



Leg 7 – Roof of England Walk

Leg 7: Edmundbyers to Wolsingham - Directions

Length	Ascent	Time	Version	Updated
23.5km (14.6 miles)*	402m (1,319ft)*	06:41*	1.1	11/05/25

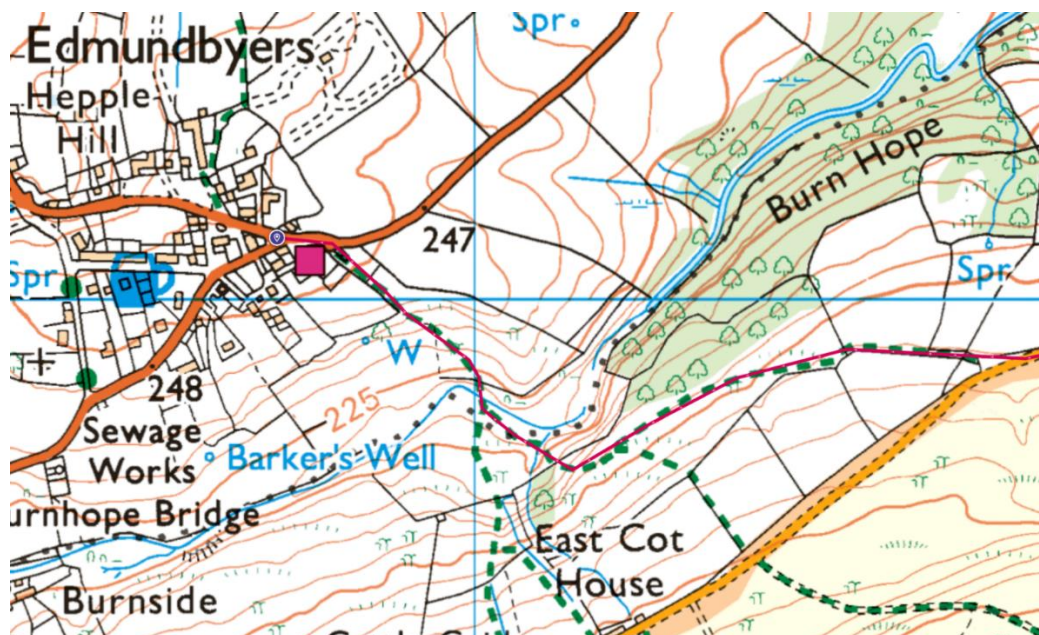
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OS maps for Leg 7: Explorer – 307 and OL31 (E); Landranger – 87, 88 and 92.

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

A:



Leg 7 of the **Roof of England Walk** starts off in the Upper Derwent Valley at Edmundbyers (NZ 01747 50079 and ///tree.airbase.paintings) and finishes in Wolsingham (NZ 07628 37271 and ///mild.cello.panics) in Weardale.

You start outside Low House Haven/Youth Hostel/The Baa and for the first 4.8km you will be following the **Way of Light - Northern Saints Trail**.

Walk past the hostel – on your right. Just beyond the buildings turn right onto the footpath – which initially goes through Low House Haven's car park.

After 80m go through the bridle gate and continue ahead, downhill.

Cross the wooden footbridge over the Burnhope Burn and turn left downstream. After 50m cross a small stream and turn right uphill. Follow the 'rooty' path as it bears left through bracken.

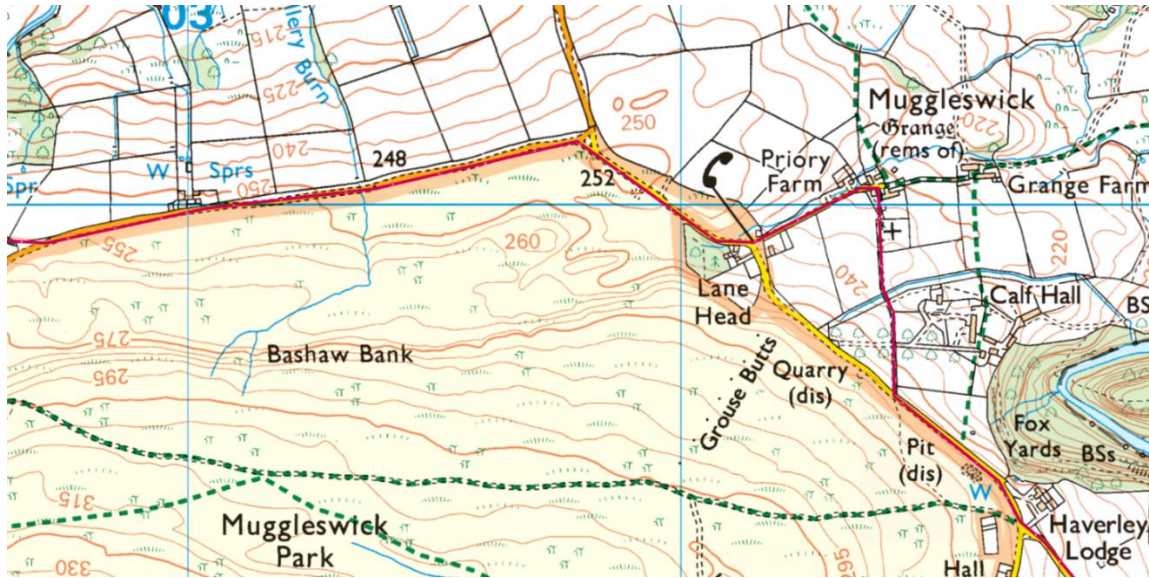
Go through the gap in the wall, cross the track and up two steps. At the top of the rise go over the stile and bear left across the field – following a grassy path as it gradually rises to the top corner of the field.

