

## 26 MILE ROUTE 2018

START NABEND FARM GR SK 076662

### KEY

**R = RIGHT L= LEFT ST= STILE AH= AHEAD**  
**RD= ROAD TK= TRACK GR= GRID REFERENCE**  
**BRG= BEARING LHS= LEFT HAND SIDE**  
**RHS= RIGHT HAND SIDE**

FOLLOW tracks cut in grass up behind the farm **(this next section is on private land for today only)**. After gate go along wall on your **L** up over bank to steel gate. **AH** to next gate then onto **TK** then **L** towards house. Few yards to small gate footpath sign. Wire fence on **L** wall on **R** to **ST**. Down field to footbridge **GR079666** up **H/L** then cross to **ST L** of gate. Go **R** onto track keeping fence on **R** to reach **RD**. Turn **L** on **RD** for 20 yards then **R** on to gravel **TK**.

**AH** for 1/2 mile passing through number double gates on track to pass through Underhill farm yard **GR094661**. Then 200 yards as **TK** swing **L** take the **ST AH** over the wall in the corner by the footpath sign. **AH** same direction wall then fence on **L** passing over wall then to steel gate to a **TK**. Pass through Meadow Farm **GR100653** to reach **RD**.

**R** on **RD** into CRODECOTE then **R** again passing Packhorse Inn **GR101652** on your **L**. Few Yards Bridleway **TK** on **L** before **RD** bridge. Stay on

this **TK** for 1 and half miles down the valley passing through 3 large fields. Follow sign up to pass Pilsbury Castle **GR115639** on your **R**. Gate in wall on **L**. Turn **R** down **TK** wall on your **R** through 2 gates to U bend onto **RD**. **GR SK116635**

**R** Down **RD** to Hartington for the next 2 miles passing gates and farms to reach the village Checkpoint along side village pond

### HARTINGTON CHECKPOINT ONE

**6 miles GR SK 127604**

At the square turn **R** on the **RD**. Look for the toilets **GR128603** on the **L** take the steps to the **L** of the building. Follow the worn **TK** now heading to Berrisford Dale. Through two gates over **TK** follow the waymarkers down the field on faint path to open gate by finger post. Up the bank to marker posts then down to wall and gate into Morson woods **GR128593**. River Dove on your **R** to 1st footbridge **GR128589**, then into BERISFORD DALE

**Note This pool on your left IZAAK WALTON spent many hours here fishing. Author of his book "The Compleat Angler published 1653. (Known as PIKE POOL on map) Gate on right is to BERISFORD HALL used by IZAAK WALTON**

Over footbridge follow the river then **L** over 2nd footbridge **GR SK128586** river now on **R**. Down field to **ST** in wall by footbridge **GR130584**. Do not cross. Continue **ST** down **TK** with river on **R** through Wolfscote Dale then into Dovedale as you pass Biggin Dale **GR142569** on your **L**. **(sign post on left to BIGGIN DALE)**

Pass thro wall/stile **AH** river still on your **R**. Few yards gate in wall look for footbridge **GR143586** on your **R** just above stepping stones. **R** Over this bridge climb up **GYPSY hill** on wooden steps. end of steps good place to view down the valley. Follow the **TK** to stone steps over wall. On to worn track around the bank to 2nd gate.

Follow way marker up 2 fields in the direction of farm **GR137563** to a gate by footpath sign then along wall to gate into farmyard. **AH** onto **TK** passing 4 gates to "T" junction on a walled **TK**. Turn **L** to **RD**. **R** on **RD** into Alstonefield village turn **L** at **GR SK131556** junction then **AH** to the George Pub on your **R**. Down the **RD** pass the post office stores. Over the next junction onto a **TK L** of the Old School **GR129555** now The Village Hall. Gate into playing field turn **L** into Car park.

### ALSTONEFIELD CHECKPOINT TWO

**11 miles GR SK 128555**

Return back to playing field. **L** down field to corner gate under tree. Continue down the next two fields to **RD**. Over **RD** go to **R** of the tree then **AH** through three gates along hedge. **AH** on **R** to gate by finger post then cross corner to gate **ST** on the **R**. Over the bank to two **STs** then up field to **ST** onto **RD**. **GR119554**

Over the **RD** up field keeping to **R** of group of trees then go **L** trough in wall. Down field wall on **R** to stone **ST** facing you by finger post cross then wall on **L**. Path swing to the **R** corner field to stile in wall then onto **RD**. **GR115552** Turn **R** on **RD** into Wetton village. At **RD** junction turn **R** then sharp **L** (signpost TOILETS). **GR109551**

After passing toilets turn **R** at **RD** junction then at next **RD** junction turn **L** after farm. Few yards see **TK GR106552** (signpost THORS CAVE) turn **L** here onto **TK** down to gate across **TK ST** on **R**. Few yards stone **ST** over wall on **R**. Keeping wall on **L** down field on worn **TK** to wooden gate. Stay on this **TK** which swings to the **L** to the Cave **GR SK098549** (Worth a look inside if you have the time). Continue down the steps **L** near the bottom onto a footbridge **GR098551** onto the Manifold Track. Turn **R** on **TK** for 1/4 mile to reach **RD** after bridge

**WETTON CAR PARK CHECKPIONT THREE**  
**15 Miles GR SK 098556.**

**AH** on **RD** for 1/4 mile to Wetton Mill Farm **GR095560** just before the bridge turn **L** on **RD** (signpost BUTTERTON) few yards gate and **ST** on **L** into Waterslacks field (do not go up the **RD**) **AH** along the valley with River Hoo on your **L** to reach bridge **GR087555**. Before the bridge turn **R** up the hill though gate then **ST**/gate to reach the road **GR086561**.

