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Long Walk: Penistone Three Peaks

- Length 12.5 miles (20 km)
- Grade – Mostly well-defined paths, rough ground and stiles, steep in sections.
- Start – Penistone TPT/skate park car park (behind Tesco)
- Grid Reference - SK 244 034
- Maps – OL1 Dark Peak
- Parking – in the small free car park behind a row of houses, adjacent to the park.
- Public transport – Penistone Station is 400 m along the Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT) in the opposite direction to the start. Several bus services visit Penistone. Destinations include: Barnsley, Chapletown, Holmfirth and Sheffield
- Refreshments – there are several cafes and pubs in Millhouse Green, Penistone and Thurlstone
- Public Toilets – Opposite the church on Shrewsbury Road (Penistone).

Description - This walk takes in the peaks of three of the hills around Penistone, Hartcliffe Hill, Royd Moor and Hoylandswaine Trig Point. The route has excellent views across the whole area from Derwent and Howden Edges in the Peak District National Park across Barnsley and beyond.



Langsett from Hartcliffe Hill (6)

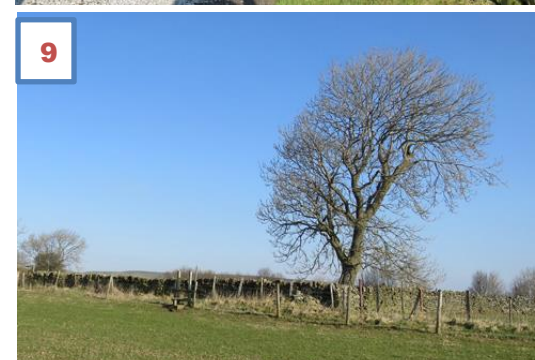
Route Instructions

1. Passing through the car park, go across the show ground heading for the gap in the stone wall opposite (1). Continue across the next field, picking up a wall to your right.

Penistone Show occurs annually on the first Saturday in September. It is the largest one-day agricultural show in the UK, attracting over 15000 visitors.

2. Drop down the broad track. At the bottom continue straight ahead onto a narrower path. Cross the stream and continue up the hill. Head for the mobile phone mast on the top of the hill.
3. The path continues west across five fields for 1200 m. At 100 m from the phone mast, you pass a house to your right. Take the stone stile on the right immediately after the house (3).
4. On reaching the road (Hornthwaite Hill Road) turn left up to the junction. Go right along Hill Side Lane. Follow the road as it descends to the houses. After 300 m take the left up Hartcliffe Lane. The lane narrows down to a path as it ascends.
5. Cross a couple of fields heading for the woods. On entering the woods take the stepped path up to the left leaving the main path which avoids the summit (5). As you come out onto level ground take the path to the right along by a wall to the summit cairn and views across to Langsett and Howden Edge. SE 220 018.
6. From the cairn take the narrow path south in the direction of Langsett Reservoir. It is a steep path down to Hartcliffe Road. At the road turn right. Follow the road down round the sharp bends and then take the marked path to the right by the tree and power line.
7. Follow the path by the wall to the houses. Take the path by the side of the garage and out onto the lane. Turn left and go down the lane to the A628.
8. Turn right. After 150m take the lane on the left between the houses. After 100m go right through the wooden gate and up the drive (8), passing the property on your left and out into the fields.
9. The path crosses to the far-right corner of the field. Aim for the wind turbines of Royd Moor. Cross the stile by the tree (9) and immediately over another stile into a field.
10. Continue down the field initially keeping to the wall on your left, the aim for the far-right corner of the field. Cross the bridge over the Trans-Pennine trail with Bullhouse Chapel to your left.

The chapel was registered as a place of worship for Dissenting Protestants in 1692 at Pontefract Assizes and has had a continuous history of independent worship to this day. Its beauty lies in its simplicity. The pulpit is the focal point and is believed to be the original.



11. Go through the double metal gate and then a wooden gate. Turn right and go 30 m and turn left along the tarmac track past the building. Continue past more houses and through a gate down a path with walls on either side. Follow this path down over the bridge over the River Don and onto the factory complex.

12. Turn left, passing the factory units to your right. Cross the stile in the corner of the car park, in line with the small wind turbines.

13. Cross the field diagonally aiming to the right of the buildings to the small wooden gate. Continue up the field keeping the wall to your left, through a large wooden gate and onto Catshaw Lane. Follow Catshaw Lane out onto Lee Lane B6106.

14. Go left along Lee Lane for 100 m. Take the footpath on the right through the narrow metal gate. Go up the hill. Follow the fence as it swings left. Cross the next field aiming for the narrow metal gate at the right of the farm buildings. Follow the path through the farmyard and out onto the lane.

15. Turn right and go down the lane and then swing up to Smallshaw Farm and Cottages. Continue up the lane through the main entrance and then turn right passing in front of the farm, cottages and tennis court. Pass through the wide metal gate and almost immediately through another large metal gate into the field.

16. Cross the field keeping the fence to your left. In the corner cross the stile on the left by the gates. Descent the hill keeping the wall to your right. Cross the wooden stile at the bottom corner of the field.