After 300m continue ahead, keeping the tumbled down wall and then an old hedge line, on your right. Go through the gate and turn left on the minor road.



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B:



Follow the road to a junction (after just over a kilometre) and turn right to follow the road up a short rise. Walk downhill into the dispersed hamlet of Muggleswick.

At the post box take the lane (no through road) straight ahead. After 100m turn right on the footpath – signed 'To the church'. (If you continue following the road for 30m you will reach the ruins of Muggleswick Grange). Go through the church yard, exiting through the lych gate in the far right corner. Continue ahead with the wall on your right.

Go through the gate and continue ahead, uphill, with the fence on your left. Cross the access road, climbing over two stiles, and continue uphill. At the top go through a gate and turn left on the minor road.

After 300m you will reach a junction just beyond Haverley Lodge. Turn left, signed 'Rowley/Castleside', and follow the road downhill.



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C:



After 0.8km continue straight ahead at the junction - signed 'Castleside/Rowley'. After another 200m on the road (still downhill) take the footpath on the right (over a stile) into the woods. The Roof of England Walk leaves the route of the **Way of Light - Northern Saints Trail** here (it continues on the road). Start to follow the purple **Roof of England Walk** waymarks now and for the rest of Leg 7, all the way to Wolsingham. Continue steeply downhill to a stream – following a muddy path.

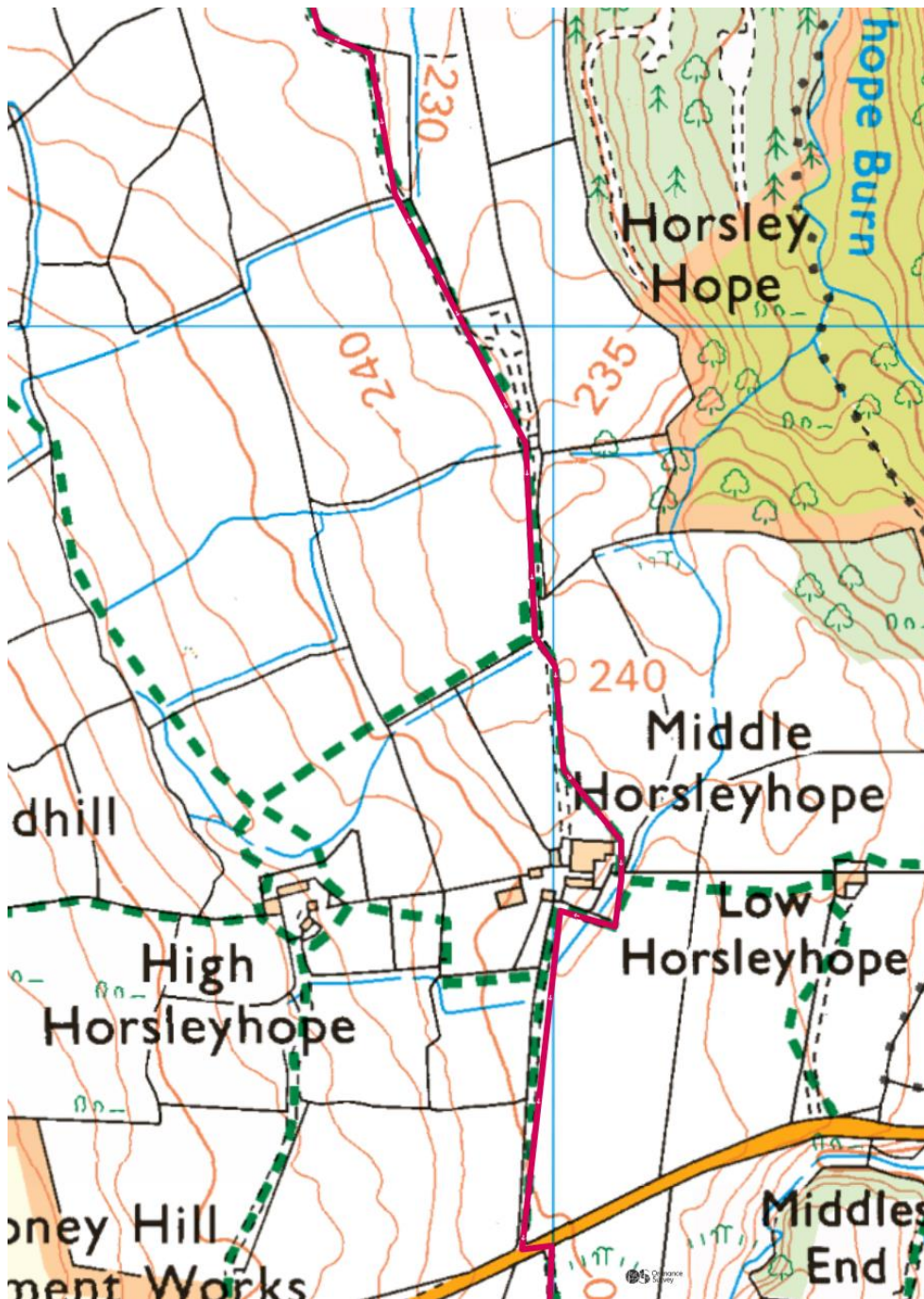
Cross the footbridge and bear left on the muddy footpath. Follow the path up through the trees. After a short distance you will see a fence. Keep it on your right and continue uphill. This section can be very muddy. Continue uphill to a metal kissing gate, on the edge of the wood.

