



Langsett & Cut Gate End

A moderate to demanding woodland and low moorland walk, with fine views and the optional tougher extension to the higher moorland once used as a pack-horse highway by the 'Jaggers'

Essential Facts

- Route distance: 8.8 km (5.5 miles)
- Approximate time: 2 hours 45 mins
- Optional extension: 6.4 km (4.0 miles)
- Approx. total ascent: 109 metres (257 metres with the extension)
- Start point Grid Ref: SE 210 004
- GPS Ref: SE 21097 00442
- Recommended O.S. Map: Explorer OL1
- Toughness Rating: Peaks 3

Please see the notes on Toughness Ratings at the end of this report

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THE ROUTE

Start from Langsett Barn car park clearly signposted in both directions at the small village of Langsett. Good parking and toilets are usually available.

Go to the back right hand corner of the car park, the start **S**, and take the footpath marked with a public footpath arrow and also the letter **B**. In 20 metres fork right onto the top footpath also signed with an arrow and letter **B**. Follow the clear path ahead through the pine woods for about 1.6 kilometres, with the reservoir away on your left.

At an open space the path joins a broad track with several way marks **A**. Turn left and in 25 metres where the track splits into three keep right to cross the old packhorse bridge over The Porter or Little Don River. You are now on the old Cut Gate packhorse route. Go through the gate after the bridge and turn left following the track up the edge of the wood emerging onto the moor of Hingcliff Common.

Where a path branches off to the left and there is a post marked YW circular walk, go straight ahead up the moor. You are now rewarded with fine all round views both up towards the Derwent/Little Don watershed and back towards Penistone with Langsett Reservoir at the bottom.

Following the well worn path you come to a Peak District and Northern Counties Footpath Preservation Society sign at **B**. For the shorter route turn left marked Langsett and Penistone. Note this is marked 'right' on the notice because it is designed for coming off the top as you will be if walking the extension.

For the optional route to Cut Gate End cairn, **C**, go straight ahead marked Derwent and Ashop valleys and enjoy wonderful views across the Derwent tops and towards Bleaklow. Allow up to two hours, for the path is rough in places and after wet weather can be boggy near the top, although it is being improved with stone flags. Returning there are superb views into Yorkshire - on a clear day.

From **B** continue down to the ruins of North America Farm, **D**, within a gated stone enclosure. Where the path joins a track turn right and follow it around the reservoir. Shortly after crossing the bridge at Thickwoods Brook pass through a metal gate and immediately turn left onto the small Yorkshire Water concession path alongside the reservoir.

Entering woodland the path crosses two small wooden bridges and then angles up and away from the water. Halfway up after a few steps you see a ruined wall. Follow the path alongside the wall emerging via wooden gate onto a public bridleway at **E** and turn left. At minor road again turn left and cross the dam wall to Langsett.

At the junction with the A616 the Waggon and Horses pub is on your left. Walk carefully round the pub into the village square and, if not entering the pub which welcomes walkers, follow a small road between the cottages and the dam which leads to the public toilets and car park, **S**.



The Cairn at Cut Gate End



Manor House at Langsett



Near The Start at Langsett

Refreshment

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| Waggon and Horses Public House Langsett. Tel: 01226 763147 Meals, bar snacks. Walkers welcome | Ye Olde Mustard Pot Pub Restaurant Mortimer Road, Midhopestones Tel: 01226 761155 17C Country Inn. A la carte and bar food |
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Ye Olde Mustard Pot Inn

