



## Leg 5 – Roof of England Walk

### Leg 5: Allendale to Blanchland - Directions

| Length               | Ascent           | Time  | Version | Updated  |
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| 23.9km (14.9 miles)* | 429m (1,398 ft)* | 6:49* | 1.1     | 01/05/25 |

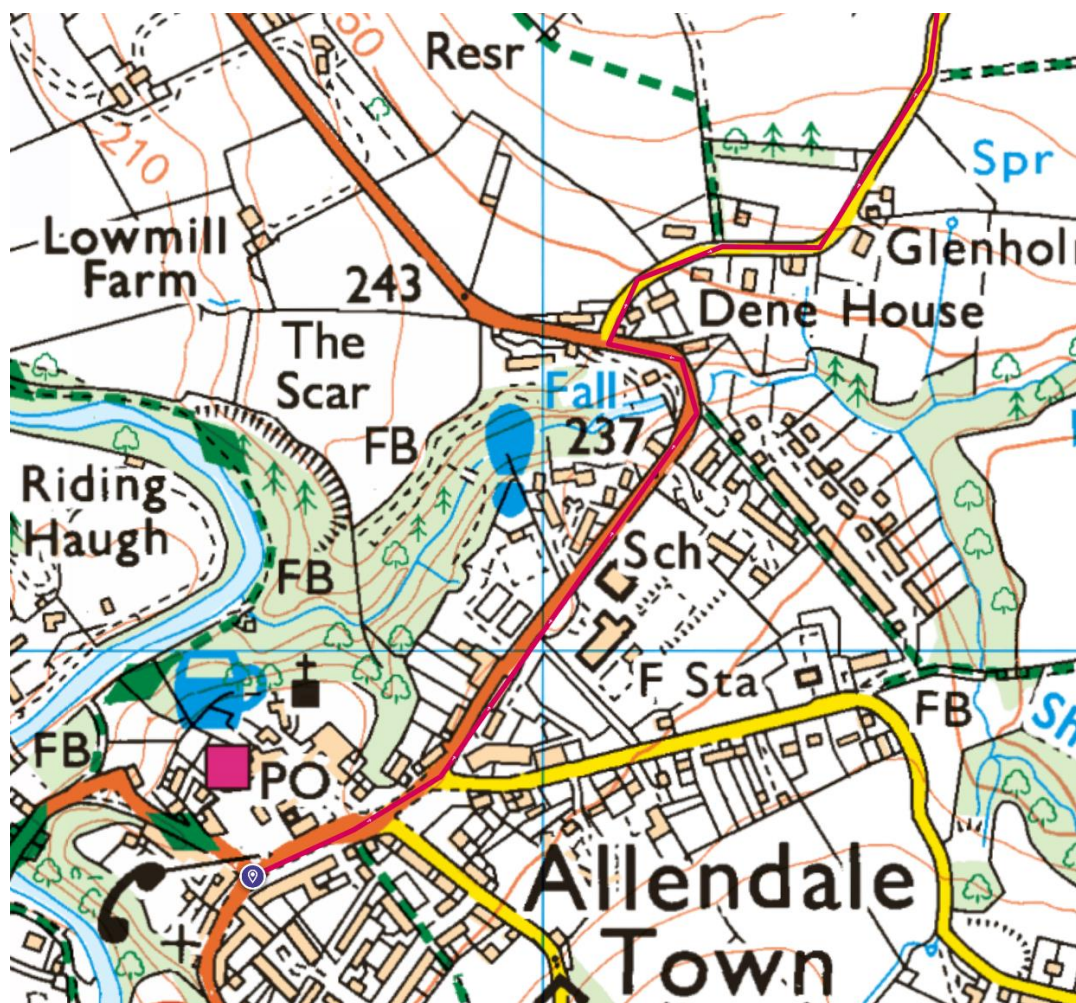
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OS maps for Leg 5: Explorer – OL43 (E); Landranger – 86 and 87.

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

A:



Leg 5 of the **Roof of England Walk** starts at the T-junction at top of the hill, on the edge of the Market Square, in Allendale (NY 83741 55797 and [///fountain.dude.flattens](https://fountain.dude.flattens)) and finishes in Blanchland (NY 96580 50372 and [///loans.surgical.sway](https://loans.surgical.sway)).

Turn left at the T-junction onto the B6295. Follow the road through Allendale, passing the toilets on your left, following signs to Haydon Bridge (7) and Hexham (11). Follow purple **Roof of England Walk** waymarks.