Bear left and cross the field. Go through the gate and continue ahead, keeping the wall on your left. Keep following the wall as it bends round to the left. After a short distance turn right, keeping the tumbled down wall/line of trees on your left.



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D:



After 150m go through the field gate and continue straight ahead with the fence on your left. Go through another gate and carry on with the fence still on your left – heading for the farm (Middle Horsleyhope).

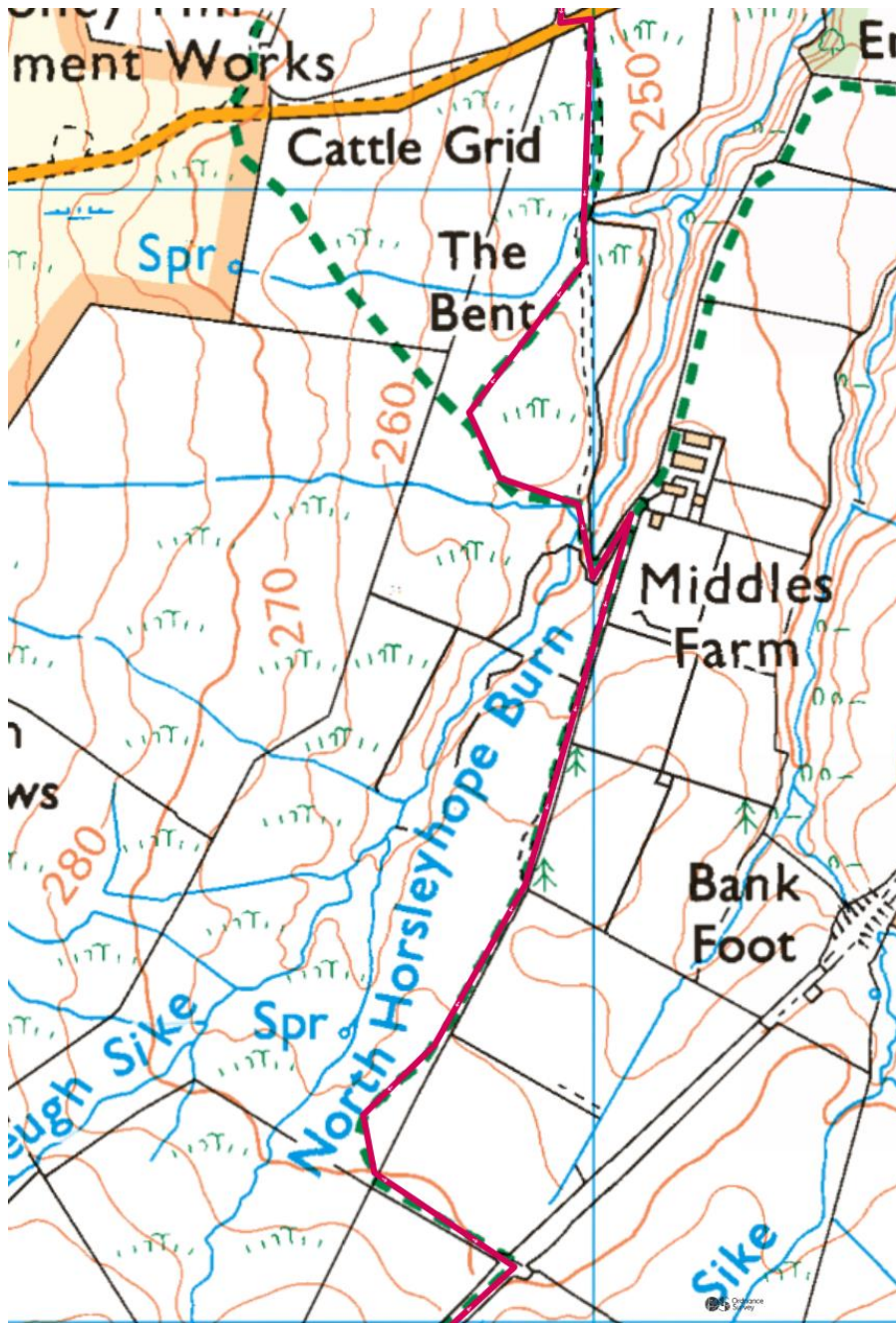
After another 200m go through a gate and continue following the track ahead. After about 175m bear left, following the waymarks to avoid the farmyard at Middle Horsleyhope.