LOCAL INFO

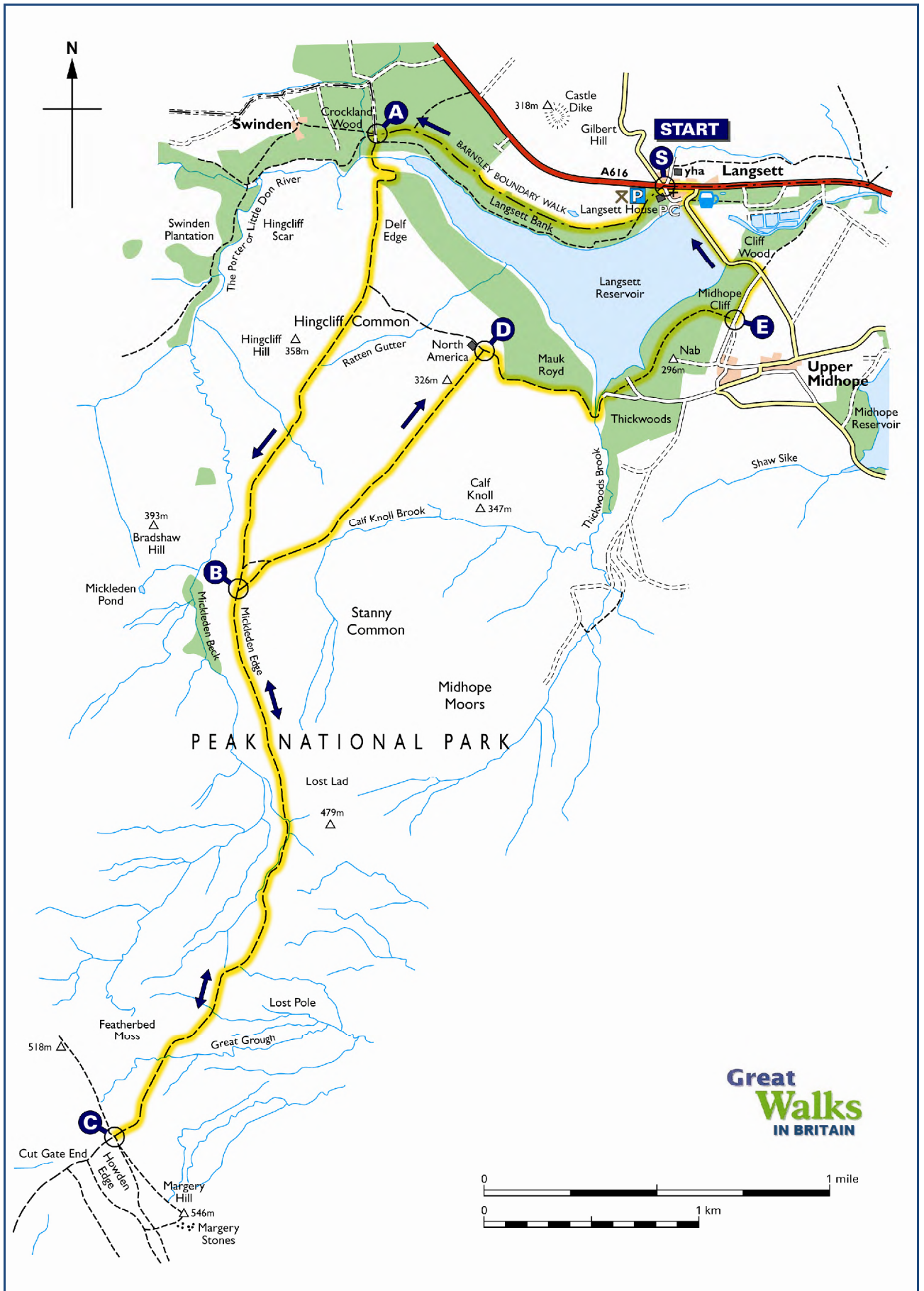
No Satisfaction for the Jagger ?

The packhorse route between the Pennine market town of Penistone and the Cheshire Plain wound its way over the top of Kinder Scout, via Cut Gate, into the Derwent Valley and onwards to Edale and Hayfield. With modern roads it is difficult to visualise that you are on the shortest route by foot, or hoof, which was once a well trodden highway.

The packhorse men, or 'Jaggers', would bring in Cheshire salt and manufactured goods, and then take out produce from the hill farms. With a train of up to 20 horses, they would be in Ashopton (now under the waters of Ladybower Reservoir) in the Derwent Valley one day and Hayfield, via Jaggers Clough near Edale, the next. After unloading they would be returning almost straight away, winter and summer.

LANGSETT & CUT GATE END G.P.S. WAYPOINTS

| WAYPOINT NAME | MAP REF | CO-ORDINATES | | | ELEVATION: Metres |
|------------------|------------|--------------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| LAN 1 | S | SE | 21097 | 00442 | 269 |
| LAN A | A | SE | 19781 | 00731 | 284 |
| LAN B | B | SK | 19181 | 98713 | 378 |
| LAN C | C | SK | 18575 | 96060 | 526 |
| LAN D | D | SK | 20288 | 99720 | 321 |
| LAN E | E | SK | 21468 | 99861 | 282 |



| MAP LEGEND | | | | | |
|------------|----------------------|--|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | Great Walks route | | Church with tower | | Spot height - metres |
| | M6 Motorway | | Church with spire | | Information centre |
| | A23 Main road | | Other place of worship | | Parking |
| | B2116 Secondary road | | Cathedral / Abbey | | Public convenience |
| | Minor road | | Building | | Public house |
| | Other road | | Built up area | | Picnic site |
| | Track | | Woodland | | Camp site |
| | Footpath | | Sand, shingle or mud | | Major tourist feature |
| | Bridleway | | Water feature | | Other tourist feature |
| | National trail | | | | |
| | Railway | | | | |

Safety First

Safety should always be your first priority in planning and undertaking a walk, whether on your own or leading a group. Please read these Safety First and Walking Our Routes notes.