17. Continue up the hill along the path over a wooden stile at a gateway, and then continue straight on over another wooden stile. The path passes above the farm building before joining the lane. Follow the lane up to Royd Lane.



18. Turn left the right up Royd Moor Hill. After 100 m you will find Royd Moor Hill Viewpoint on the right. The walled enclosure has superb 360-degree views (18). (SE 224 027).

The Royd Moor Hill Viewpoint was completed in 2005. The project was organised by the Penistone and District Society. The stainless-steel disc was designed shaped and polished by John Wade of the Society. It was gifted by steel makers Outo Kumpo of Sheffield.

19. Leave the Viewpoint and turn right up to the junction. Turn left. After 20 m take the footpath on the right. Go straight across the field heading for Royd Moor Reservoir (19). Cross a stile and at the end of the field go over the stone stile by the gate. Head diagonally to the right down to the corner of the field to the wooden gate by the trees.

Royd Moor Reservoir was completed in 1934. It holds 832,000 m³ of water, 19 m deep and has an area of 15 ha. Water is treated at Ingbirchworth Water Treatment Works before becoming drinking water in Barnsley and Penistone.

20. Go up to the path and go right at the reservoir path and after 20 m go left and follow the track past the reservoir. After 200 m go right through a wooden gate away from the reservoir. Follow the path up to Ingbirchworth Lane.
21. Go right down the lane for 150 m. Turn left immediately after the buildings. Go down the lane and past the next group of buildings. The track ends at a wooden gate with a stile to the left (21). Cross the stile and then take the stile immediately to your right.
22. Cross the field keeping the wall to your left. Pass into the next field. Cross the next stile and enter a field with the reservoir to your left and trees ahead. Keep the wall to your right go up to the corner of the walls. Cross the stone stile into the field. Go up the field keeping the wall to your left.
23. After 120 m as the path levels out take the stone stile by the metal gate on your left. Take the path down to the wood. Follow the path by the side of the wood. Cross the bridge over the reservoir outflow. Follow the path up past the Yorkshire Water facilities and up past the houses onto Huddersfield Road.
24. Turn left up the road to the junction with the A629. Cross the A629 and go right along the pavement. After 400 m take the left up the lane toward the house with the large conservatory.
25. After 100 m, just before the house on the right, take the path to the right into the field. Keep the wall to your left as you cross the field. In the corner of the field cross the wooden stile and go up across the field, slightly to the left aiming for the trees.
26. Cross the wooden stile out of the field and go a short distance up the path. At the junction with the next path, go left over a stile into the field. Go up the hill across the field to the right of the power lines pole.
27. Cross the stone stile. Continue in the same direction down a path which crosses a couple of driveways before opening out onto Firs Lane. Go left and after 10 m right over a ladder stile into the field.
28. Go down the field keeping close to the wall on your right. At the corner of the wall cross the wooden stile and take the path that runs along the top of the wall above the fields. Drop down into the trees to cross Cat Hill Clough by the bridge and the go up into the next field.
29. Cross the field aiming to the right of the single tree above the line of trees. Cross the stone stile and then go straight across the field onto Renald Lane. Cross the stone stile and then out into the large field. Aim for the metal gate at the far-right corner of the field.

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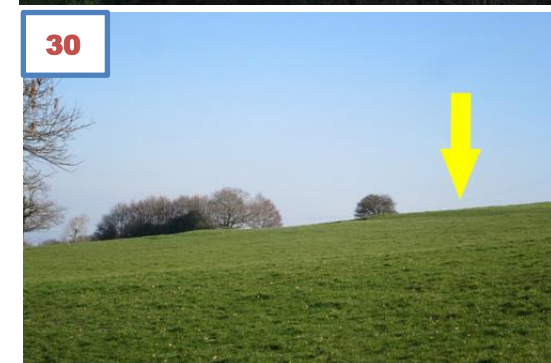
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30. Follow the track towards the housing estate. At the junction with Haigh Head Lane go sharp right up the hill with the field to your right (30). Continue up past the house and swing round to the right then left and over the wooden stile. Continue up hill across the field. Cross one more stile before arriving at the Trig point.

31. From the Trig point go ahead down the hill keeping the wall to your left (31). At the bottom of the field cross a stile diagonally into the next field turning left in the process. Continue across the top of the field with the wall on your left.

32. Drop onto Hamper Lane. Go left for 10 m to find the stile on your right hidden behind the tree. Go across the field aiming to the right of the mobile phone mast. Go round the building to pick up the wooden stile and then continue across the rough ground. Pass through the buildings of Cliffe Kennels. Go down the tarmac lane to the A628 Barnsley Road.

33. Cross the road and go left for 40 m to pick up the footpath into the trees. Pass through the trees and into the field. The path takes a diagonal across the corner of the field back into trees and then out by a layby on the A629. Go left down the A629 for 100 m. Cross the road and go down Steep Lane through High Lea Farm.

34. 100 m after the farmyard the path turns right then left and follows the hedge line to your right down the hill. At the bottom of the field follow the field boundary round to your left for 20 m and then take the path down to the old stone bridge.