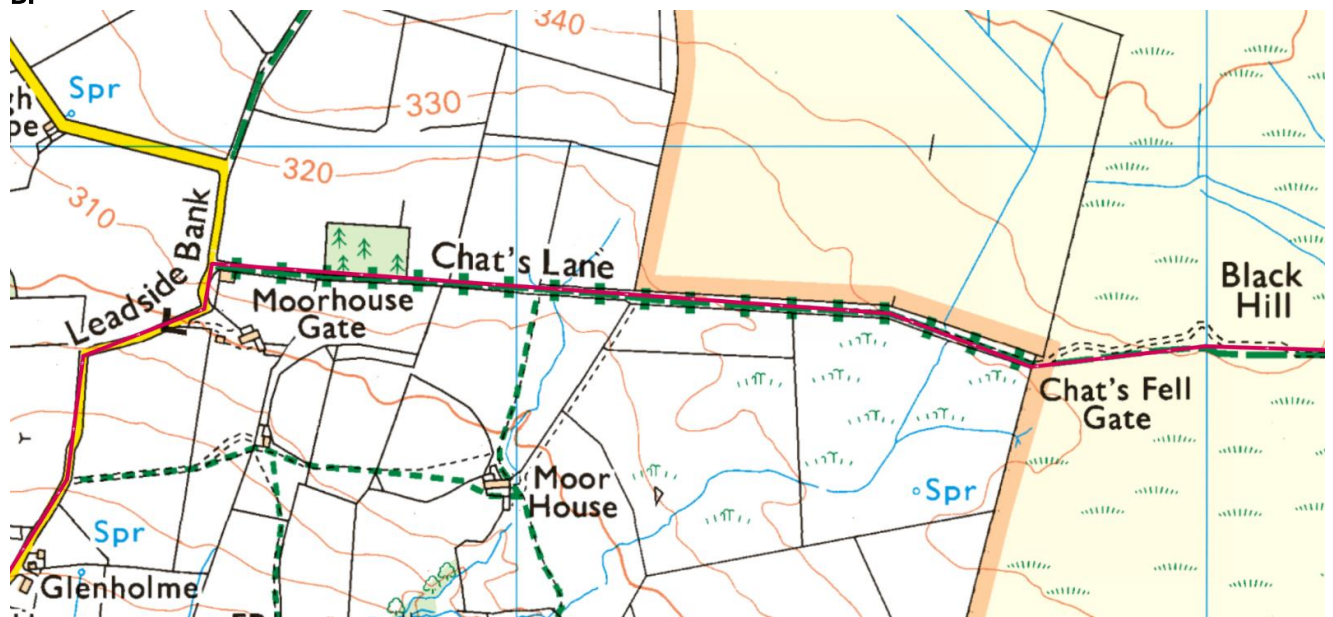
Continue past the village hall on your left and Allendale Primary School, on your right. Continue on the road as it bends round to the left over a bridge.

Just beyond the bend turn right (immediately before a bus stop and post box) to follow the minor road, uphill. Stay on the road for about 800m.



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B:



Just beyond the stone bench/entrance to the farm at Moorhouse Gate turn right – signed 'Public Byway  $\frac{3}{4}$ ' (Chat's Lane) – on the track, keeping the barn on your right and the block of trees on your left.

Follow the track, between stone walls, for just over a kilometre, all the way to Chat's Fell Gate.

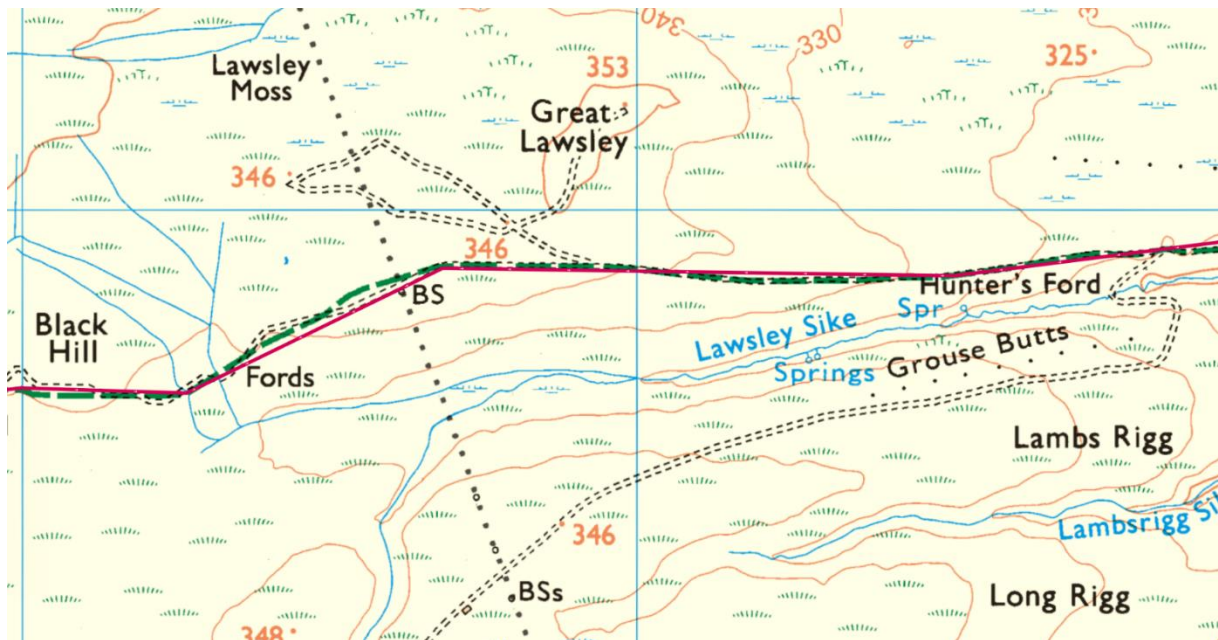
At the end of the track go through the bridle gate and follow the signed 'Public Bridleway – Hexhamshire 3'. Bear left, initially to pick up the rough grassy/boggy path across the open moor.





