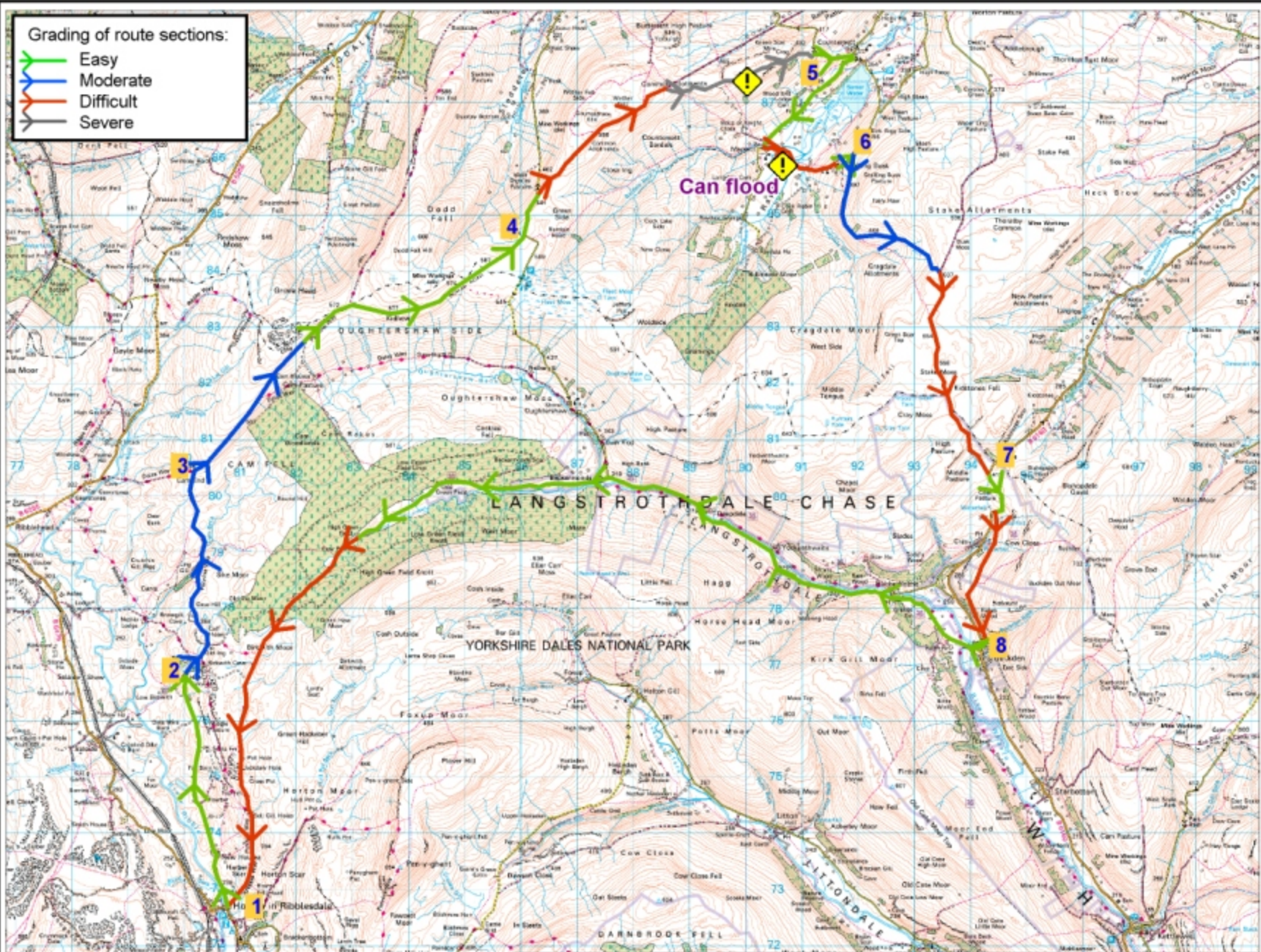


Horton - Over the Stake

Scale 1:90000



Start: Horton or Buckden, GR: SD 808 726 or SD 942 773
Distance: 59km Ascent: 1320m Grade: Severe



Grading of route sections:

- Easy
- Moderate
- Difficult
- Severe

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HORTON – A GRAND DAY OUT

Start and finish	Horton-in-Ribblesdale, SD 808 725. Alternative start at Buckden SD 943 773
Distance	59km (36 miles)
Toilets	Horton, Buckden
Pubs and cafes	Horton, Buckden, Hubberholme
Nearest train station	At Horton-in-Ribblesdale

Don't be put off by the 60km distance – this is doable. The route is on good quick stone tracks and minor roads and you should be able to do a reasonable average speed. But it is a day out – pack plenty of food!

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

1. Turn left out of the car park. Go over the first hump backed bridge and then as road goes sharp left you go straight on. Follow minor tarmac road for 3.5km
2. This then turns to a stone track and climbs to a gate. Go through gate and turn left. Follow this track past a number of interesting caves, and through to a lovely old bridge over a stream. Continue to follow the track as it climbs to a T-junction.
3. Turn right and keep climbing gently. Track becomes a minor tarmac road which you follow through gates to meet more major road.
4. Turn left and then after 600m turn right onto byway track. Follow for 2.5km to where it becomes straight and look for bridleway sign on the right. Follow this lovely technical track down to meet a tarmac road.
5. Turn right and descend to crossroads. Turn right again and follow to small village of Marsett. Cross a stream and follow unmarked track to left. This crosses three fords and then has rough climb to Stalling Busk.
6. Follow road out of village for 300m and then turn right onto obvious byway track. Follow this for 7.5km as it climbs slowly and then crosses Stake Moss, before descending more steeply down to meet a road.
7. Turn right and descend, going round a tight bend, and then turn left onto bridleway to Buckden. Follow this track as it traverses along the valley before a fast rocky descent to Buckden village, which has a pub, shop and cafes.
8. Take the road signed to Hubberholme and follow this quiet tarmac road up the valley for 7km. As you reach Beckermonds the road turns sharp right, you carry on and take a minor road into forest. After High Greenfield farm this becomes unsurfaced forest road. Follow this until you see a gate and track leading out of the forest on the left. Follow this track which includes some great downhill sections back into Horton.