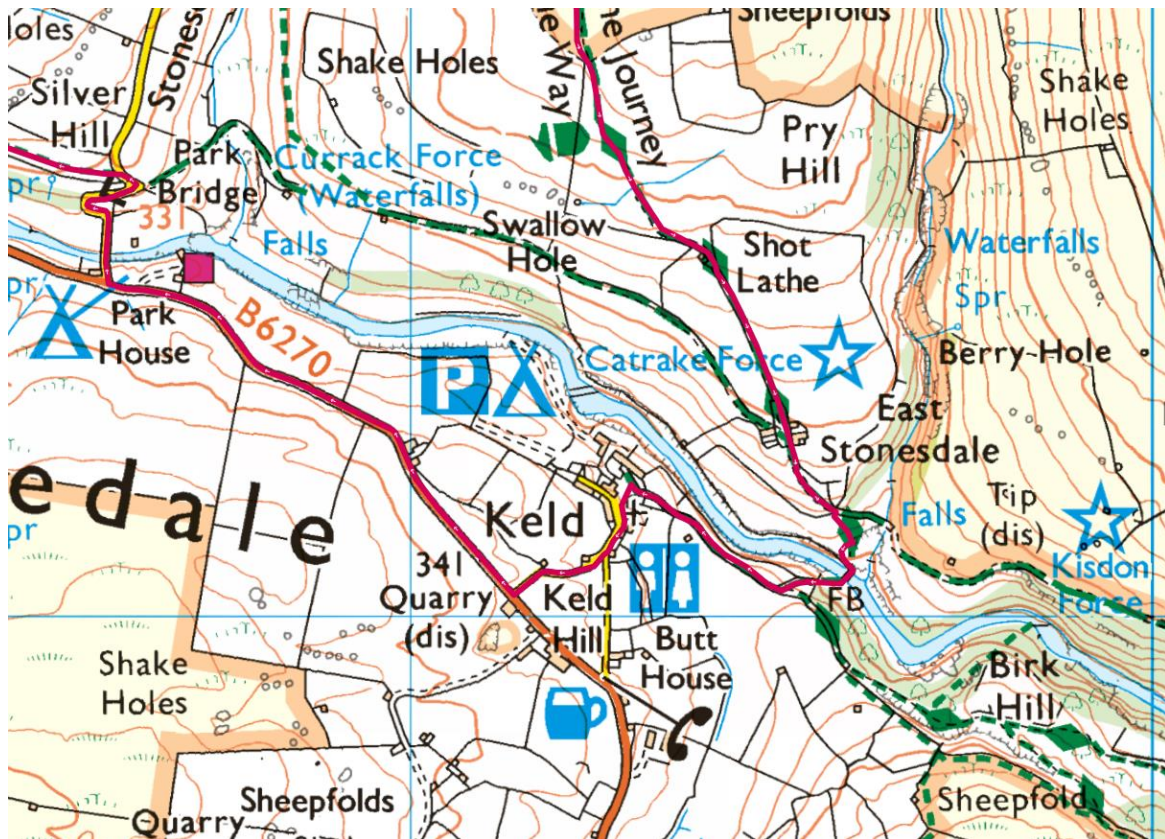
After a short distance leave the track (just as it bears left uphill) to follow the signed grassy path 'Pennine Way', contouring round the hillside.

Go through the wooden field gate and continue ahead. Go through a second wooden gate and continue ahead, downhill, towards the small settlement of Keld.



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D:



At the stone barn, bear right and follow the path between drystone walls.

When you reach the barn and house at East Stonesdale, continue downhill, following the Pennine Way. Cross the footbridge over the River Swale and turn right, following the path into the small settlement of Keld. Just after the footbridge you will part company with the **Pennine Way** and join **Wainwright's Coast to Coast** path (direction Kirkby Stephen).