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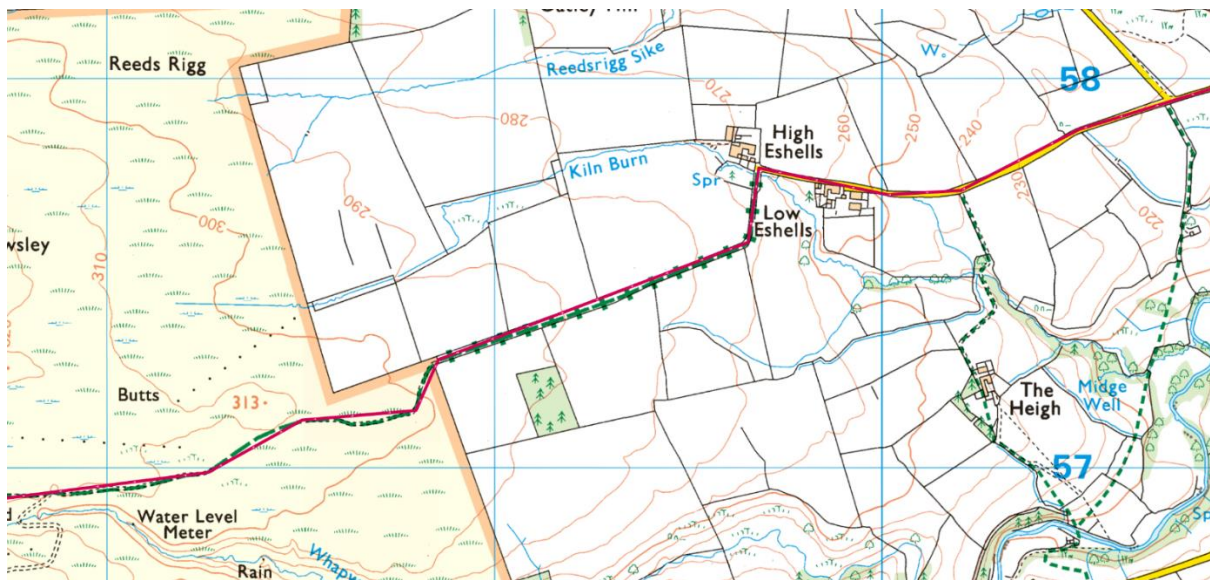
C:



After skirting around the flanks of Black Hill, on your left, join a more substantial stone track and continue ahead, gently downhill – with the shallow valley containing Lawsley Sike on your right.

Ignore the downhill track – which bears right to ford the Whapweasel Burn. Continue ahead on the track (keeping the sike on your right) following the 'Public Bridleway' wooden waymarker posts. After about 100m leave the track and continue ahead on the narrower moorland path.

