

THE WEARDALE WATERSHED

A round of 24 principle hills above 1,500ft visited in order [15 of these are over 2,000ft], clockwise round from Wolsingham traversing the River Wear Watershed and including the North and South skyline above Weardale the most northerly of the Durham Dales.

Route devised by Stuart Ferguson.

Total Mileage: 50.35 and Height Gain: 4,800 feet.

Terrain – Remote, exposed high moorland, peak hags, tussocks with limited rough tracks and trails. Apart from traversing the villages of Wolsingham and Rookope, the only site of tarmac is high level road crossings.

Weather – Mostly Dry, a couple of heavy rain showers around lunchtime, partly sunny, light westerly wind, Temperature, High of 16 degrees Centigrade.

Start: 0500.

Leg 1 - Wolsingham to Killhope Cross. Time – 7 hours 04 minutes. Mileage 27.46 miles

<u>TOP</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>Height in m</u>
Five Pikes	014329	478
Pawlaw Pike	008322	488
Harnisha Hill	971333	589
Outberry Plain	938331	656
James Hill	923326	675
Dora's Seat	888332	658
Fendith Hill	877333	697
Chapelfell Top	876344	703
Noon Hill	854358	632
Three Pikes	835344	651
Great Stoney Hill	824359	708
Scaud Hill	802368	694
Burnhope Seat	788376	746
Dead Stones	794399	709
Nags Head	795414	673
Knoutberry Hill	803421	668

Leg 2 - Killhope Cross to Wolsingham. Time – 6 hours 50 minutes. Mileage 22.89 miles.

Killhope Law	819448	673
Burtree Fell	868429	607
White Edge	890423	582
Windy Hill	915412	554
Rookhope Village		

Long Law	952432	524
Long Hill	958423	512
Collier Law	019418	516
Fatherley Hill	023395	459

Full round completed by Stuart Ferguson solo and unsupported* on 10th August 2013 in a total of 13 hours and 54 minutes.

A fine day out showcasing what Weardale can offer the more adventurous, wilderness running at it's best. This route nicely compliments Gene Robinson's 1980's Teesdale Watershed Walk, in the adjacent Durham Dale, why not combine them both for a tough 100 miler in the North Pennines.

*Stuart's wife met him at Killhope Cross to firstly ensure he was alive and kicking, as a water top up as this is a high level route there was virtually no water sources especially this year's dry spell and also take some photos