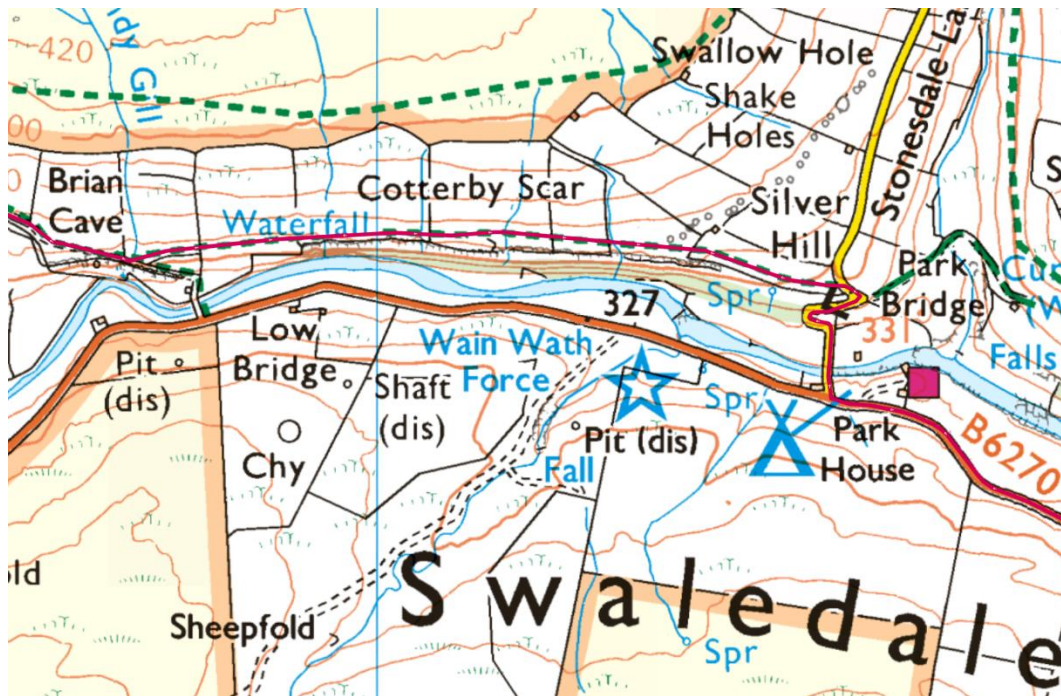
Follow the minor road, bearing right. At the T-junction with the B6270 turn right.

After about 700m turn right onto a minor road (just after a camp site), cross back over the river and climb up the steep hill, via a sharp bend.



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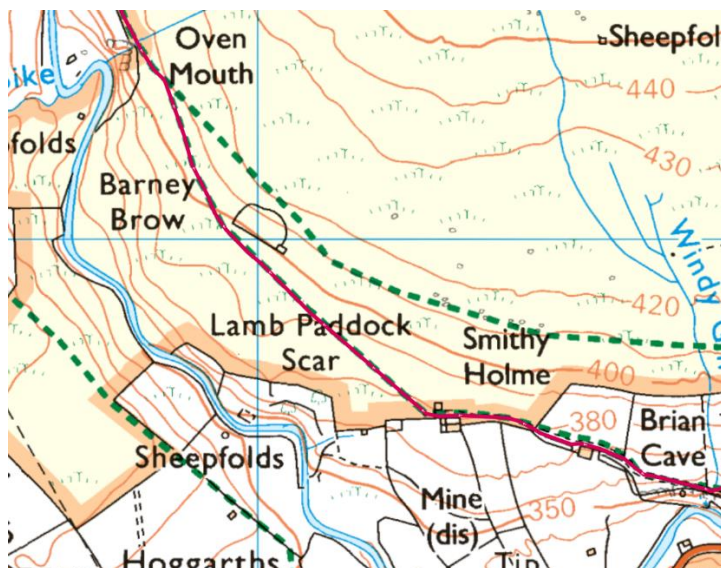
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Just above the bend in the road turn left and follow the signed footpath – ‘Coast to Coast’.

After a short distance go through the wooden gate and continue ahead with the fence on your left. Cross six fields, separated by drystone walls, until you join a stone track. Turn right, continuing to follow the waymarked Coast to Coast path. After 50m ignore the grassy track bearing left, instead continue to follow the stone track towards the building.

