

DOVEDALE DIPPER

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TRAIL RACE & CHALLENGE WALK

Written Route Instructions

15-mile Route - The Little Dipper

This document contains written instructions for following the Dovedale Dipper **15-mile** route, which goes in an anti-clockwise direction.

They should be used in conjunction with a good quality and detailed map of the area showing rights of way, areas of open access land etc. 1:25,000 scale is recommended.

They are a reflection of how things looked like on the ground at the time they were prepared, but please bear in mind that things can change over time.

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Dovedale Dipper: Section 1A: Hartington to Revidge (15-mile route only)

Acc Distance from last CP (km)	Instruction	Distance to next instruction (m)
0	From the START at Hartington Village Hall go uphill and after 20 metres turn left to head down Church Street towards the pump in the village centre.	140
0.1	Go straight on to take lane to the left of the cheese shop .	200
0.3	Turn right just before new houses to follow public footpath signposted Sheen .	390
0.7	Go through squeeze stile and small gate and continue on footpath as it goes diagonally right downhill towards bottom of valley .	230
1.0	Cross metal footbridge and continue on footpath straight uphill to gate at top of field.	180
1.1	Cross farm track and take footpath straight on uphill.	60
1.2	Continue straight on uphill as footpath goes through a small gully with gorse growing either side.	140
1.3	Go through gate at top of hill and continue straight on across field.	100
1.4	Go through gateway and follow concrete track down into valley and up to farm on the far side.	660
2.1	Go straight on bridlway between farm buildings to reach a road.	120
2.2	Turn right along the road for a short distance.	60
2.3	Turn left to go over stile and follow footpath, with stone barn on your left , to continue downhill across fields beyond.	350
2.6	At a small gate bear left to take public footpath diagonally left across the next field.	120
2.8	Go through small gate and follow footpath along left hand side of field between solitary tree on a small rise and the left hand boundary of the field.	270
3.0	Continue straight on down other side of hill, keeping to the left hand side of the field.	270
3.3	Just before path starts to drop steeply, bear right to join a track going downhill to a road.	90

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3.4	Turn right to follow road for a short distance.	70
3.5	Just beyond Clough Head Farm take public footpath signposted with a finger post on the left and head diagonally right downhill across two field to reach a road.	200
3.7	Go through small gate and turn left to follow road.	350
4.0	At t-junction cross road (with CARE) and go over stile opposite to continue straight on footpath.	360
4.4	At top of second field since road bear right to go through gate and continue on footpath as it goes diagonally up towards farm.	360
4.7	Go straight on through farm yard and cross road (with CARE) to continue uphill in same direction on road opposite.	1070
5.8	At the t-junction at the end of the road, turn left to follow road.	350
6.1	Bear left to follow lane with public footpath sign and head gradually uphill past houses.	480
6.6	Go through gate to right of cattle grid to arrive at Checkpoint 3 (Revidge) . <i>This is the first checkpoint on the 15-mile route.</i>	

Distances are approximate.

TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MAP OF THE AREA

Dovedale Dipper: Section 4(1): Revidge to Wetton (Both 26-mile and 15-mile routes)

Acc Distance from last CP (km)	Instruction	Distance to next instruction (m)
0	From Revidge (Checkpoint 3) take the right hand fork in the track to continue up hill .	600
0.6	Continue on track over the brow of the hill and down the other side.	250
0.9	Go through gate and continue down hill through trees with wall on your right.	300
1.2	DO NOT go through stile straight ahead. Bear left to continue alongside the wire fence to second gate.	50
1.2	Turn right to go through smaller gate and head towards squeeze stile and another gate just beyond.	100
1.3	Bear left to follow footpath through pedestrian gate next to a ruined building , and continue along right hand side of field. Will almost certainly be boggy just beyond gate.	100
1.4	Go through gate near house and turn right to follow stony track (signposted to Warslow).	460
1.9	At end of track turn left to follow road downhill towards Warslow village. Take CARE as no pavement for the first 200 metres.	730
2.6	At t-junction turn left to follow pavement along Cheadle Road for a short distance.	80
2.7	Cross road with CARE to take footpath on right just before first house along road, and head in the direction of stone barn in the near distance.	250
2.9	About 80 metres before stone barn , go through squeeze stile on left near wall corner and continue on footpath downhill with wall on your right.	80
3.0	At end of wall continue straight on with the hedgerow of small trees on your right.	180
3.2	Follow footpath as it bends right between trees and the immediately left to head diagonally right down hill.	90
3.3	Continue on path in same direction as it passes between remains of a wall and continues diagonally down hill. Take CARE as path steepens and becomes rocky underfoot. May be slippery if wet .	130
3.4	Go down steep steps and turn right to follow road.	120
3.5	At t-junction at end of road turn right and then, after a few metres , turn left up steep track with public footpath sign.	140