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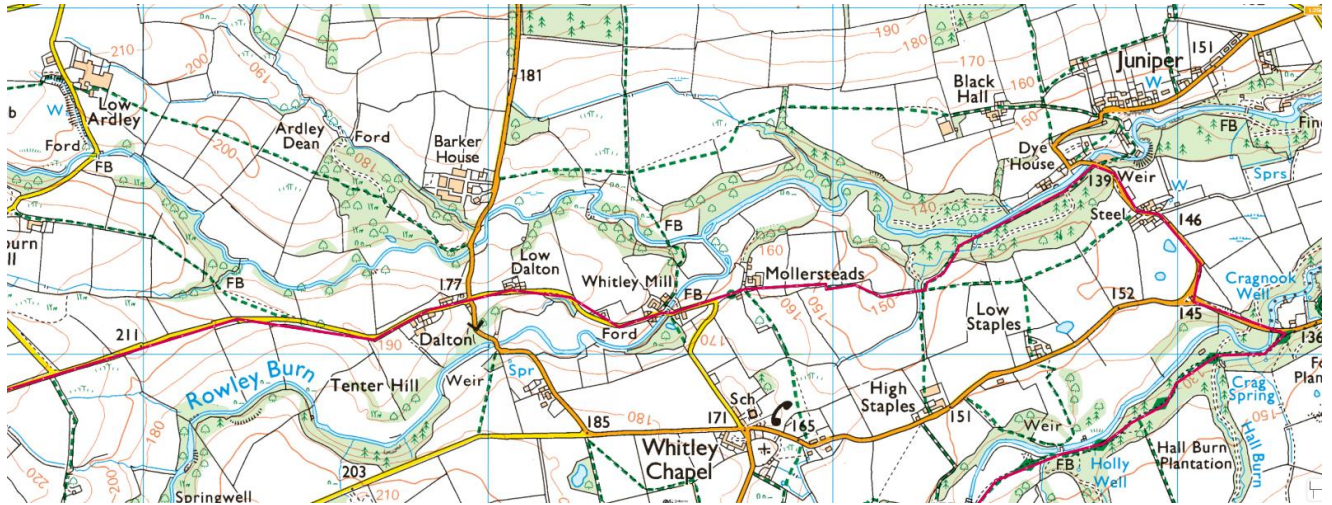
When you reach the far side of the moor go through the gate and follow the hard stone track between stonewalls, with the small conifer plantation on your right.

After a kilometre, when you reach the farm at High Eshells, turn right to follow the tarmac lane. After another kilometre ignore the left-hand turn – continuing ahead, downhill – still on a lane.



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E:



After about a kilometre pass through the hamlet of Dalton, at the crossroads go straight ahead – signed 'Whitley Mill ¼'. Go past Low Dalton (a single house), continuing to follow the single track road.

When you reach the ford at Whitley Mill (after another 0.5km) – cross the footbridge over the stream and continue ahead on the road. After a short distance, the road bears sharply right – continue ahead to the farm at Mollersteads. Just before the farmyard turn right, through a green metal gate, to follow a signed ('Steel Farm 1') footpath.

Beyond the farm buildings go through two bridge gates in quick succession and continue ahead across a field – with the fence/hedge initially on your right and then (after crossing a stile) on your left.

At the far corner of the field climb over the stile, cross the stream, and immediately go through a bridge gate. Turn left and, keeping the fence on your left, walk around the edge of the wood. After about 100m cross the stile, on your left, to enter the woodland. Follow the path down through the trees. At the bottom of the slope turn right at the path junction. When you reach the stream/river follow it downstream. to pick up the stream.

When you reach the bridge/road turn right and walk through the small hamlet of Steel – Care! These roads are a bit bigger and busier than earlier on in the leg. At the T-junction (300m beyond Steel) turn left – signed 'Slaely and Blanchland'.

At the bottom of the hill cross the bridge and then turn right (signed 'Public Footpath') to follow the stone track (through the wooden gate signed 'Redlead Mill') – with the Devil's Water on your right. Here you pick up waymarks for the **Way of Light - Northern Saints Trail**. Follow these waymarks and **Wainwright's Pennine Journey** ones until the end of the leg in the settlement of Blanchland. Shortly you will pass to the right of some impressive stone arches – the remains of Dukesfield Smelt Mill.