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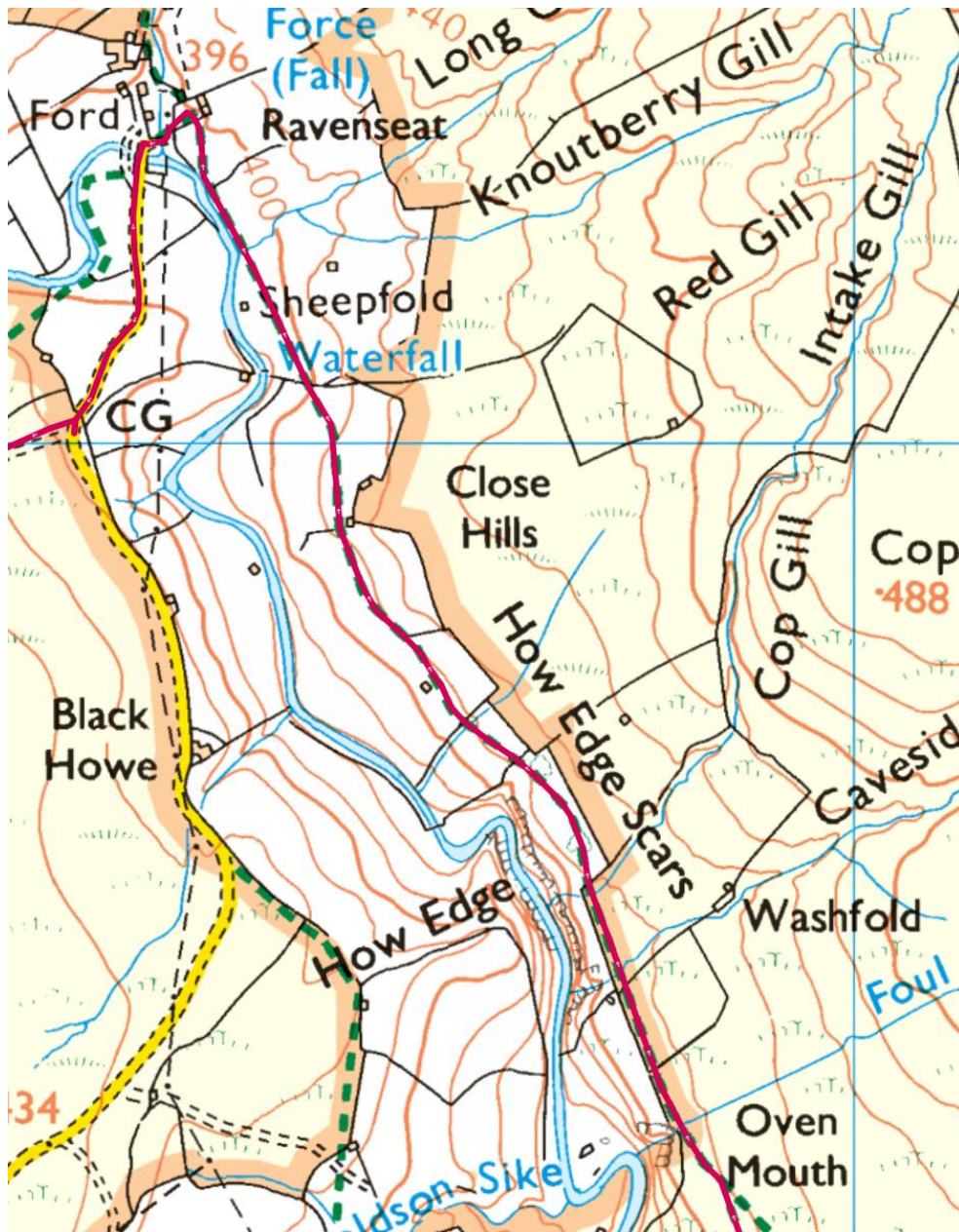


Pass to the right of the building and follow the track up to the gate. Go through it and continue following the stone track – keeping the stone wall on your left. In a short distance you will reach a barn – from here bear right (signed Coast to Coast still), following the uphill track. Follow the path over several flagged sections.



