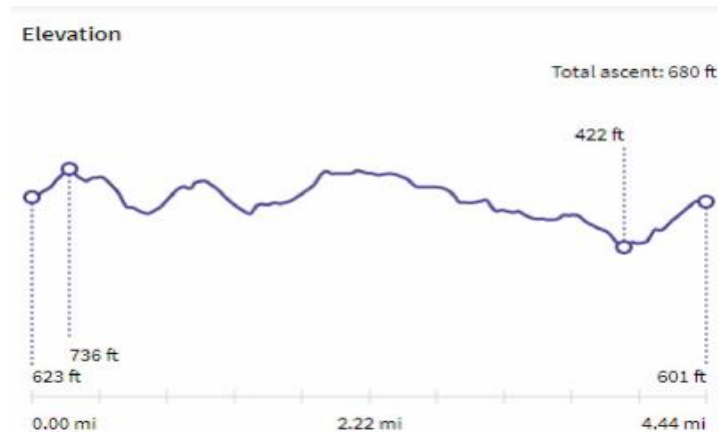


Section 3 – Holymoorside to Cutthorpe (Peacock) – 4.46 miles

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- 1) Leave the checkpoint and pass the obvious entrance to the farm and through a wooden gate keeping the stream and farm on your right. Pass through another gate into a small grass field. Walk across the field to pass a small stone cottage or barn. Go through a gate to the left of the cottage and continue to join a driveway by way of another squeezer stile.
- 2) Turn right and continue ahead. Follow this lane, heading uphill, as it leads towards a property called the Roost. Just before the entrance to this property look for the footpath on your left. Continue on with The Roost on your right.
- 3) Another squeezer takes you into open field. Walk directly ahead towards a marker post at a gap in the trees ahead of you. As you enter the woods go over a small bridge and follow the obvious path winding through the trees.
- 4) At a stone marker post you leave the woods and turn right to walk along the edge of a field with a hedge on your right.
- 5) Shortly you will pass through a wide gateway with an area of woodland coming up on your left. After just a few paces stop and turn to your left. You will see two paths forking away into the trees. Take the right hand fork and walk downhill through the trees.
- 6) To know that you are on the correct path look for the footpath way marker arrow attached to a tree that you will pass on your left after 50m. Continue on downhill. Towards the bottom of the hill you will go down some steps and cross a stream on a small wooden bridge.
- 7) Continue on the obvious path with the stream down to your right. When you come out of the wooded area into an open grass field. Ignore the footpath sign to the right. Instead, follow the field edge with the trees on your right, open field on the left. Continue uphill to the wooden stile.
- 8) After the stile path rises with trees & bushes either side. Continue to pass through a small wooden gate, now walking in woodland with large trees. Path rises up a ramp out of the valley and after crossing a wooden stile you continue on the obvious path to cross another stile onto a driveway.
- 9) Turn right and walk up to the lane where you turn left. Very shortly this lane leads to a busy main road. **BEWARE – MAIN ROAD – TAKE CARE.** Cross the road with care and take the footpath directly in front of you as indicated by the fingerpost. Cross a wooden stile preceded by wooden steps.
- 10) Proceed directly ahead towards the fingerpost across the field. Pass by a tree then continue directly across the next field aiming towards a large tree. Just beyond that pass over a stile in the hedge preceded by a small plank bridge.

- 11) Turn to walk diagonally to your left over the next field. As you come over the brow you will see a wooden stile with large holly bushes to either side. Cross the stile and then bridge.

- 12) After the bridge proceed uphill on a path going through an area of gorse bushes, heading up to an area of trees, and a wooden marker post. You will then pass through a small wooden pedestrian gate and continue with a hedge on your left. In less than 100m you will come to a sequence of two pedestrian gates that you will pass through, again all marked with footpath arrows.
- 13) After about 50m pass through large wooden gate, as if entering the farm, turn left and continue along the lane with farm buildings and house to either side. Walk up the farm lane with hedges to either side.
- 14) After approx 475m and when you reach the farm called The Birches, turn right and walk into the farm yard. Bear left and continue through the farm aware of the signs saying "beware of farm traffic". Pass modern farm buildings on either side until you are following a tarmacked lane leading away from the farm.
- 15) When you reach a metal barrier gate crossing the lane, pass the gate to the left then continue dead ahead. Do not follow the main driveway that turns away to the left. Instead continue straight ahead by walking up the old tarmacked stretch of lane and onto an area of grass passing the property "Buskey Fields" on your right.
- 16) Pass through a gap in a stone wall and then cross the main road. Turn and walk a few paces to your left then follow the footpath marker to the right. Walk up the narrow path with ivy covered wall on the right. Ivy Cottage is on your left. Pass through a small wooden gate and ahead to another pedestrian gate. Continue ahead with a tall hedge on your right, field on your left. After another 100m pass through another gate.
- 17) After less than 50m follow the footpath marker and turn right to cross a stone stile in the wall. Walk diagonally to your left to cross the field.
- 18) At the far corner of the field pass through a V squeezer stile. Continue with wall & hedges on your right. Pass through another V stile and continue for 50m to arrive at a gateway with a stone stile immediately to the left. Pass through the gateway and walk forward allowing the wall ahead to become your right-hand side. You can see water to your left and trees ahead.
- 19) Continue with stone wall on your right walking directly towards woodland. Pass through a squeezer stile to enter the woods. Proceed along the obvious path gently downhill. As you reach the bottom of this slope join the path that takes you over the dam. Stone wall of the dam on your left.
- 20) Once you have crossed the dam turn right and follow the most obvious wide path that takes you through the tall trees. You will be on this path for some 700m with the reservoir down to your right. Keep on this path as it becomes a more hard surfaced lane and turns to the left and rises.
- 21) Continue on the path passing steps off to the left. Head towards and pass through a smaller wooden gate to the left of a larger wooden gate. Proceed to a tarmacked driveway. 15 Metres before a building (**TOILETS AVAILABLE HERE**) TURN 90° left to walk up some steps towards to gap in the wall. Pass through and continue straight ahead along the obvious path through open field.
- 22) Once across the field pass through the gap into the wall to enter the woodland and continue ahead along the obvious path. Shortly after the two "sawn off trees" the path begins to rise. At top of rise you meet a fork in the path. Take the LEFT for and continue towards a gate in the distance.
- 23) When you reach the edge of the wood and shortly before the small wooden gate turn to your right and follow a path out of the woods and into a field. Follow the obvious path across the field towards the Peacock pub car park.

Here you will find Checkpoint 3.
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