On the other side of the farm turn left onto the farm access track. At the road turn left and immediately right onto another track – signed 'Public Footpath'. Take care crossing the road – it can be busy, with fast traffic.



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E:



Approximately 50m after you cross the culverted stream bear right off the track. Follow the faint path on the slightly raised ground. As you reach the circular pond bear left. Rejoin the track, turning right. Follow the track uphill, round the sharp bends.

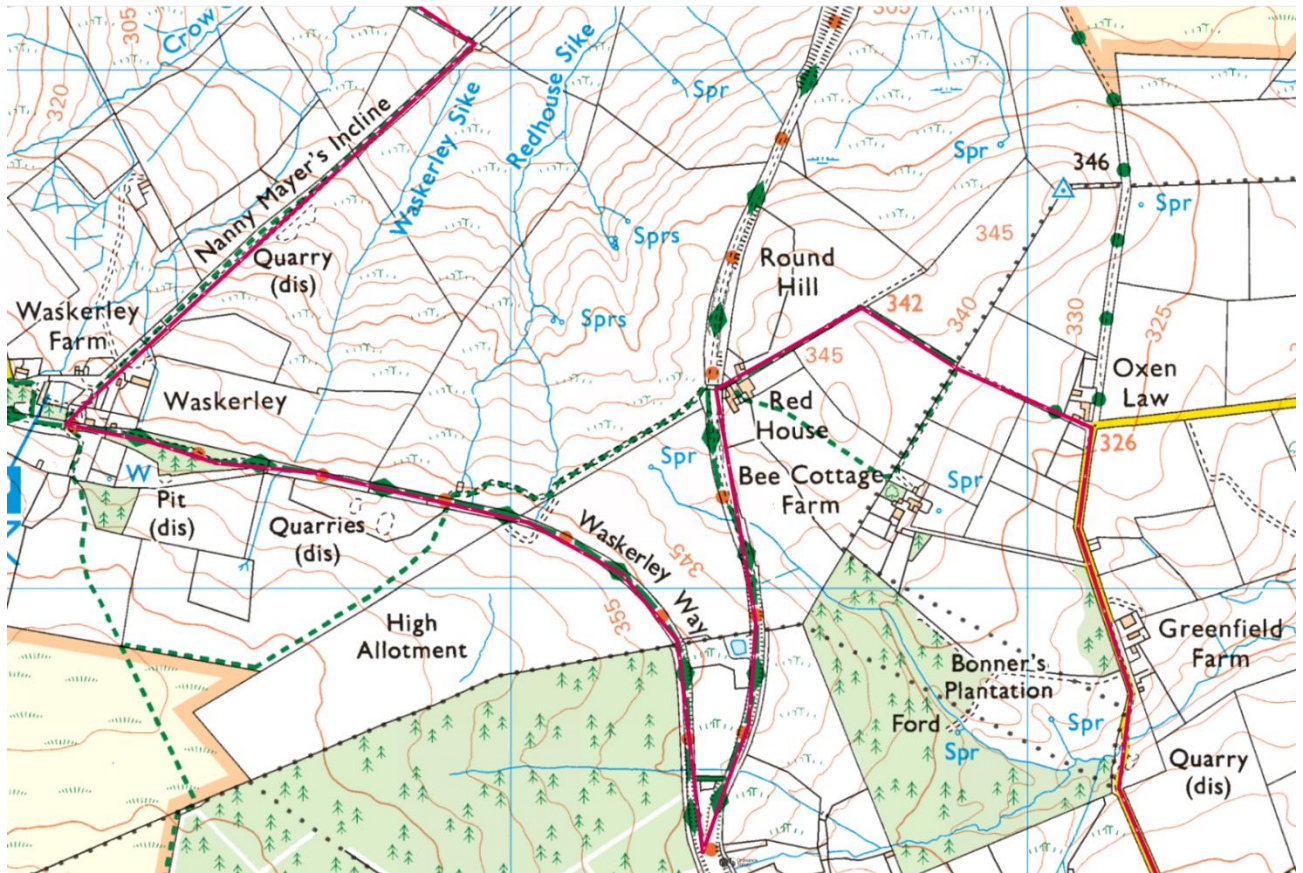
Immediately before the farmyard at Middles Farm turn right, through a field gate. Continue ahead, keeping the wall on your left and the trees on your right.