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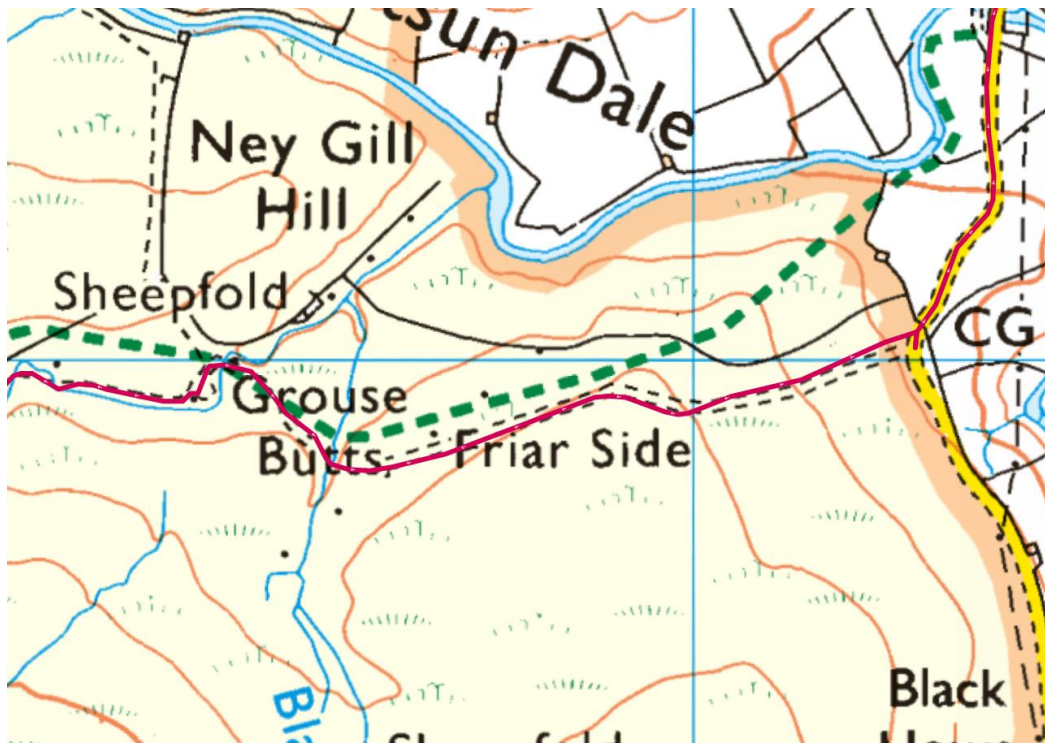
Walk past the 'Oven Mouth' (steep, craggy drop down to the river below) and continue ahead with the drystone wall initially on your left. Continue following the path all the way to the isolated farm at Ravenseat.

When you reach the farm turn left, cross over the stone bridge, and follow the road. After the cattle grid turn right onto a stone track.



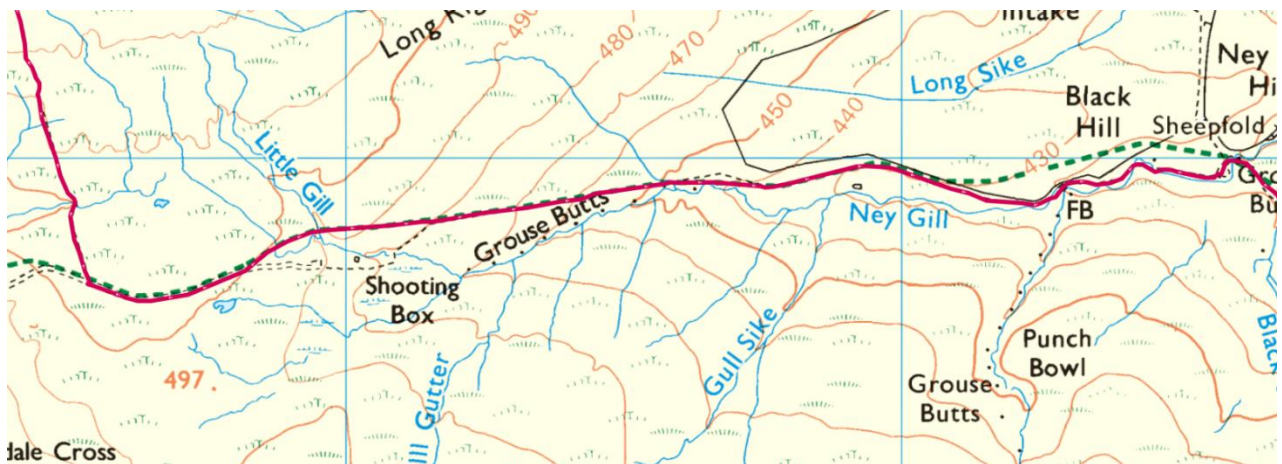
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Follow the stone track. After a short distance descend to cross Ney Gill, to a finger post.

