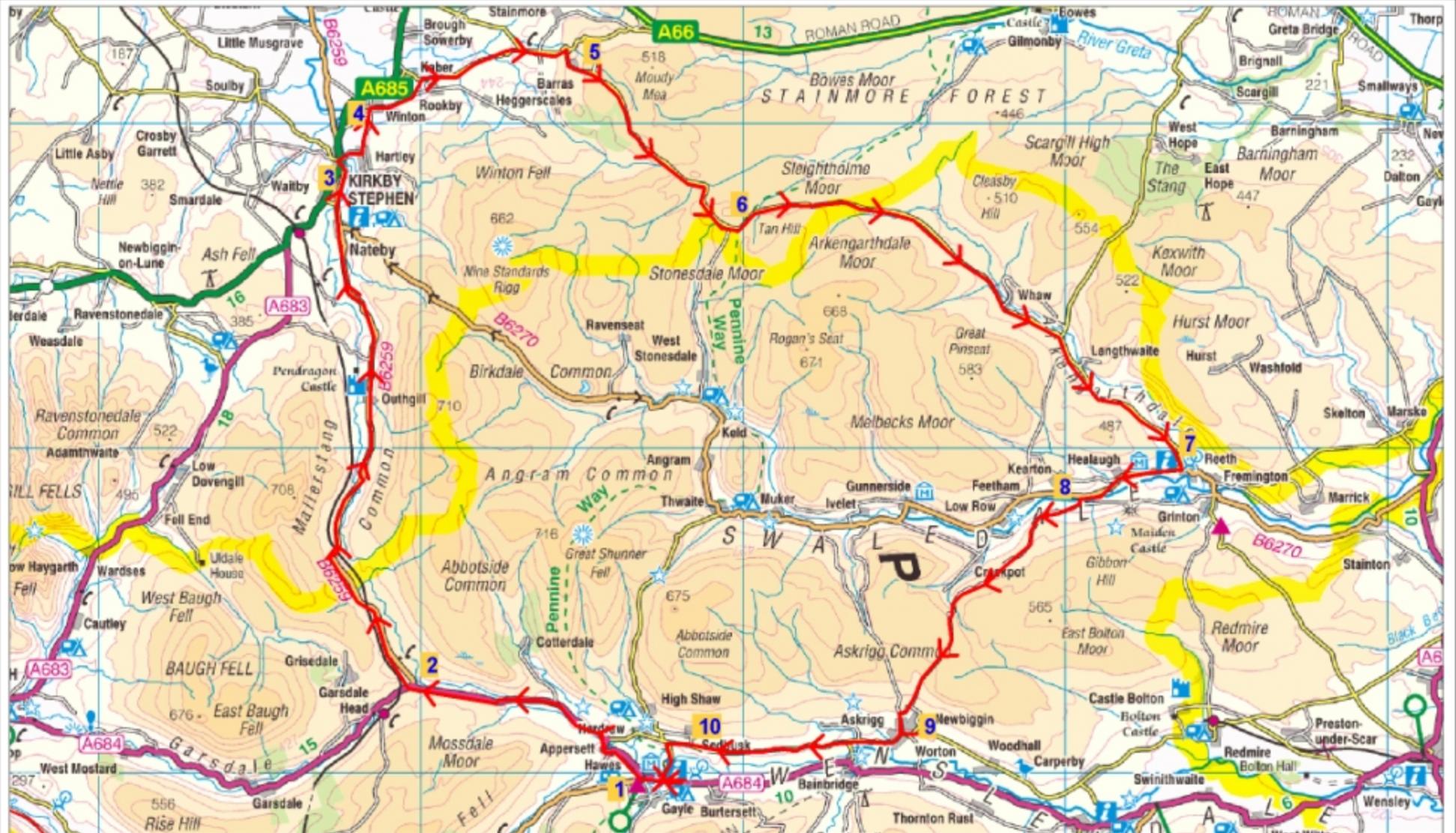


# Tan Hill toughie

Start: Hawes, Kirkby Stephen or Reeth

Distance: 52 miles (86km)

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Start/Finish	Hawes, Kirkby Stephen or Reeth
Distance	52 miles (86km)
Refreshments	Moorcock Inn, Kirkby Stephen, Tan Hill, Reeth and Askrigg
Toilets	At start, Kirkby Stephen and Reeth
Nearest train station	Kirkby Stephen on route

Can't hide the fact that this is tough but likewise the beauty and charms are equally blatant. Lots of climbing as you visit some of the more remote areas of the Dales and the highest pub in England!

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION

1. Turn right out of the car-park and ride through then out of Hawes on the A684 heading to Sedbergh and continue to the Moorcock Inn. This road can be busy at times so please take care.
2. Turn right just after the Moorcock, (signposted **Kirkby Stephen B6259**). Follow the road down the valley along side the Settle Carlisle railway passing by Pendragon Castle. Continue through Nateby and in to Kirkby Stephen.
3. Turn right at the Traffic Lights next to the Temperance Hall in to the town centre. Continue through the Town Centre straight across the first mini-roundabout. Turn right at the second mini roundabout and take the minor road (signposted **Hartley 1/4 mile**). Then turn left at the next T junction (signposted **Winton 1 mile**).
4. Turn right in Winton after the Bay Horse Inn & follow the minor road. Take care as the road is regularly muddy and pot holed. At the next T junction turn left. Turn right at the T junction. Continue up the long and occasionally steep climb to S bends just past Station House.
5. Turn right (signposted **Tan Hill 6 miles**) and continue up the long climb to the highest inn in Great Britain. *At Tan Hill the ride can be shortened by turning right to Keld and back to Hawes over the Buttertubbs Pass.*
6. Continue past the Tan Hill Inn and enjoy the descent to Arkengarthdale and on to Reeth for Café's, pubs and shops.
7. At Reeth follow sign posts for **Gunnarside 6mls B6270** and continue along the valley and through Healaugh.
8. Turn left (signposted **Askrigg 6 1/2 mile**) and continue for a short distance crossing the river Swale. After 100m turn right at the T junction (signposted **Askrigg 6 mile**), and continue up the long and sometimes steep climb. This is a very hard climb for about 7 km. Take care on the long steep decent. Turn left at the T junction as you descend off the hill and continue down the steep drop in to Askrigg.
9. Turn right at the T junction (signposted **Hawes 5 ¼ mile**). Continue through Askrigg and out along the valley.
10. Turn left and continue back in to Hawes.

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