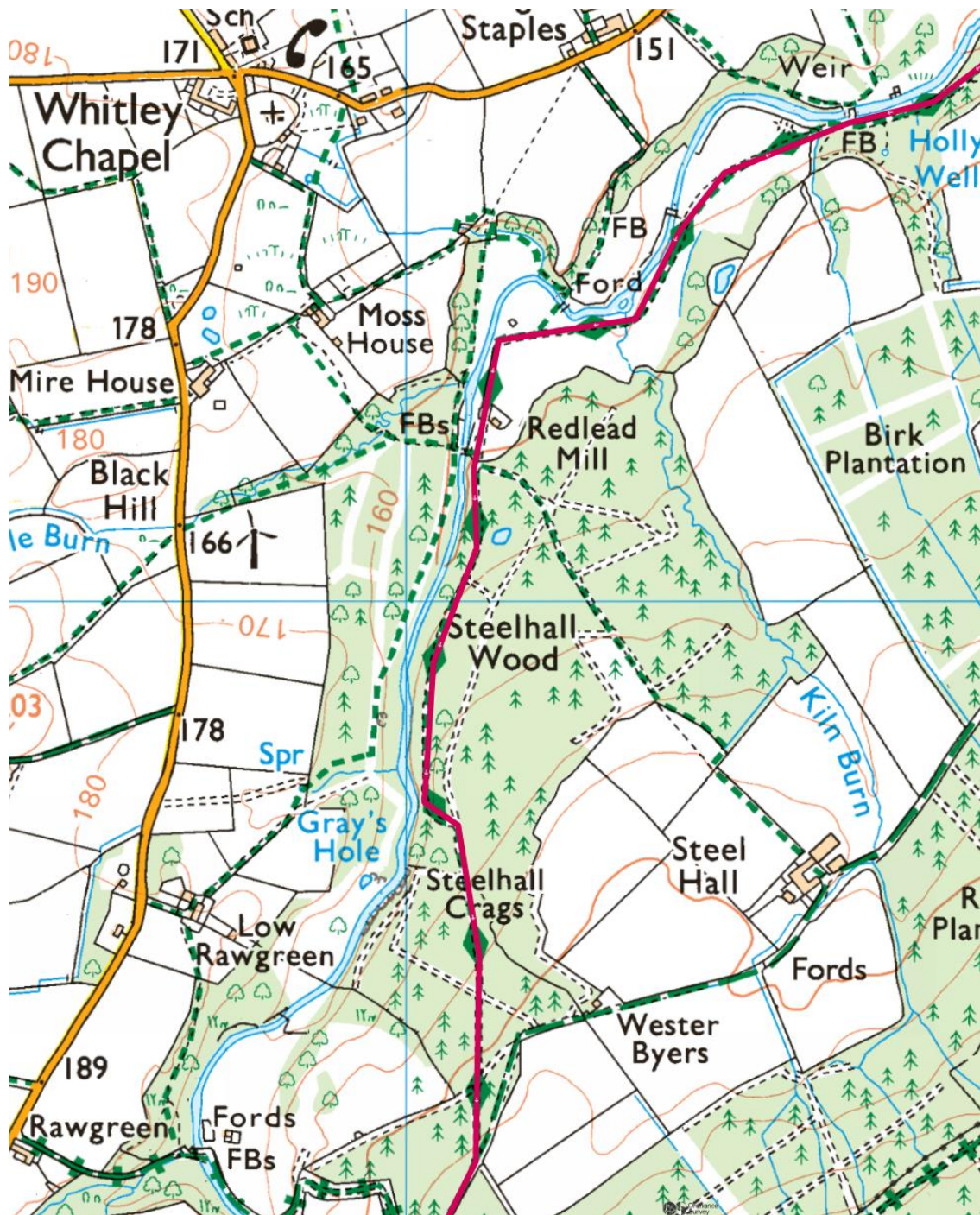
Follow the wide stone track to just beyond the footbridge (on your right across the Devil's Water) go through the field gate and continue following the track.





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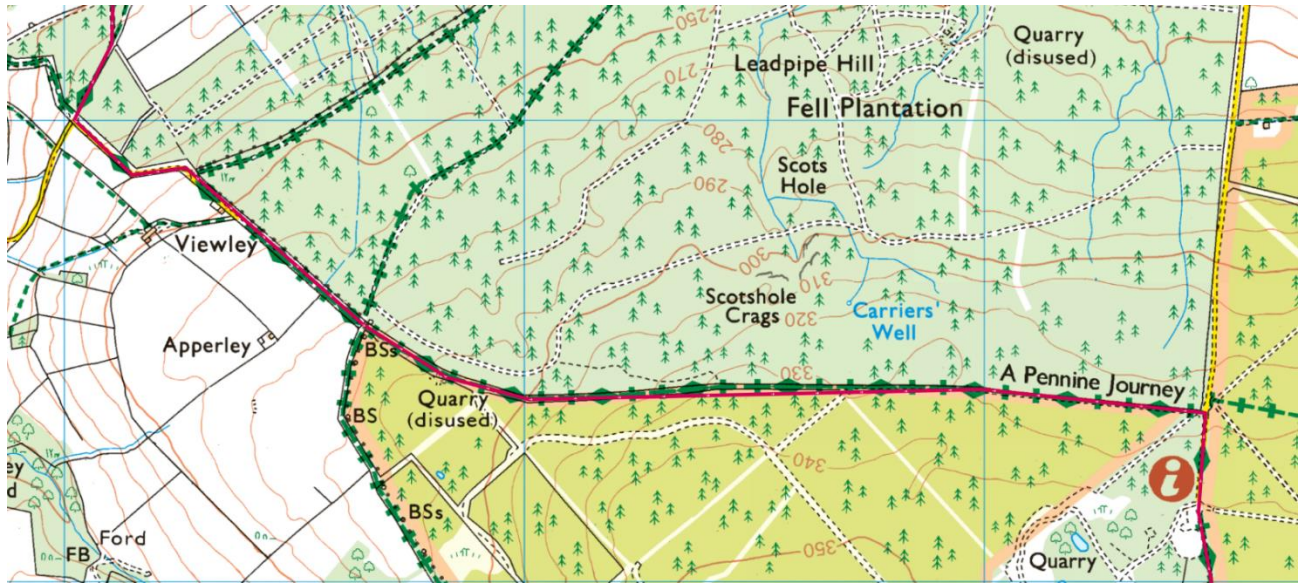
Follow the track for about 700m all the way to Redlead Mill. Pass to the right of the house. Just beyond the buildings cross the stile to the left of a wooden field gate and continue ahead on the path through the trees – with the Devil's Water still on your right. After rain this can be a very muddy section.

