



Leg 6 – Roof of England Walk

Leg 6: Blanchland to Edmundbyers – Directions

Length	Ascent	Time	Version	Updated
8.6km (5.3 miles)*	201m (660 ft)*	02:31*	1.0	07/05/25

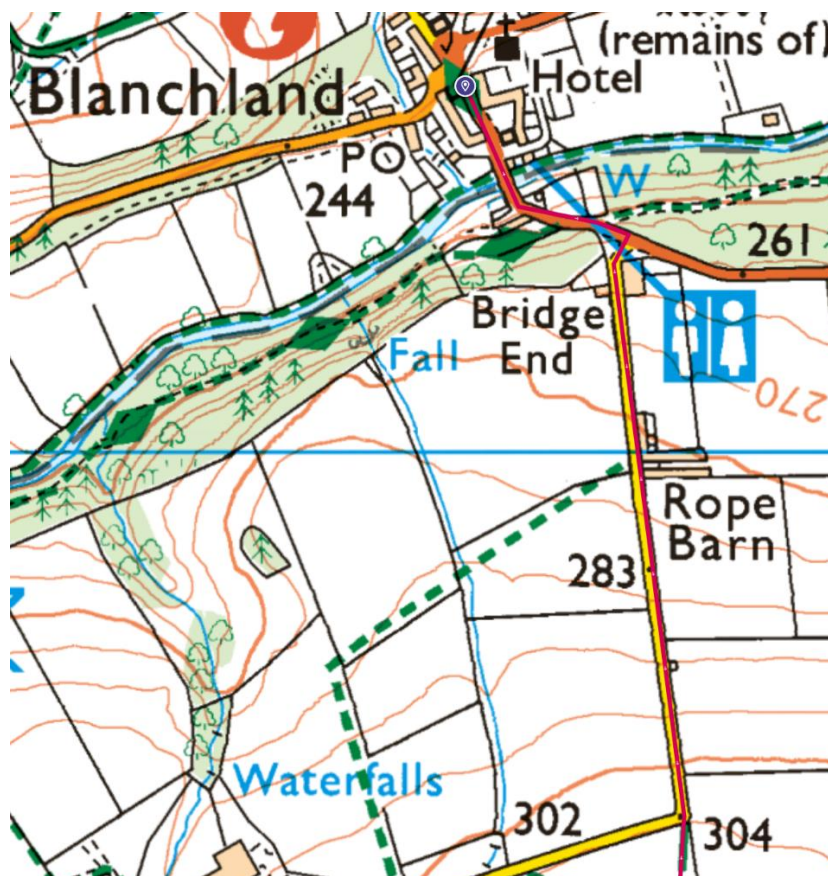
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OS maps for Leg 6: Explorer – 307; Landranger – 87.

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

A:



Leg 6 begins outside the Lord Crewe Arms, in the centre of Blanchland (NY 96580 50372 and [///loans.surgical.sway](#)) and finishes in Edmundbyers (NZ 01766 50081 and [///tree.airbase.paintings](#)).

This leg of the **Roof of England Walk** shares the route of the **Way of Light – Northern Saints Trail**.

Starting with the Lord Crewe on your left walk through Blanchland. Cross the bridge over the River Derwent and follow the road (B6306) round to the left, leaving the village. Just beyond the bridge the **Wainwright's Pennine Journey** route turns right to follow a path through the trees. Continue uphill on the road – following Northern Saints Trail waymarkers.

