

# Standard for Dark Peak



1985 Dark Peak KIMM map to the 11 on the subsequent White Peak map, and ended up with 27. Standard for Dark Peak.

Further reading revealed that the additional peak was Flask Edge, which Pete had climbed whilst looking for White Edge during his 26 trigs round of 1991. He'd then realised his mistake, climbed the right hill and carried on, to complete his round in 23 hours 49. Since then, uptake of the route has been limited, so in May 2016 I became the second person to have a go. I parked at the Sportsman on a Tuesday afternoon and set off at 7ish, hoping to be back in time for a beer after the club run the following night. Standard for Dk Pk.

In the spirit of Pete's original write-up I will keep route details brief. The Dark Peak section will be familiar to anyone who knows the 15 trigs route and goes something like: Run to Rod Moor. Trespass to Emlin. Point compass at Back Tor. Cross bog to Margery Hill, Outer Edge, around Howden to Alport, out to Shelf stones then back to Cock Hill. Enjoy nightlife in Glossop. Climb to Harry Hut. Rejoice in a few hours on Kinder (Sandy Heys, Kinder Low, Brown Knoll, Blackden), then off to Win Hill and Mam Tor before the crowds. This section went surprisingly well and I reached the car park after Mam Tor, where I'd hidden a new pair of shoes and some food, in just under 13 hours. Scotch eggs and custard for breakfast. Standard for DP.

Feeling refreshed though pretty knackered, but glad the night was out of the way, I set off into the unknown and the festival of tarmac and trespass that is the White Peak section: Cop Mine, Daisymere, Bole Hill, Edgerake Mine, Durham Edge, Sir William Hill, Wardlow Hay Cop and High Rake took me to 23 trigs in about nineteen and a half hours. I plodded through Calver and Curbar and considered my options. Time looked tight, I

was flagging and it was peeing down, so I decided to give Pete's folly a miss but try to add one more trig: Ox Stones. After White Edge I was on home turf, I put the map away and tried to crack on a bit. Almost immediately I got lost around Longshaw and had to run down the main road. Std for DP.

Finally reaching Ox Stones in just under 22 hours, Cowper stone and High Neb remained. The rain had advanced from peeing down to pissing down and I was freezing, but I might just make it... Cowper stone 22:24 (Ooh, could be tight!)... High Neb 22:54 (surely now?)... A quick wave to the new pole and all that remained was a quad-killing descent to Redmires and the road run back to the pub. I cursed every metre of bloody tarmac and every little uphill but eventually arrived back where I'd started after 23 hours 40, also known as by the skin of my teeth. Std 4 DP.

The best thing about the entire experience was what happened next. I ran into the car park, stopped my watch and sort of collapsed on the wall. When I next looked up I was shocked to see Alan. I hadn't told anyone of my attempt so was pleased that he would be the first to hear of our success. I think he seemed pretty happy, and I'm sure I recall him agreeing to settle any trespass-related lawsuits on our behalf. Shortly afterwards I was sitting in the Sportsman with friends, a pint in my hand and a battered whale on my plate, discussing the recent achievements of superstars like Nicky Spinks and Dave Taylor and the origins of the Basque language. It was a great end to a perfectly odd adventure, and to me this is what our little gang of oddballs is about. Long may it continue.

Then I stood up, and fell over.  
S4DP.

*Stuart Walker*

	Me	PS
<b>SPORTSMAN</b>	▼ <b>Start</b>	
Rod Moor	00.29	05.38
Emlin	01.30	04.50
Back Tor	02.08	03.49
Margery Hill	02.55	03.00
Outer Edge	03.13	02.49
Alport	04.39	01.37
Shelf Stones	05.32	00.59
Cock Hill	06.11	00.27
Glossop	06.31	▲ <b>Start</b>
Glossop	06.31	<b>23.49 end</b>
Harry Hut	07.24	23.15
Kinder	08.05	22.37
Kinder Low	08.37	22.05
Brown Knoll	08.56	21.42
Blackden	10.11	19.55
Win Hill	11.22	18.30
Mam Tor	12.41	16.51
Cop Mine	13.28	16.13
Daisymere	14.44	14.51
Bole Hill	15.21	14.13
Edgerake Mine	16.09	13.37
Durham Edge	17.13	12.36
Sir William Hill	17.50	12.00
Wardlow Hay Cop	18.52	11.04
High Rake	19.25	10.38
White Edge	20.33	09.00
Flask Edge	20.33	07.58
Ox Stones	21.51	07.58
Cowper Stone	22.24	07.04
High Neb	22.54	06.33
<b>SPORTSMAN</b>	<b>23.40 end</b>	