At the top of the long, steady, straight climb you will reach the edge of the trees. Turn right onto the bridleway.



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G:



Continue through the trees for another 200m until you reach a tarmac road. Turn left, following the road uphill.

After about 0.5km the road ends (turning right through a gate to Viewley Farm). Continue uphill now on a rough, muddy track, between two stone walls – with the trees still on your left.

After about 400m you will reach a cross-roads of tracks – continue uphill, straight ahead – entering Slaley Forest. Follow the muddy track through the trees until you reach a road. At the road turn right (uphill).

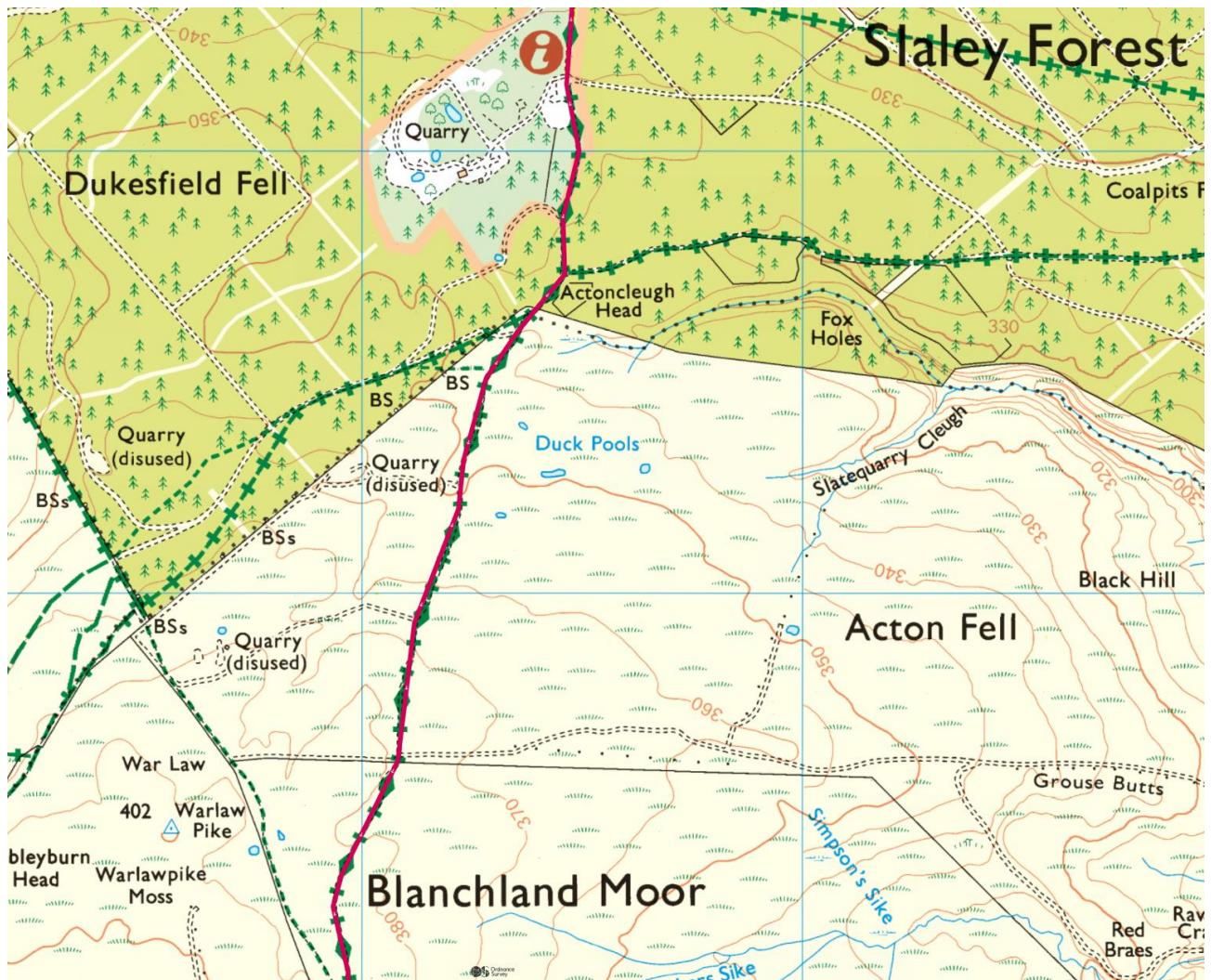
After a short distance (c200m) you will reach the road end (at the Ladycross Quarry entrance). Continue ahead on the stony track – keeping the quarry on your right.