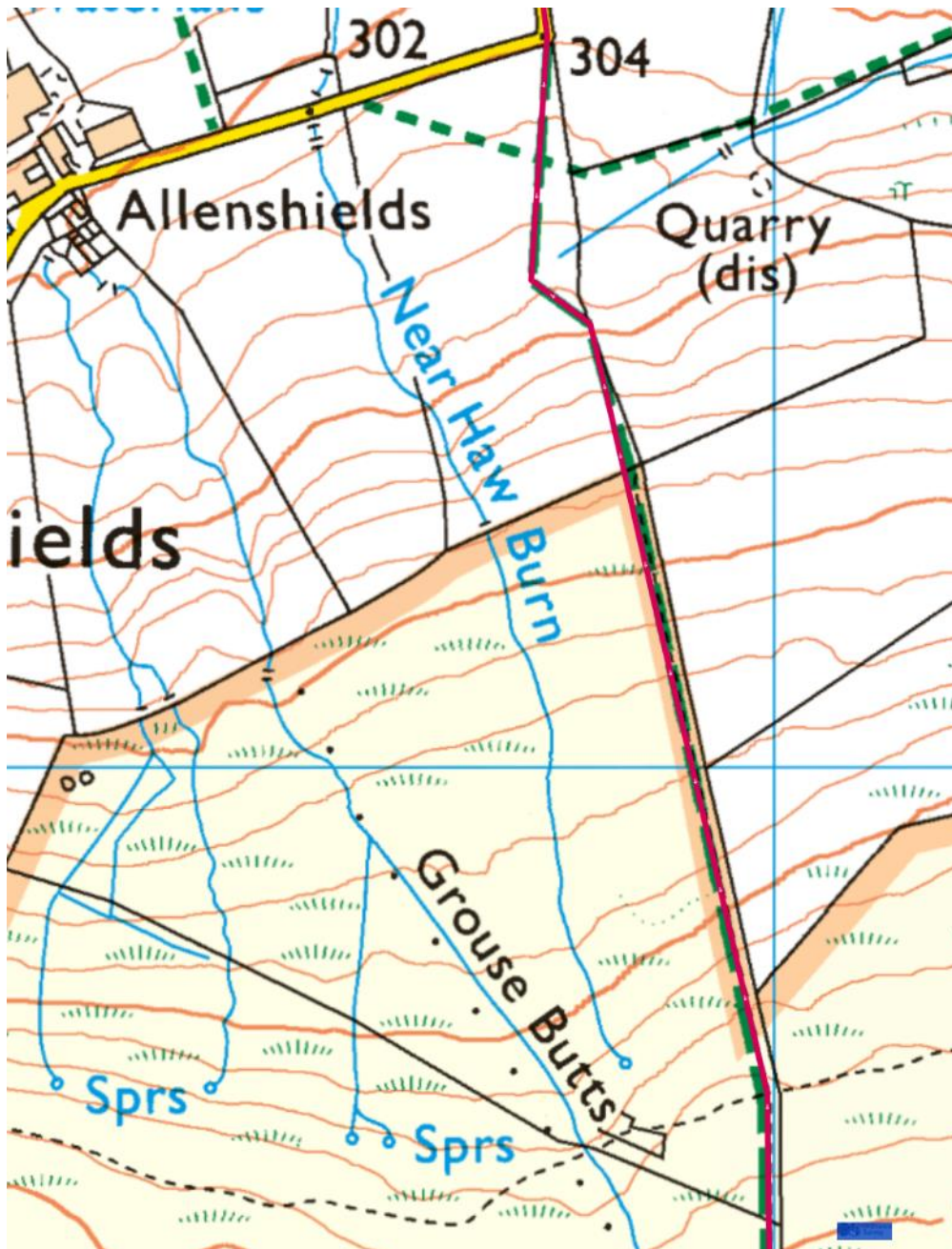
At the top of the rise turn right (at the 'Blanchland' road sign) and follow the uphill road for about 600m.

Where the minor road turns sharply right continue ahead, through the field gate, to follow the uphill path (bridleway) through the field – keeping the stone wall on your left.



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B:

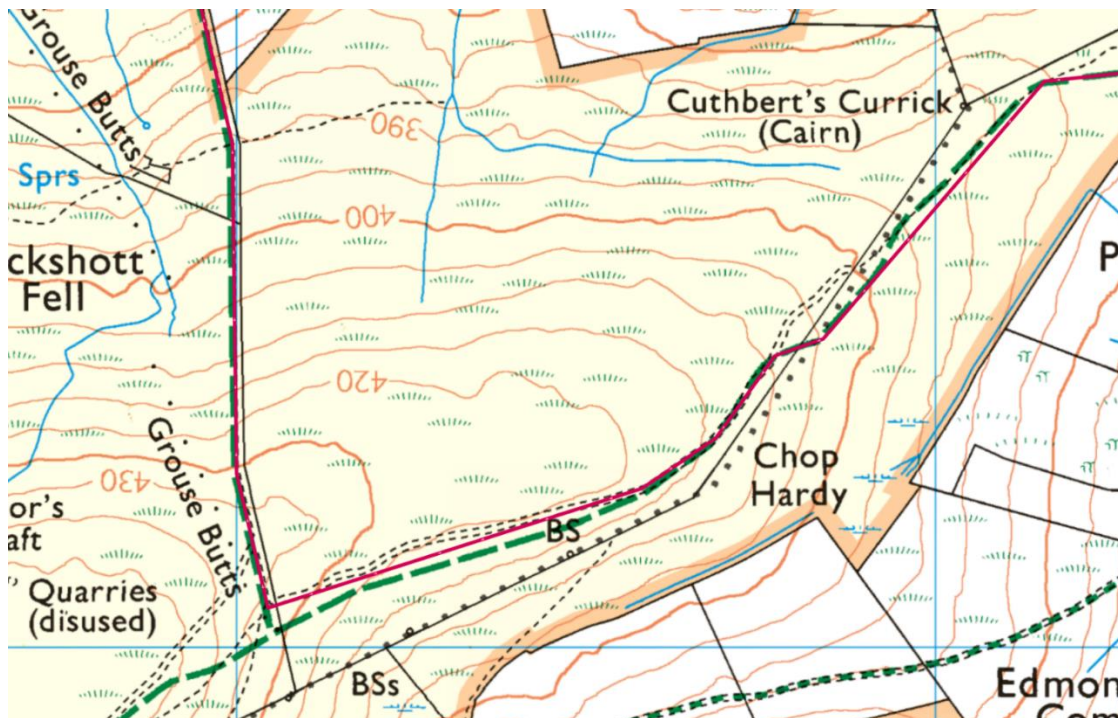


Continue following the uphill path. After a short distance, the wall changes to fence – continue uphill – keeping the fence on your left.

At the top corner of the field go through the gate and continue uphill (fence on left), following the bridleway. After a while, the path turns into a stony track – continue following it uphill with the fence line still on your left.

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C:



Just as you reach the top of the climb, ignore the track that bears right and stay on the track ahead (slightly downhill) with the fence still on your left. After 100m turn left, through a gate, and continue ahead on the track across the moor.

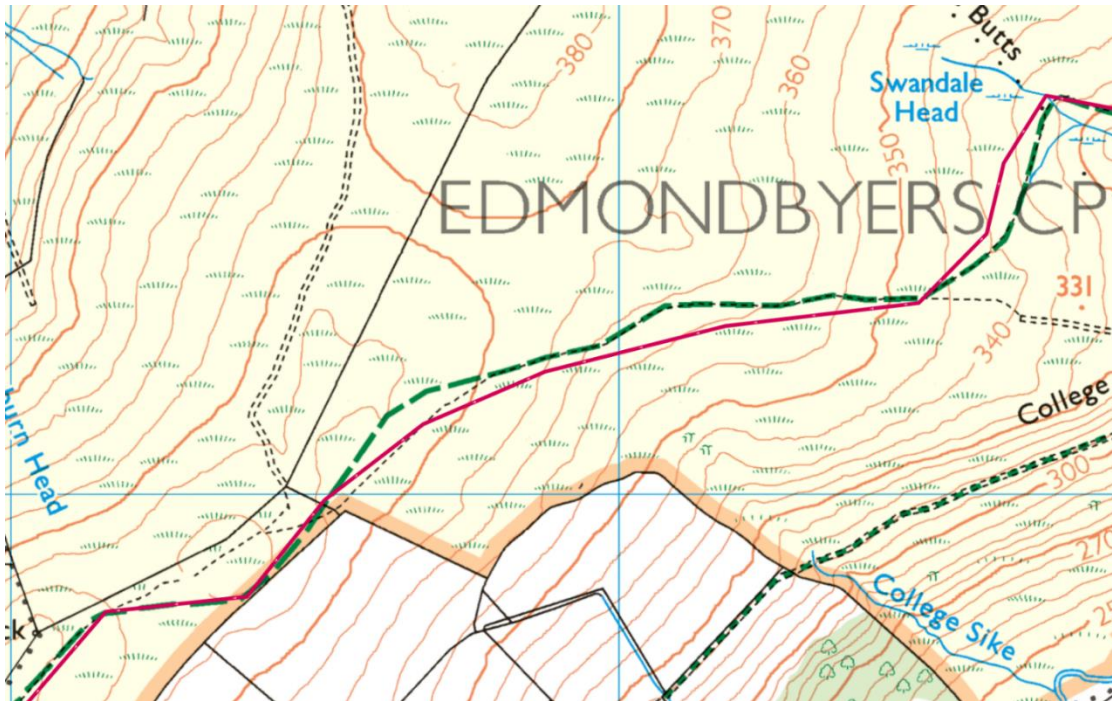
After following the downhill track for a km go through the bridle gate and, bearing left, continue downhill.

