

Trip Report: The Yorkshire Dales

Date: 15th October 2006

Group: Selin (leader) Jim G, Colin, George + 2 canines

Route: Gragereth, Green Hill, Great Coum, Whernside

Total Distance: 15 miles

Total Ascent: 2500 ft

Weather: Overcast and chilly, hot and sunny, windy and cold, hot and sunny

7.00am start and a technologically challenged drive to Ingleton, courtesy of Selina..... and Mikes Sat-nav The weather forecast was good and promised a fine day in the YorkshireDales.

We parked on the ample off road parking spot below Yordas Cave, and promptly set off following our newly appointed King Penguin up the steep path to Gragereth....with only a slight Faff from George and Selina before the final steep ascent. From thence we followed the wall which forms the border between Lancashire and North Yorkshire. Progress was only slightly hindered by a lack of stiles leading from one county to another and the Lancastrian loyalties of George's flask.oh and the temptation of a 'nice sit down' - (They're right thoughtful these Yorkshire people - where else would you find a chair(s) on the top of a fell ?)

On to Green Hill and Great Coum (so we're told) .

We waddle ..sorry walk..... on along the old occupation road where I sadly lose my claim to leading the muddiest walk ever.....and then on and UP on to Whernside , with only a slight muttering from the penguin troops bringing up the rear. Lunch taken amongst the hoards on the leeward side of the top of Whernside.

We battle on against all odds (and the wind) before our King Penguin loses all future man management credibility by pointing out the car in the valley below and then proceeding to lead us three miles in the opposite direction..... (the iceberg begins to melt !!!!)

Finally we return above the valley, basking in the sun and looking down on the hoards visiting the Ingleton waterfalls, with the canines just beginning to struggle with the Yorkshire ladder stiles.....

The journey home was uneventful - the guys tuned into the football and then promptly 'closed their eyes' to listen in.....all rounded off by some responsible drinking in the Dysart

Thanks Guys for 'a grand day out'

Selina