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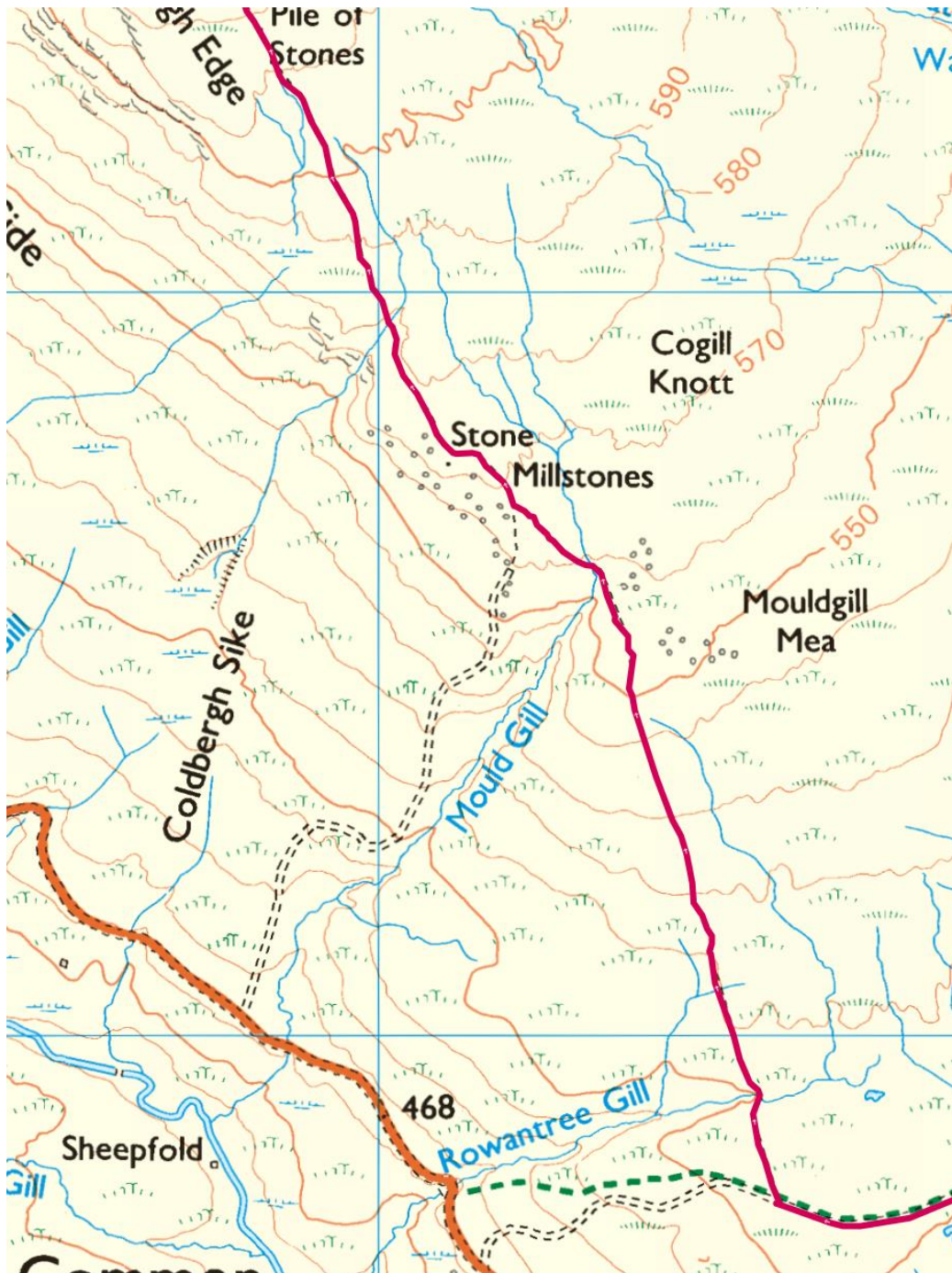


Follow the Coast to Coast route west along Ney Gill – on boggy paths and stoney/grassy tracks. After just over two kilometres turn right (north) to follow a boggy path gradually ascending.