Lead a group of other walkers only if you have leadership and navigational experience adequate for the 'worst case' conditions which may be encountered on the particular walk, bearing in mind the terrain, possible weather and navigational demands.

Weigh up the capabilities of your party, in terms of fitness and walking speed. Adjust your time expectations accordingly.

Ensure all your party are adequately clothed for the weather and conditions. Footwear is particularly important. Clothing must protect against cold, wet or strong sun according to the time of year.

Emergencies are quite rare, but it is essential to think ahead about what to do if someone in your party sustains an injury. Will you have a First Aid kit? Is there a qualified First Aider in the party? How could help be summoned in a serious eventuality?

Refreshment, particularly water, can be vital. Dehydration in hot summer conditions can be rapid, and frequent intake of fluids is essential.

On tougher walks it is a good idea to tell someone where you are planning to go – and when you expect to be back. Remember - mobile phones often lose reception in mountainous or isolated areas.

All our walks use legitimate routes: Public Rights of Way, Public Footpaths, Bridleways, Permissive Paths, Access Land, Byways and Roads.

Road walking calls for particular care. When there is no defined footpath or verge wide enough for safe walking it is usually best to walk on the right – facing oncoming traffic. An exception may be a tight bend, where walkers would be more visible on the left.

Occasionally you may find a public footpath blocked or unuseable. It is perfectly in order to take the shortest available diversion without damaging crops, perhaps around a field margin.

It is courteous to close gates after passing through, sometimes even if the gate was open when you arrived – particularly if it is obvious livestock may escape.

Mutual respect for farm animals is to be encouraged! Don't frighten or annoy them, but equally don't put your party members in danger or discomfort. You certainly wouldn't be the first walkers to go round the outside of a field of frisky bullocks.

Dogs should always be kept on a lead anywhere near farm animals, and under close supervision elsewhere in the countryside.

Walking Our Routes

Our walks are designed to be negotiated using the route directions in conjunction with the map section provided. We suggest walkers also take the Ordnance Survey Explorer or Outdoor Leisure map recommended for each walk.

On mountain, moorland and open heathland walks it is **ESSENTIAL** to have navigational expertise and tools, including the recommended Ordnance Survey map(s).

Take care to observe any cautions in the route description; exposed paths, areas liable to flooding etc.

Consider conditions before setting off. Will heavy rain have made a water meadow impassable? Will frost or snow make a path slippery?

When navigating the route look for clues to confirm you are in the right place. Are map features where you would expect on the ground? Are features mentioned in the text where expected? If you suspect you may have taken a wrong turn, take action sooner rather than later. It is better to re-trace to a known point rather than carry on regardless with the possibility of becoming increasingly confused.

All our routes are carefully checked before publication, but features can change on the ground – sometimes surprisingly quickly. Footpaths may be re-routed, buildings can appear or change significantly and these days pub names seem to change frequently.

The approximate time given for each walk is based on an average walking speed of 2.5 miles per hour (4 km/hour), plus an allowance for ascent, descent and any difficult terrain.

Total ascent is the approximate total ascent over the whole walk.

GPS users can enter in the waypoints provided in each of our walk reports. It is important to read our guide **Introducing GPS for Walkers**, available as a PDF file from the Great Walks in Britain web site.

Remember that GPS is a great navigational tool, but only one of those available to the navigator. Never dispense with conventional map and compass – and the training and skills to use them, especially on mountain, moorland or open heathland walks.

TOUGHNESS RATINGS

Most of our **Peak District** routes can be undertaken by reasonably fit walkers able to utilise the map segments and our recommended Ordnance Survey maps, together with the route guidance notes.

The toughest walks should be undertaken or led only by experienced mountain walkers with navigational expertise. Always consider recent and forecast weather.

Each walk has been allocated a **Toughness Rating**:

1. Easier walks with modest ascent and generally on well defined paths. There may be stiles or narrow gateways to negotiate.
2. Routes which are more demanding. They may include more ascent and possibly paths which are looser or more difficult underfoot.
3. More strenuous walks. There may be prolonged steep ascents, and perhaps several ascents over the whole walk. Conditions may be challenging underfoot.
4. The toughest walks, requiring considerable fitness and navigational experience. There may be prolonged steep ascents. The ability to navigate by compass may be essential.

Toughness Ratings are allocated in the context of the terrain in the edition area. For example a walk rated as demanding in Cambridgeshire may be equivalent to an easier or moderate route in the Peak District.