Cross a stile and then after another 0.5km turn left through a metal gate, keeping the wall on your right. Head across the field, keeping the small, ruined building on your left. Turn right onto the track and climb up Nanny Meyer's Incline – a rocky, muddy track.



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F:



At the top of Nanny Meyer's Incline continue ahead through the farmyard, go through the gate, and immediately turn left onto the Waskerley Way (shared use – watch out for cyclists and horse riders).

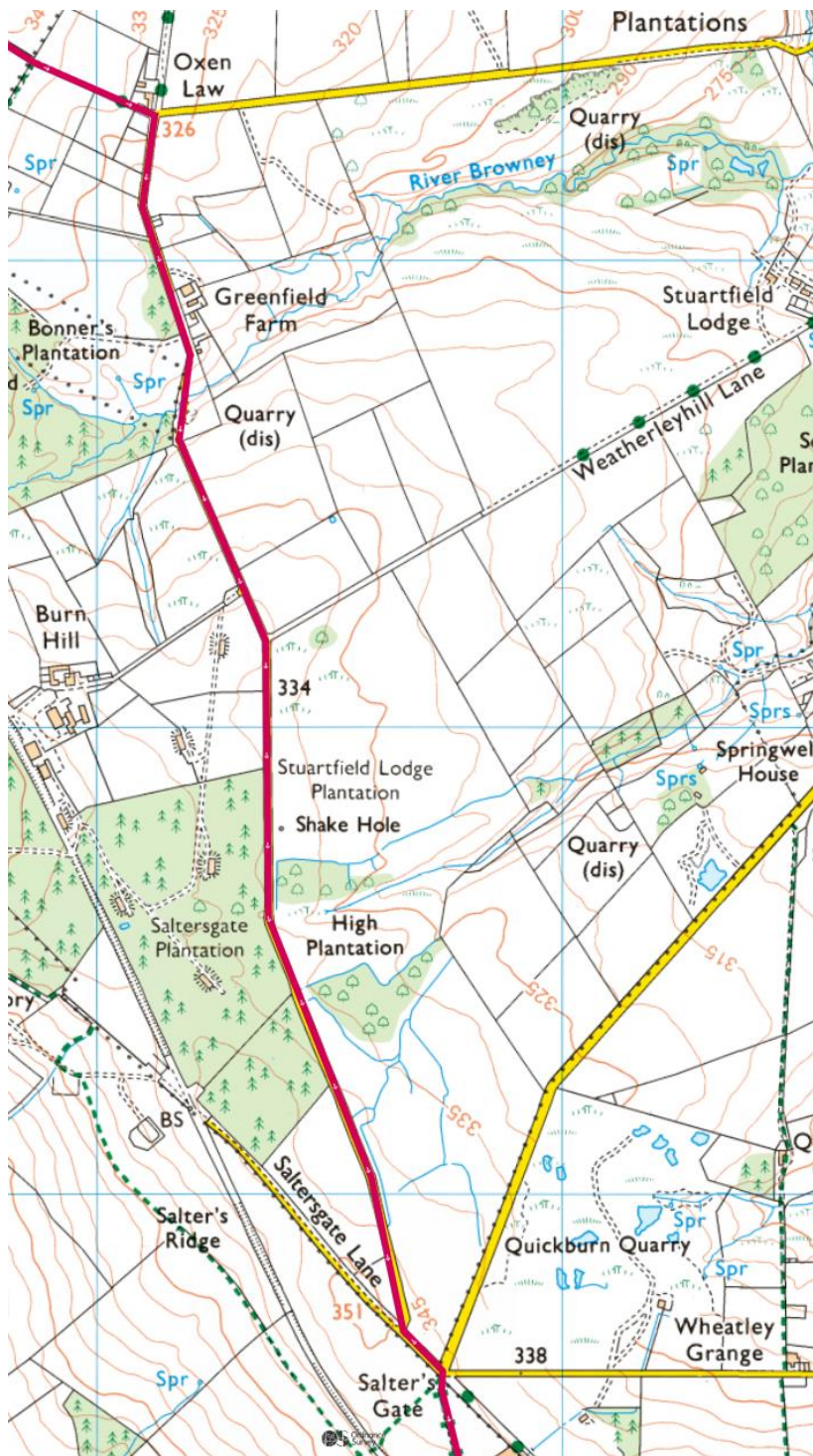
Follow the Waskerley Way for 1.4km – on a hard, tarmac surface. At the track to Red House (adjacent to the Waskerley Wildlife panel) go through the gate and turn right. Follow the track ahead, through the farmyard. Follow the stony, farm access, track for about 850m to the road.