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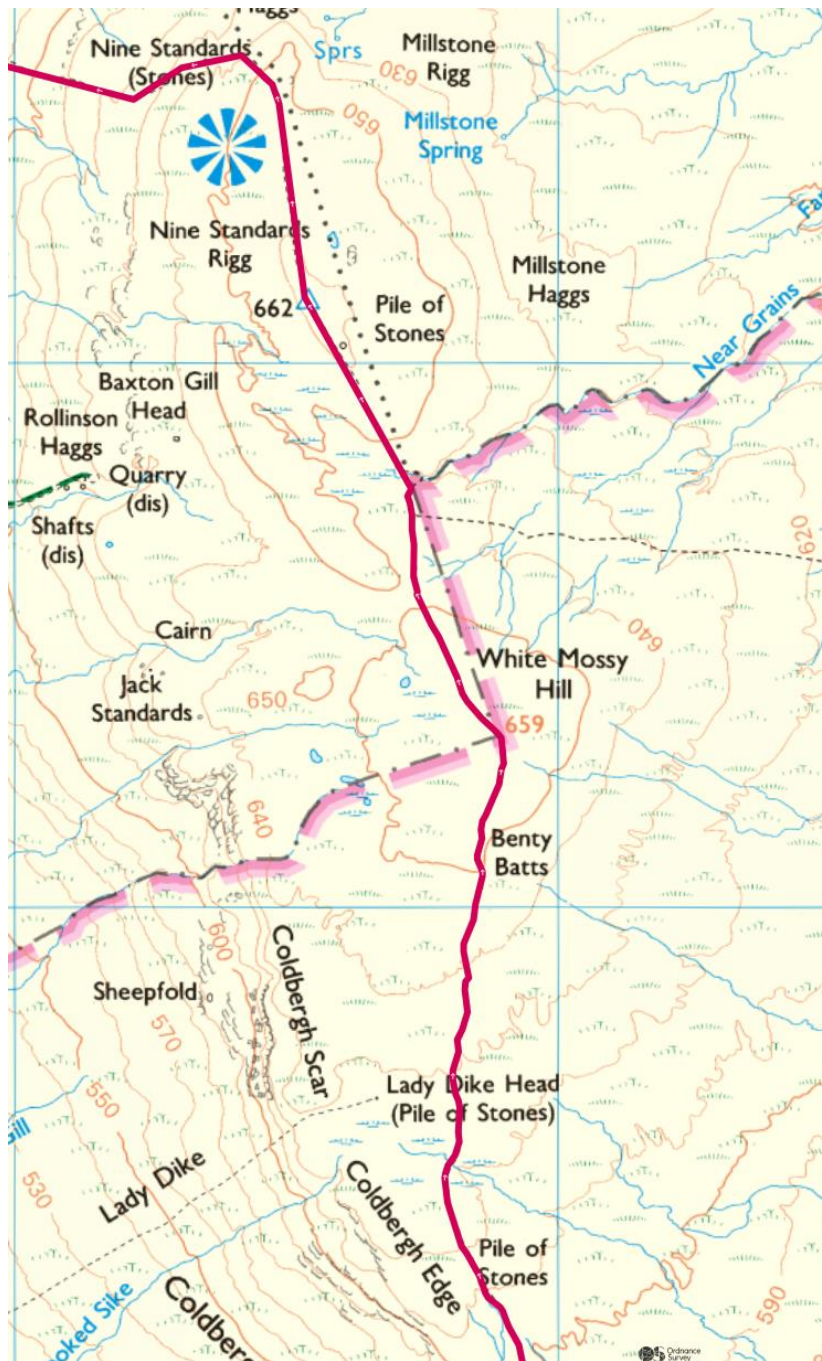


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K:



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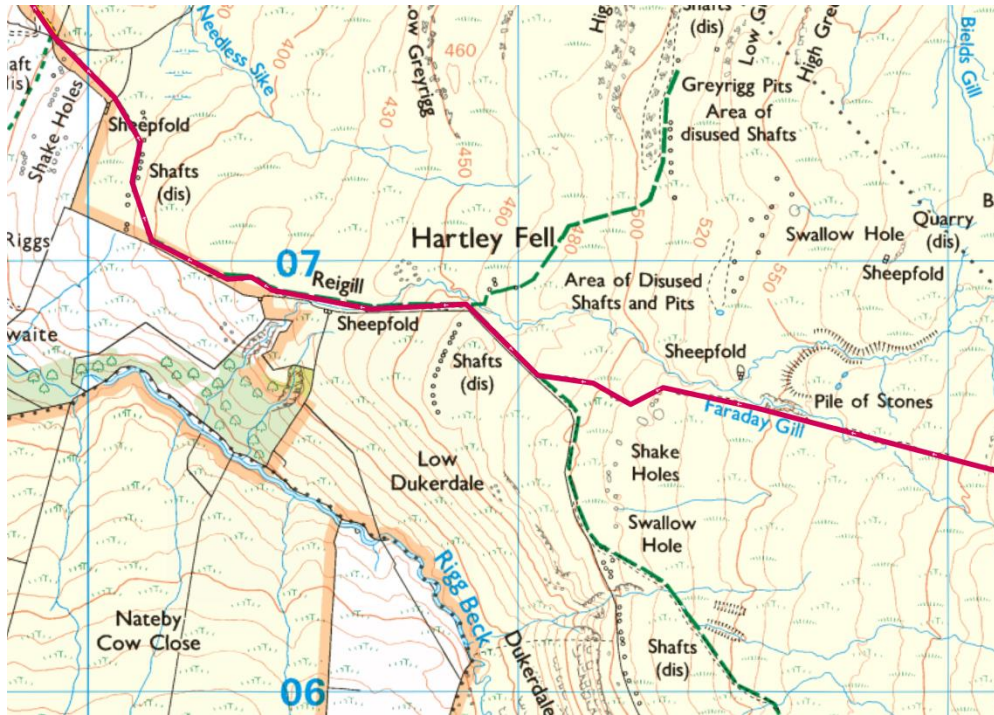
In time you will reach the trig point at Nine Standards Rigg (662m) and shortly after you will be at the Nine Standards themselves.

Beyond the stone cairns turn left and follow the downhill path towards Faraday Gill.



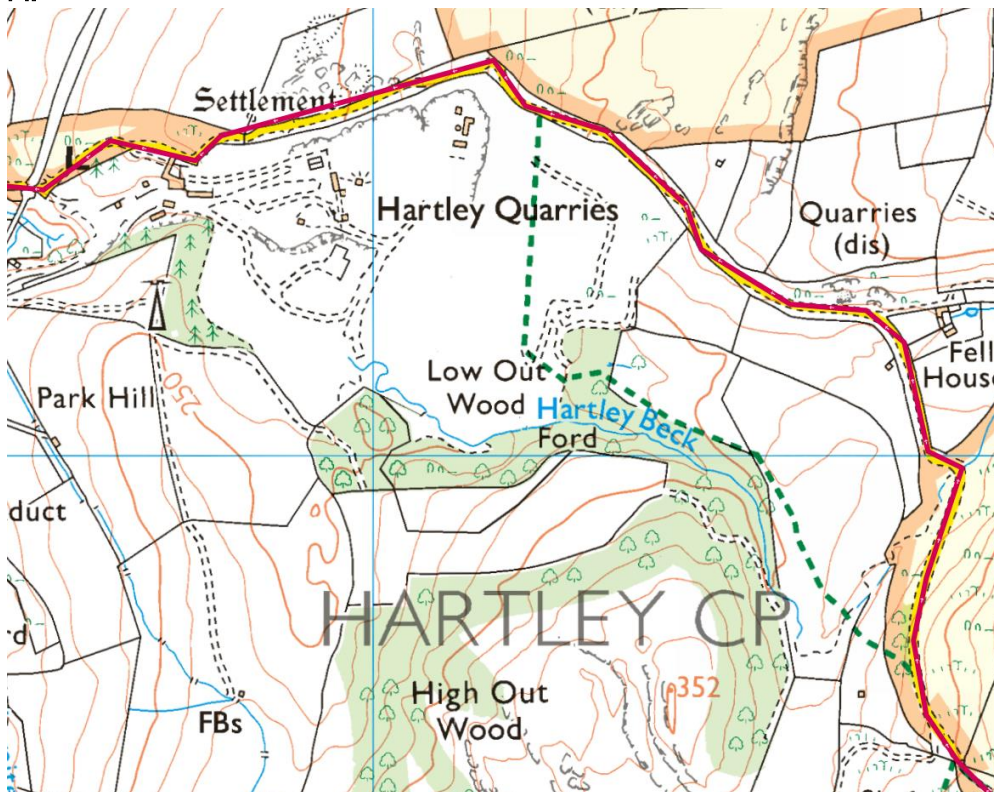
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Join the downhill path/track – keeping the stone wall on your left. Keep following the obvious stony track, downhill for 1.6km until you reach the road end.