Boulder Bridge is a packhorse bridge which was originally built of wood in the C14th. Legend has it that it was rebuilt in stone in the C18th for the cost of 30 pieces of silver.

35. Cross the bridge and take the path up past the recycling centre and onto the road. Continue up the road to Sheffield Road. Turn left and then after 80 m cross at the zebra crossing and go up Green Road. Go under the old railway bridge.

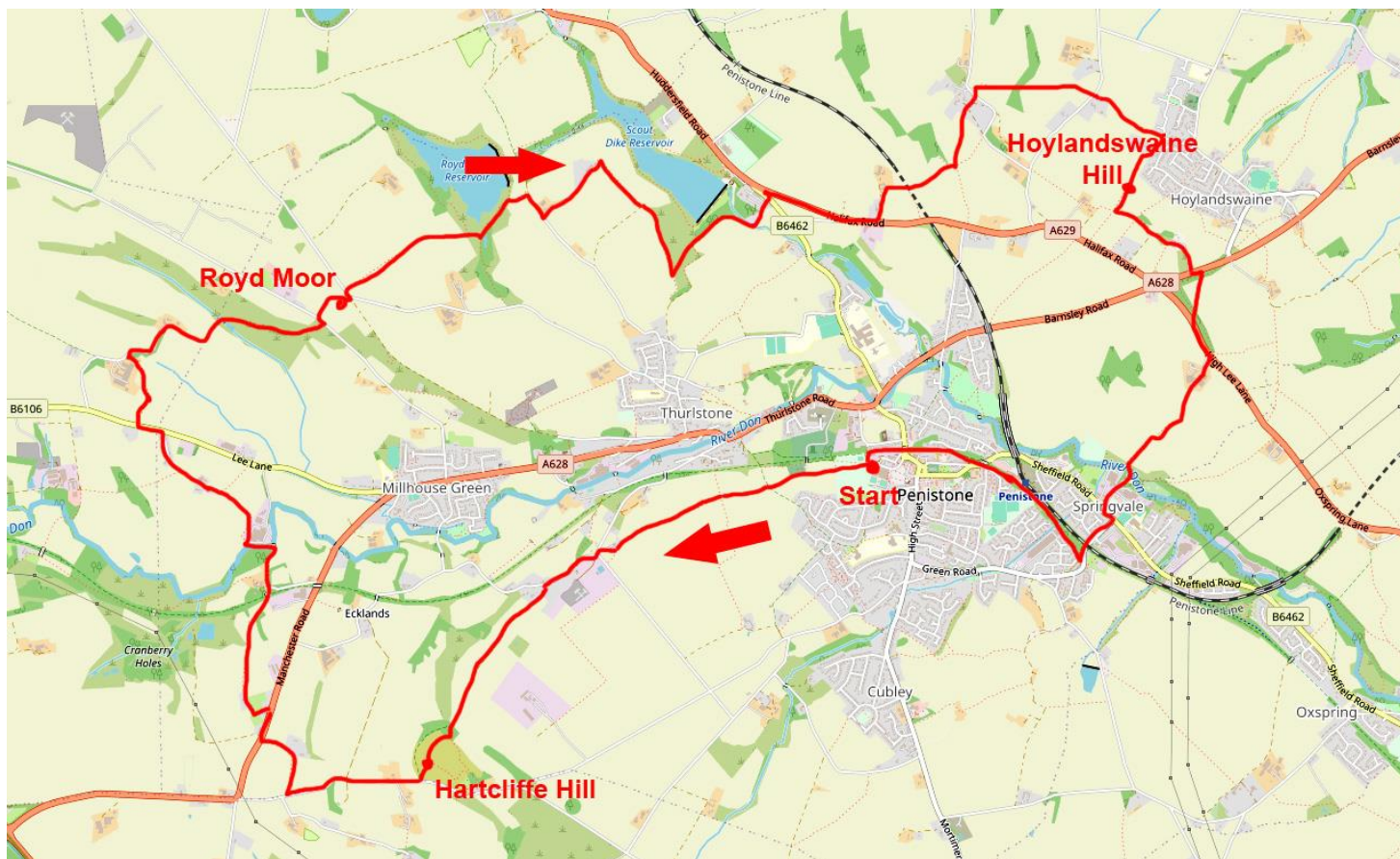
36. After 50 m take the path to the right towards the TPT. After 20 m take the track on the left through the trees. On your left is a tank loading ramp from WW2. At the end of the track there are the remains of the old railway turntable. Join the TPT and go left towards Penistone.

Built in early 1943, this badly overgrown tank ramp is situated on the railway sidings off Green Road. It has been cleared and is maintained by [the Penistone Archive Group](#). It served one specific purpose: to off load or load tanks. The British tanks were probably from Newton Chambers Works, near Chapletown. The works made over 1000 'Churchill' tanks. One of the army Land Masters who oversaw the loading operations was Dennis Healy, who later became Chancellor of the Exchequer in Sir Harold Wilson's Government.

37. Follow the TPT through Penistone. On reaching the Skate Park go left and return to the car park.



View from Hoylandswaine Trig Point (30)



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