Just beyond a boggy section take the path bearing right across to a stone wall. At the wall turn left and continue ahead, with the wall on your right.



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D:



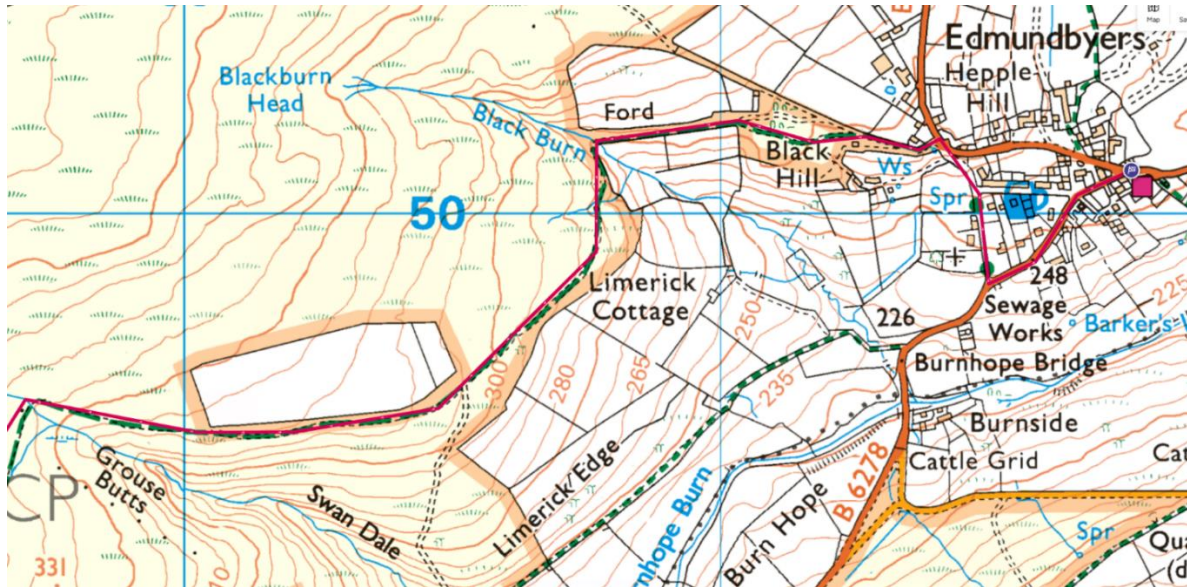
After 200m go through the metal field gate and continue on the grassy track/path across the moor. As you continue the path gradually becomes rockier and track-like.

Continue following the rocky path as it bears left, contouring around the hillside. Just beyond a line of wooden grouse butts cross a stream (Swandale Head), turn right, and continue following the stony track/path.



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E:



400m beyond the stream crossing at Swandale Head you will pick up a stone wall – continue following the stony track/path, keeping the stone wall on your left.

As you descend the path gradually changes into a stony track – in time you reach the Black Burn. Cross the stream and go through the wooden field gate. Follow the track ahead, between gorse bushes. Continue along the track to the road on the edge of Edmundbyers.

When you reach the road turn right to follow Church Lane – downhill. Pass St. Edmunds Church, on your right, and at the T-junction turn left onto the B6278. CARE – this road can be busy.

After 400m you will arrive at Low House Haven/Youth Hostel/The Baa. Leg 6 finishes here.

Roof of England Walk – a journey around the North Pennines. This is Leg 6 (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