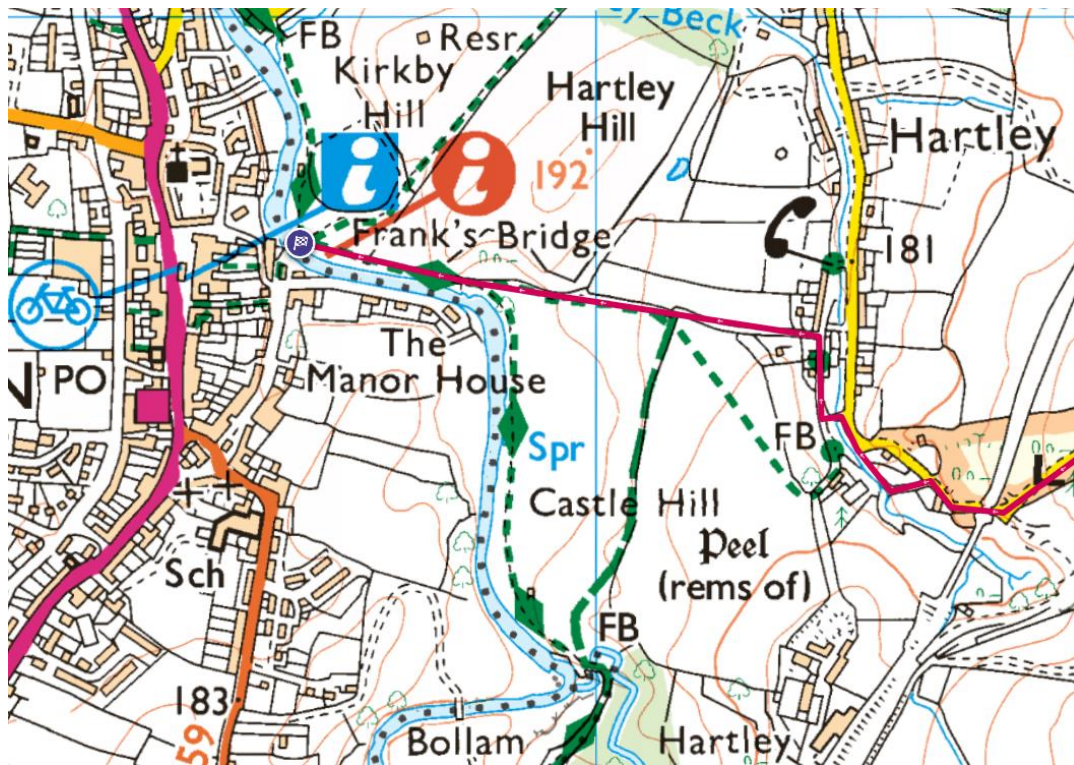
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When you reach the road, follow it (mostly downhill) past Fell House and then alongside Hartley Quarries.

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Walk past the entrance to Hartley Quarries. After a further 250m along the road – turn left to cross the Hartley Beck, using a footbridge. Turn right on the other side, and then left after 100m.

Follow the footpath downhill – with a fence/hedge on your right. In a short distance you will join the right bank of the River Eden and then arrive at Frank's Bridge – the end of Leg 13.

To visit the Upper Eden town of Kirkby Stephen cross Frank's Bridge and follow the signage to the centre.

Roof of England Walk – a journey around the North Pennines. This is Leg 13 (of 14) of this multi-day 301km (188 mile) route. The whole trail takes you on a fantastic journey exploring the North Pennines National Landscape and UNESCO Global Geopark. Find out more at www.roofofenglandwalk.org.uk