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3.7	Continue in same direction past gothic house with copper steeple and into yard beyond.	60
3.7	Follow path to left of derelict outbuildings , under archway and through gap on left hand side of gate.	20
3.7	Turn left to go over stile, through small gate and straight on path up very steep hill , with fence/trees on your left. The path zig-zags at times to make the gradient less steep.	230
4.0	As the gradient starts to ease, continue past stone building on your left towards (BUT NOT THROUGH) large gate ahead.	60
4.0	Turn right to go uphill on path between wall and small enclosed area (old mine workings). Enjoy the panoramic views as you climb.	170
4.2	Go through gate and take public footpath straight on (NOT the concession path heading up to the right) .	240
4.4	Go through gap between fence and wall and continue straight on footpath, ignoring the path going diagonally right.	110
4.6	Continue straight on footpath.	130
4.7	Continue to follow public footpath signs as it bears slightly right towards right hand corner of field.	170
4.9	At the junction of lots of paths continue straight on the path between the wall and remains of building. Signposted Lees Farm & Wetton .	330
5.2	On reaching road, turn left to head steeply downhill on the road.	80
5.3	Continue downhill on the road as it bends sharply to the left .	90
5.4	Next to driveway down to house, turn very sharp right to take footpath into woodland.	90
5.4	Turn left to continue on path through gate and downhill into bottom of valley . <i>You are heading for the path up between two hills on the far side of the valley, diagonally to your right.</i>	220
5.7	Go through small gate at bottom of hill and continue on footpath as it bears left over decrepid sections of boardwalks, and then diagonally right uphill on far side of small clump of trees.	670
6.3	Near corner in the wall on your right, continue straight on uphill on footpath, with wall on your right.	200

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Dovedale Dipper: Section 4(2): Revidge to Wetton (Both 26-mile and 15-mile routes)

Acc Distance from last CP (km)	Instruction	Distance to next instruction (m)
6.5	Go through gate and continue on footpath which goes diagonally across fields and begins to climb over the shoulder of a hill.	470
7.0	Go through small gate and squeeze stile, and continue on footpath towards Wetton village.	350
7.4	On reaching the road continue straight on downhill past the Royal Oak pub on your right.	220
7.6	Arrive at Checkpoint 4 (Wetton) , situated at a right turn junction signposted Grindon . Note: The 26-mile and 15-mile routes split at this point and go in different directions.	

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Dovedale Dipper: Section 5A: Wetton to Milldale (15-mile route only)

Acc Distance from last CP (km)	Instruction	Distance to next instruction (m)
0	From the Checkpoint 4 (Wetton) continue in same direction on road (Ashbourne Road) and follow it as it bends left to leave the village (signposted Alstonfield & Ilam).	490
0.5	Go through small gate on the left and follow footpath which heads diagonally right across field.	190
0.7	Go through small, hard to spot, squeeze stile in corner where walls meet (prior to gate through wall just around the corner), and bear left to follow footpath down left hand side of field .	310
1.0	Cross minor road and continue downhill on footpath in same direction .	150
1.1	Go though gate, cross farm track and continue on footpath signposted Alstonfield .	210
1.4	Continue on footpath through a small valley and continue straight on uphill towards Alstonfield .	130
1.5	Cross minor road and continue uphill on footpath in same direction .	300
1.8	Continue across playing field to gate in far left hand corner , beyond the children's play area	190
2.0	Go through gate and straight on along track to reach the road, next to the village hall.	110
2.1	Go straight on along the road straight ahead , and continue through the village on that road.	200
2.3	At t-junction turn right along road (Church Street)	360
2.6	Go through small gate on the right and bear left along public footpath across field.	240
2.9	Go through gate just before corner of field and continue on footpath diagonally left across next field.	170
3.1	Go through squeeze stile in far corner of field and continue in same direction . Take care as path goes downhill steeply towards houses at Milldale .	380
3.4	On reaching the road turn right and follow the road for a short distance	20
3.5	At junction turn left and follow the road as it bends left and continues alongside the river . Use footpath/pavement on right hand side of road.	880

Acc Distance from last CP (km)	Instruction	Distance to next instruction (m)
4.3	Turn right at road junction to go over bridge .	40
4.4	On far side of bridge turn immediately left to follow footpath signposted Beresford Dale, Wolfscote Dale & Hartington .	40
4.4	Continue along side of river for a short distance to arrive at Checkpoint 6 (Milldale) .	

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Dovedale Dipper: Section 7: Milldale to Hartington (Both 26-mile and 15-mile routes)

Acc Distance from last CP (km)	Instruction	Distance to next instruction (m)
0	From Checkpoint 6 (Milldale) continue straight on same footpath through Wolfscoate Dale with the river on your left for 4.5km (2.8-miles) .	4500
4.5	At path junction turn right to take stony path uphill, signposted Hartington via Staden .	330
4.8	Continue on track as it bends right and slightly uphill to reach road.	170
5.0	Turn left and follow road.	320
5.3	Turn left onto track which is a footpath and cycle route 549 .	70
5.4	Continue on track as it bends right and follow it all the way to the end .	610
6.0	Turn left and follow road towards Hartington .	750
6.8	At t-junction turn left to go downhill towards village centre .	150
6.9	At cross roads cross main road (with CARE) and go straight on to Finish at village hall.	40
6.9	Arrive at FINISH (Hartington Village Hall)	

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