When you reach the road, at Oxen Law, turn right.



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G:



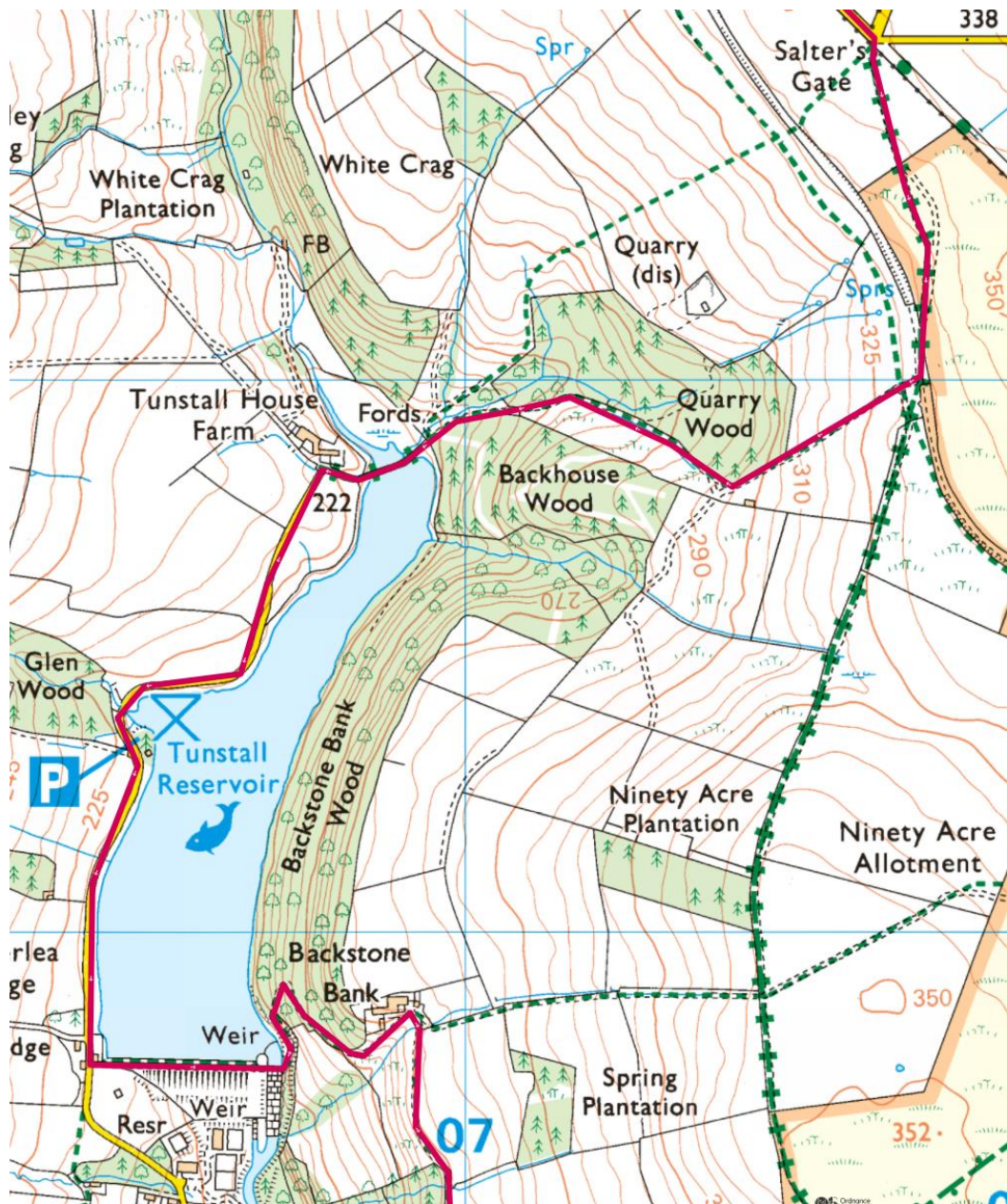
Follow the minor road for 2.7km, passing Longburnford Quarry – one of Durham Wildlife Trust's smallest nature reserves.