(Now heading due north for next 2 miles to reach Warslow.)

Over lane thro 2 gates **AH** to pass down **L** of Wallacre Farm **GR SK086563**—thro gate over **TK** then wall **ST**—down next two fields to pass **L** of trees to corner to a gate—cross to steel gate by finger post then follow direction on worn track on grass down into a gully.

Cross over stepping stone to gate—**AH** up the bank hedge on **R** to gate at the top—cross to next gate then onto a gravel **TK** by a cattle grid—**L** on **TK** through gate to pass Clayton House **GR086573** then onto lane top of Swainsley Bank.

Cross **RD** thro gate down the gully go **L** at the bottom over footbridge **GR085577**. Up field hedge on **R** to gate then **TK** to house. Here path swings to the **L** around the garden then **L** down the drive to reach lane. **AH** up to the top find **RD GR087586**

**At the top of School lane see old stocks on the left corner steel clamps for the legs and stone block to sit upon.**

**R** on **RD** into Warslow—few yards to reach LEEK ROAD junction **GR087586** go **L** to footpath sign just after pub **GR SK085588** turn right --- along boundary fence to school —cross **ST** hedge on **R** to **ST** --- **H/L** cross gully upto steel gate ---cross to **R** of old barn then fence in gully

**GR083593 Do not take gate**

Take path **R** up the field to left large tree find gate on the **L**—down field **L** of barn find gate in fence—cross field to pass Upper Brownhill Farm **GR086594** to gate in corner—**AH** down drive to reach **RD**—cross **RD** down drive into

**WARSLOW HALL CHECKPIONT FOUR**  
**GR SK091594 19 Miles**

Return back to the **RD**—go over up the drive towards Upper Brownhill Farm **GR086595**

**DO NOT ENTER FARMYARD** go **R** at large trees just **R** of farm to find wicket gate.

Down to **R** of Barn to gate—bear **R** towards house **BRG290** to stone **ST** at Steps Farm **GR083595**—thro red gate into yard then to 2nd red gate then go **R** around building on your **RHS**

into gully find plank then steps in corner of the field.

Up the steps and bank thro a gate then down hedge on **R**—**AH** to pass Hayes Cottage **GR083596** on **RHS**—take 2<sup>nd</sup> stile **L** of wooden gate.

**L** few yards to next wooden gate—Diagonally **BRG315** (half left across open field) to corner wall in field—same direction **AH** to **L** of Ruin Head Hayes Farm **GR SK081599**.

**L** in old yard with building on **R** to gateway then **R** down walled grass **TK**—2<sup>nd</sup> gate **ST** then into Hayes Farm yard **GR SK082602**.

**L** up drive thro 2 gates past Reveridge Woods then **R** at junction over cattle grid onto Tarmac **RD**—**R** down to past Cockoo Stones **GR SK078607** then to a **RD** junction

At junction go **R** on **RD** for 200yds steel gate on **L** **GR SK079611** — **L** onto a drive for few yds then **R** on **TK**—**AH** down passing 5 gates (after last 3 together) 100yds track **GR SK074616** bends to **R** go **L** down wall on to footbridge over Blake Brook. **GR SK074616**

End of bridge turn **R** over **ST**—**L** up next two fields first wooden gate then metal gate **ST** f/path sign on **R** **GR SK072618**

**AH BRG 300** (turn half left as direction of post head to **R** farm)—passing **L** large tree middle of field to reach wire fence.

Keep fence on **L** into **L** corner to two wicket gates **GR SK069621**

**AH** up field hedge on **L** to gate then into the 2 paddocks for Boosley Grange **GR SK068625**—after 2<sup>nd</sup> **ST** then **L** to pass along back of barn on **LHS** few yards to hedge. **GR SK068625**

Turn **R** down the bank to find footbridge **GR SK069626** in the bottom corner—**AH** up 2 fields with hedge on **L** thro 2 wicket gates then up between two stones posts then **ST** **L** of pole, then onto **ST** into Hall Hill Farm.

**CHECKPIONT FIVE HALL HILL**  
**GR SK070632 23½ Miles**

Down the drive to reach the road **GR SK068633**. **AH** down Coalpit Lane opposite (**Beware cars**) cross over the lane down to pass SHINING FORD **GR SK064638** over small bridge then 100yds **ST** **GR SK064639** on **R**. Keep wall on **R** to **ST** in corner **R** of gate. **AH** to **R** of pole to corner wall keeping wall on **L** heading to Harding booth farm **GR SK067644**. **L** thro gate by path sign follow markers above farm building to gate then down steps to **RD**

**R** on **RD** few yds to lane **GR SK068644** --- then **L** few yds then over cattle grid **AH** up to the top of the **RD** junction. **GR 063654**

At the junction few yards see stone **ST** over wall continue thro 5 fields to reach tarmac lane turn **R**. After house **AH** onto gravel Stoney **TK** (**BEWARE LOOSE STONES**) down the bank

At the bottom turn **R** to pass house then onto **RD** into Hollinsclough **GR065665**. Go **L** then sharp **R** at Junction to pass school on your **L**.

As you pass THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE **GR066665** go **R** by footpath sign, then go **L** around shed to gate. Down field keep hedge on **L** to **ST** then cross footbridges **GR070664** then **ST** onto lane.

**R** on lane up to Nabend Farm on **L** and

**FINISH 26 MILES**

**TOTAL ASCENT 3481 FEET**