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H:



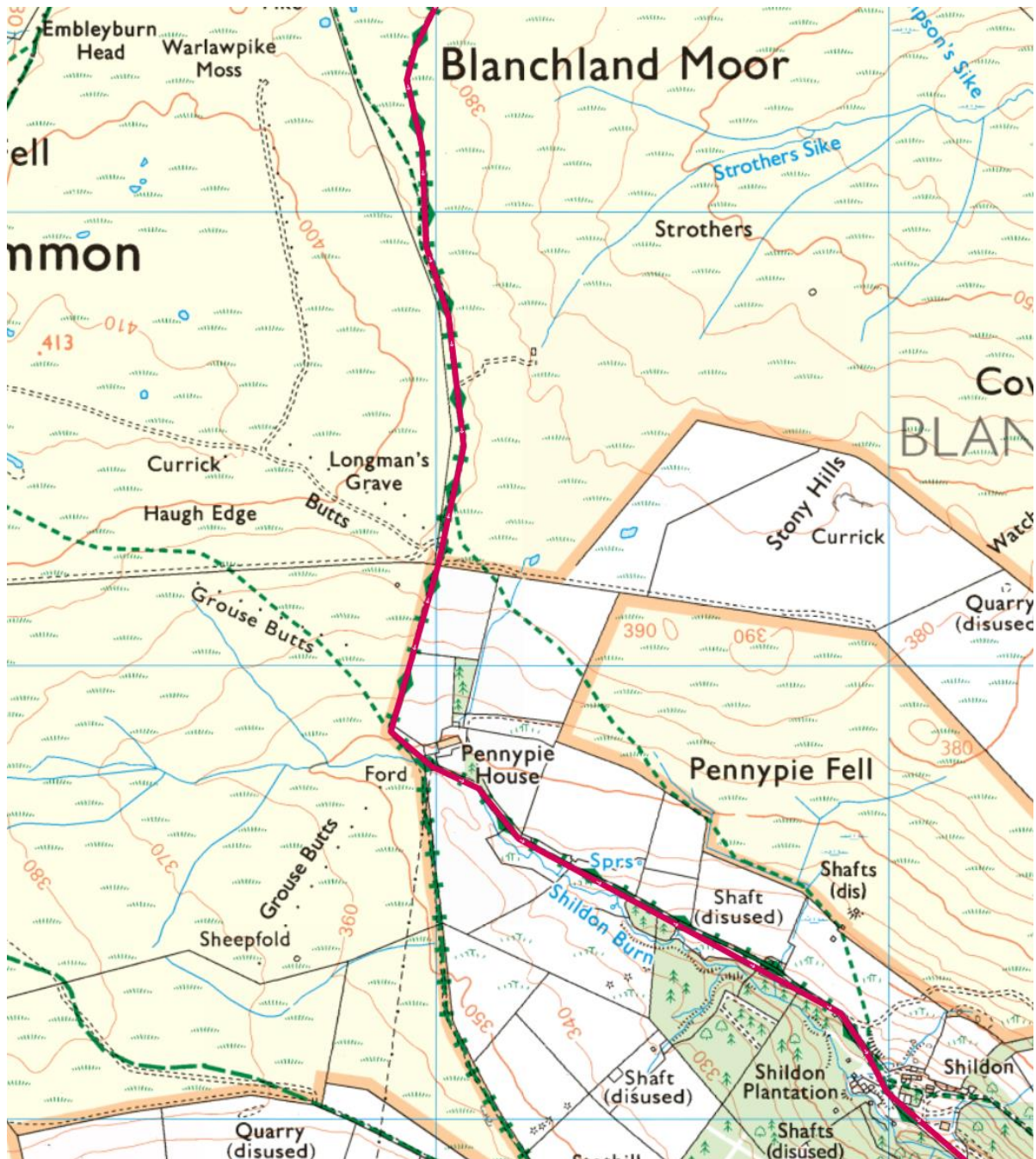
Follow the main, wide, and stony, track for 0.5km to the edge of Slaley Forest (ignore the track off to the right) at Actoncleugh Head. From the metal gate at the edge of the forest follow the rough, stony track (uphill) across Blanchland Moor.