At the T-junction (with Saltersgate Lane) turn left, after 100m you will reach Salter's Gate. Turn right through the bridle gate and then, bearing left, follow the public byway (grassy/muddy track).



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H:



After a short distance (200m) go through the metal field gate and continue ahead on the track.

Just beyond the corner of the wood, go through the gate, and follow the stony track downhill to the road end at Tunstall Reservoir (1.2km). Follow the road along the west shore all the way to the dam (1.3km). Take care as this road can be quite busy – especially after you pass the small parking area after 700m.

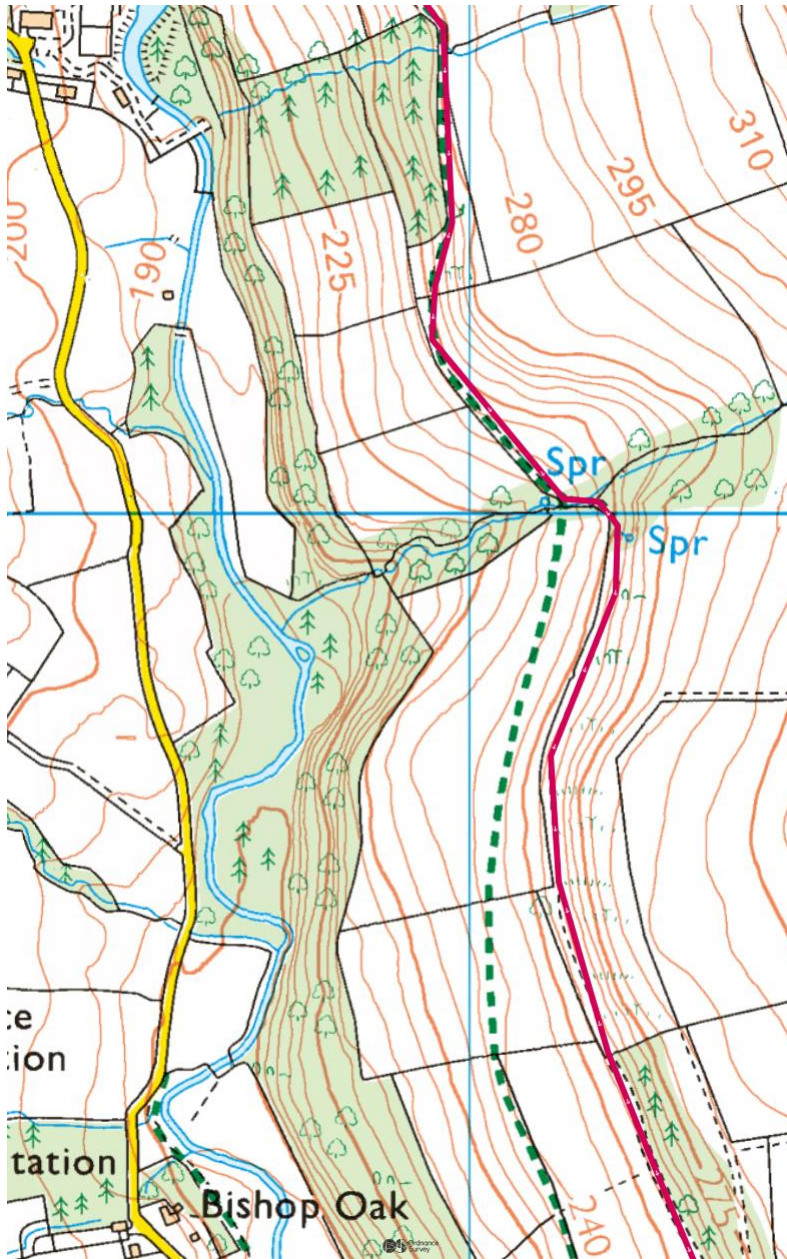
Turn left and cross the dam. Follow the track/road up Backstone Bank. At the top of the bank, you will reach Backstone Bank Farm. At the farm turn right onto the grassy track, contouring round the hill. Keep the wall on your left. Note that there are no Roof of England Walk waymarks from Backstone Bank Farm (NZ 06898 40852) to the wooded gill at NZ 07149 40014.

Continue following the track between the top of the wood and the stone wall.



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I:



After a short distance take the downward track, continuing to follow the edge of the woodland.

Go through the field gate and continue ahead. Contour around the hillside, with the wall (and then fence) on your right. When you reach the wooded gill cross the stream (no footbridge) bear right and go through a wooden bridle gate. After 15m (before the next gate) turn left at the waymark post and follow the small path uphill through the trees. The following section (1.6km) to Baal Hill House follows a permissive footpath, courtesy of the landowner. Keep following the path as it bears round to the right – keep the drystone wall on your right.

