

# TWO CROSSES CIRCUIT

ENTRANT [name]

**MASS START - 8.00AM**  
**RUNNERS/WALKERS, 18 AND 25 MILES**

**PLEASE WHEREVER POSSIBLE THINK ABOUT SHARING CARS**  
**AS THERE IS RESTRICTED PARKING AT THE START**

Leave youth centre and L up Laurel Street. Cross main road and ahead along unmade road to Moorside Road. Second R and take stile to R of bungalow. Up field, with hedge on L, to stile in top L corner. L through stile, with hedge on R and fence on L, to stile by iron gate. Ahead on track. Then R just after bungalow into field. Follow field boundary and continue with hedge on R over stile by gate. At next stile turn R and ahead to fence at Gorsey Clough around paddock and follow field boundary to road (766 129).

R and immediately L at Four Acre Farm. L behind buildings and ahead over 3 stiles turn immediately left, fence and wall on left, follow to house/road junction 759 129. Turn right on road pass Pack Horse Inn and L down footpath. (The first cross of the circuit, Affetside Roman Cross, is 25m along road past this turning). Through stile into field and ahead to reach road (A676) (737 132). Cross road, and follow track, ignoring the track on your left, continue to steps up to car park and then through car park, continue with reservoir on left. Left over footbridge (736 149), up steps and ahead over stile ahead to road (B639). Turn L to **Checkpoint 1 - Turton Tower (732 151).**

West up track with Turton Tower on R. Cross railway and in 100m R through stile onto track. Ahead on track for about 2 km, and about 50m before reaching B639 the 18 and 25 mile routes split - 25 mile option please go to \*.

*(Check here for 18 mile option).* Turn right down field to road, cross road and onto footpath. Continue on footpath to reach stile, cross stile and cross over minor road to stile opposite. Over this stile, and start to drop down on path into gully, via steps. Turn left into car park, thereafter turn right passing through green gate. After 20 yards turn sharp left down steps to reach road. Turn left on the road, continuing over reservoir dam to reach Camping Barn (Checkpoint 4 - 725 175). Continue on original route at +++ as per 25 mile option (ie miss out next 4 paragraphs).

*\* - 25 mile route only.*

Continue on track to road, L on road and in 300m at end of first forest take footpath on L. Head for top right of field towards pylons. R under pylons and with fence on R follow path to stile by gate. Over stile and ahead to A666 and **Checkpoint 2 - A666 (699 173).**

Over stile and ahead on track through trees. Over next stile, take L at marker post and bear right gradually away from forestry and down to footbridge. Cross bridge and R up path to top of bank. Follow faint path (245°) to join broken wall. Bear left and follow wall to reach stony track (687 167). R on track for 3km to **Checkpoint 3 Track Junction (667 190).**

Turn east up track. Over stile by gate and uphill on track. As track bends sharp left ahead on path up hill to reach wall and finger post (675 191). Through gap in wall, ahead on path (74°) for 200m, bear R (154°) for 350m then L (154°). After 400m R over culvert onto path (not shown on OS map) to track with fence on L (685 185). Over stile and down broad track to

cross the A666 (702 180).

R on road to take first footpath on L in stone wall. Take second fork on R down narrow steps. Turn R and take a L to cross over footbridge. R and follow path with Entwistle reservoir on R to road at end of dam. L uphill for 50m to **Checkpoint 4 - Camping Barn (725 175).**

**+++ 18 mile competitors, return to original route at this point.**

Left from checkpoint to Strawberry Duck. R over railway and in 25m left through small gate downhill. Over stile and descend through tress to cross footbridge. Cross second footbridge then immediately left through trees. Over stile, uphill passing to L of house to join track (731 181). Follow track to road junction then straight across up Moorside Road. As road bends R turn L on track and in 80m bear R to Orrel Cote Farm. Pass to R of buildings **Checkpoint 5 - Barn (740 190).**

Through gate and over stile in R corner of field. Bear R (200°) to grassy track. L on track keeping quarry on left. Keep wall on R, over stile, through gate and over stile to road (746 186). R and first L up farm track keeping to R of buildings. Through gate and uphill (86°) to stile. Over stile and R to join track to reach road (751 183). L on road, over cattle grid and after 20m fork L onto track with 2 concrete strips towards chain link fence. Bear L up track to northern corner of chain link fence by rusting harrow. Bear left (45°) to broken wall corner where 2 stakes 2m apart are lined up on a stake 30m up the moor. From stake on moor bear 40° for 700m then 90° for 500m to base of Bull Hill. Do not ascend Bull Hill but take footpath, narrow but well trodden, initially at 52° to corner of walls by finger post - **Checkpoint 6 - Wall NE of Bull Hill (772 192).**

From checkpoint take path, initially at 122° then bearing 200° uphill past MOD map. Follow path to second cross of the circuit, Pilgrims Cross. From cross follow path 135° to Peel Tower (777 164). Continue past tower 200°, as track bends sharp left take stile on R downhill with fence on left. Ahead at fence corner to stile. Over stile and through wall stile opposite. Keep wall on R to field corner. Cross stone stile, keep wall on left to stile in fence. Over stile and downhill with fence on left. Enter Redisher Wood, path bears L downhill. Continue downhill zig-zag to bridge. Cross bridge, left uphill on track. Pass 5 bar gate, continue on track. Turn R at house (774 155). Continue on track. After about 300m take the left track at the junction with the stables on your right. At a bend in the track, climb over stile on the L, heading down the field to another stile. Over this stile and turn R to follow fence to corner, over stile, passing bungalow on your left take track down to main road (A676). Turn R along road and 200 m to **Checkpoint 7 – Spenleach Lane (767150).**

Cross main road over stile and on to footpath. Follow this footpath on grassy track between hedges. As hedge on R ends bear R (180°) to stile. Over stile, into trees, immediately crossing the stream and go up right bank, continuing ahead to golf clubhouse. Ahead on main track past club house to cross stream and reach Hove Close. Turn R into Larkfield Close, cross road to pass to left of church (777 143). Turn R, cross main road at zebra crossing and L at Bulls Head. Immediately after car park turn R to join disused railway (778 143). Ahead over bridge then under road bridge and in 300m bear R to youth centre and finish.

**WELL DONE!**