After 1.1km you will reach a cross track. Continue straight ahead, going through a field gate, on the moorland track.



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I:



After another 1.5km go through the gate in the wall and continue on the (now) downhill track with a drystone wall on your left.

When you reach the fork at the bottom of the hill bear left through a wooden gate and then bear right passing below Pennypie House (up on your left). Do not go across the ford.

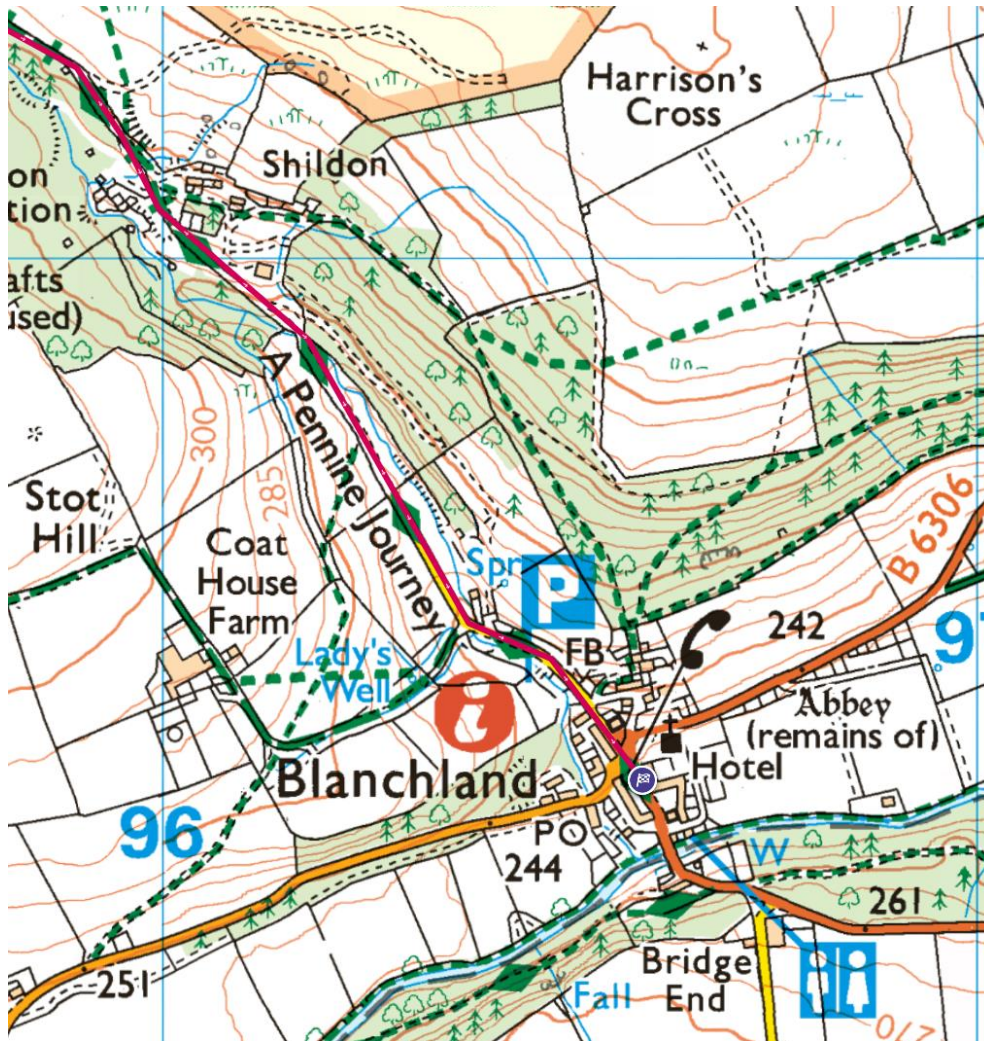
Follow the track, and then tarmac road, through Shildon and past Shildon Engine House (on your right), all the way to Blanchland.





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J:



From the hamlet of Shildon continue following the tarmac road to the settlement of Blanchland.

Leg 5 finishes outside the Lord Crewe Arms, in the middle of the village.

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