On the edge of the trees go through the metal field gate and follow the grassy path ahead – contouring round the hillside – with the stone wall still on your right. After a short distance, the wall is replaced by a fence – continue straight ahead. When you reach a wooden field gate go through it and continue on the now track. Follow for another 900m all the way to Baal Hill House. The track becomes increasingly well used and rocky.



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J:



At the metal field gate (by the concrete tanks) continue ahead on the muddy/rocky track down to the farm buildings at Baal Hill House.

At the farm go through the gate at the edge of the buildings. Cross the track and continue across the field, downhill. Briefly join a stone track.

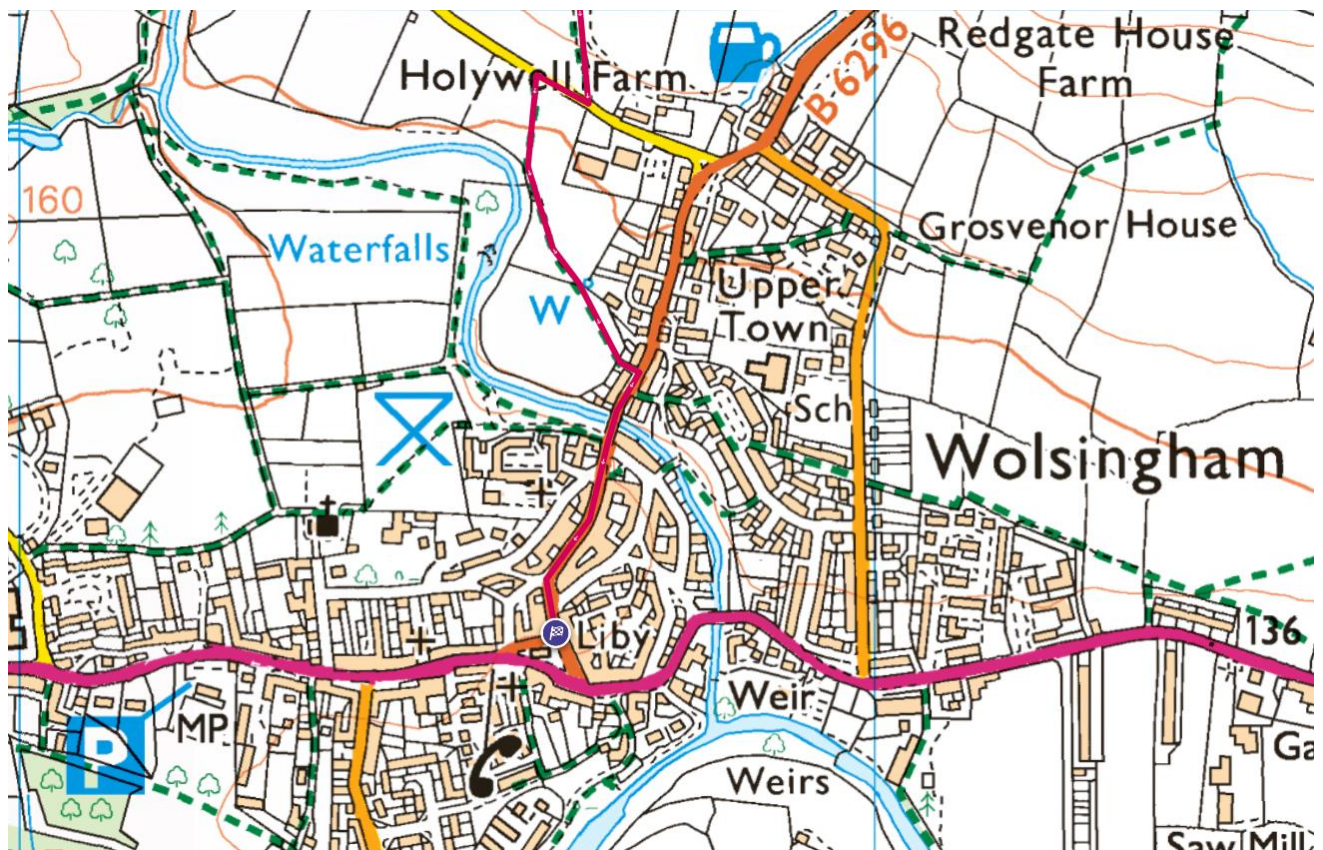
In the trees bear left keeping the field boundary on your left. Cross one field to a kissing gate, and then another, to a second kissing gate.

At the road turn right. And then, after 60m, turn left (down some wooden steps) onto the footpath.



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K:



After 300m go through the kissing gate and cross the corner of the field to the road.

Turn right onto the road. Cross the bridge over Waskerley Beck and continue down into the centre of Wolsingham. Leg 7 finishes in the Market Place, next to the town hall/library.

Roof of England Walk – a journey around the North Pennines. This is Leg 7 (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