

GOYT VALLEY CHALLENGE SHORT ROUTE

Distance 14.3 miles

Take care when crossing and walking on busy roads. Use pavements wherever possible.

Turn Right (TR) Turn Left (TL)

1. On leaving **Buxton Community School (SK 053 726)** **TR** onto College Road (**SK 054 726**).
2. Follow College Road until you reach Green Lane (**SK 055 725**). Cross the road (not busy but take care in crossing) to a footpath/track opposite and follow this track for a few metres. **TR** onto a footpath (**SK 056 724**).
3. Steady climb uphill to Solomons Temple via High Plantation Woodland. As you start to climb you come to a T junction, turn right, then shortly after taking a left through the woods. Take the path up to the left, through the gate and keep climbing through the stile and then you will see Solomons Temple. Proceed to the Temple.

Make sure you register your wristband at the Temple.

4. At the top, bear right to a footpath on open ground, keeping the wall on your left. Take the left-hand path / track via the wooden stile / open gate and continue straight ahead, going slightly uphill (ignore the path to the left) Go through the gate and bear left taking the path through the woods. Go through the next gate and continue straight on (parallel to road). Bear left near the end of the path to the tarmac drive (**SK 043 719**), go left over the cattle grid and out to Grin Low Road (**SK 043 718**).
5. **BUSY ROAD BE CAREFUL** when you cross the road. Continue straight onto the track towards Anthony Hill. Eventually reaching a disused reservoir on your right (hidden). Keep the wall of the disused reservoir on your right.
6. Cross the small bridge and **TR** onto a small grassy path (**SK 045 711**).

7. Continue on this grassy path and **TR** onto another small path across a small stream and enter the conifer wood, (called Dangerous woods) through a metal gate. (**SK 046 703**).

8 Follow gravel path through the woods and **TL** on reaching tarmac track.

9 Continue along tarmac track. At the crossroads go straight passing the traffic light. **TR** at the Public Footpath signpost through small metal gate and follow the track (woods on right, wall on left)

10. On reaching a signpost (**SK 050 698**) **TR** and follow the green/white marker posts on a broad path uphill to gate at road (**SK 048 693**) (Ignore the metal gate at the top and bear right to keep following the markers) At the road **TR** and go down the road for 0.1ml and **TL** and go down the driveway to Fairhorn Farm (marked byway) (ignore the track on the left which says "no access to Buxton Racetrack")

(Ignore the footpath arrows and do NOT go through the gap in the wall)

Go past the front of the house and **bear right** uphill to gate. Go through the gate and follow the path with the brook on your left to a bridge, **TL** across the bridge (**SK 038 695**) and then go uphill, through the gate and **TR** up the tarmac road.

11. Continue uphill to the A53. **BUSY ROAD BE CAREFUL**. Cross the road and enter the disused section of the A53, opposite, behind a mound of earth to find

CHECKPOINT 1 (SK 034 698).

12. After 100m take the stile (**SK 034 697**) and continue uphill on the track to the tarmac road.

13 **Bear left** along the tarmac road. This road is narrow so be **extra careful** when traffic approaches.

14 Ignore the first gate on your right and continue for approximately half a mile, near to Dane Head, to **TR** through a gate (**SK 028 703**).

15 **Bear left** onto a grassy track Northwards over Axe Edge Moor reaching a stony track **bearing right** to emerge onto the A54 road. (**SK 029 713**). Cross the road to the stile opposite. **BUSY ROAD BE CAREFUL**.

16 Cross the stile keeping with the clear path until you reach a stile, **TL** onto a stony track for a few yards and then **TR** over stile. (**SK 027 721**).

17 Approx. third of a mile **bear left** by a short wooden post (**SK 026 726**).

18 Pass signpost "Berry Clough" and descend, forking to the left, on a rough stony footpath through the Clough for about one mile to the River Goyt.

19. **Cross the first wooden footbridge. TR** onto the tarmac road.

20 After 0.5 miles, passing "no entry" road signs, there is a finger post set back from the road called "Riverside Walk" (**SK 011 735**). **TR** down the steps to follow the river path for 0.4 miles to tarmac road.

21 Cross over the tarmac road and go around locked gate opposite and follow the stony track for third of a mile to a signpost at path junction. **TR** and descend to Errwood Hall Car Park to find

CHECKPONT 2 (SK 012 748).

22 On leaving the checkpoint and proceed north along the road, with the reservoir on your right (footpath available on the left in places). Approx. half a mile **TR** and follow the road across the dam to the other side.

23 On the other side do not enter the Sailing Club but follow the tarmac road and go uphill until you see a footpath sign on your right at a layby, **TR** at footpath sign. (**SK 020 756**).

24 With Bunsal Cob on your right, continue 0.6 miles straight ahead on this footpath, (**Do not take lower path by the wall**) through pine woods and

pastures to reach footpath sign at junction. (**SK 015 748**).

Take the wider track on your left that ascends and follow this reaching

CHECKPOINT 5 on Goyt's Lane Car Park (SK 023 751).

25 Leave the checkpoint and return to and follow the old railway line for approximately one mile.

26 Just before the closed tunnel **TL (SK 030 741)** at the signposted path to Buxton/ Bishops Lane and proceed uphill towards Beet Wood. Keep to the footpath as it bears right over boggy ground to a gate in the wall to the right of the wall.

27 After the gate descend on the footpath steeply through Beet Woods. The path forks into two paths take the left fork (**safer option**) (**SK 035**

737) to descend down to some steps onto the tarmac road Bishop's Lane. **TR** onto Bishop's Lane

28 Passing Plex Lodge continue along Bishops Lane for approximately 1/2 mile: **bear right** onto Nursery Lane and pass Burbage Institute on the right

(SK 044 730).

29 Continue passing the cemetery on your right. At the crossroads continue **straight** over the A53 and the B5059 **BUSY ROADS BE CAREFUL.**

30 Proceed along Duke Street and **bear left** onto Green Lane (**SK 045 728**).

31 Proceed along Green Lane for approximately ½ mile. Cross Temple Road and eventually you will see Buxton Community School on your left. Continue and then **TR** into College Road and back to the entrance to the school where you started.

CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING THE GOYT VALLEY CHALLENGE