

The Six Dales Walk is a team walk, split into Junior and Senior sections. Both follow the same linear route, with the Junior Walk finishing at the 23 mile checkpoint, and the Senior Walk at the end of the 42 miles.

Changes are marked

## **A General Rules and Information**

- 1 For reasons of safety and fairness walkers have to abide by certain rules. If these are not followed, the organisers are able to retire walkers from the walk. The organisers also reserve the right to alter any arrangements on the day in the interests of safety.
- 2 It is essential that teams are able to effectively negotiate the route using “mapping and compass skills”. Failure to be able to demonstrate such skills may cause the Organisers to retire a Team at any stage of the event.
- 3 Teams will consist of between 4 and 7 walkers. Age requirements are shown in the Junior and Senior Rules below. 13 and 14 year olds can enter either walk, but not both. All ages are as on the day of the walk. Times and distances for trophies are calculated to the furthest point where the team still meets the original team requirements.
- 4 All young walkers must be members of the Scout Association or Girlguiding. Adult walkers must be members of or supported by a group belonging either to the Scout Association or Girlguiding.
- 5 The winning team in each category is the team of four or more that walks together the furthest in the shortest time. A team may only win one trophy.
- 6 Walkers have to stay in their teams at all times and stay within easy talking distance, except in case of emergency.
- 7 Walkers can only retire at checkpoints, except in case of emergency.
- 8 In case of emergency or injury, walkers must follow the procedure set out on the Emergency Safety Card. (See Section G below)
- 9 Teams will not normally be allowed to continue from a checkpoint after the cut off times shown (see Section E below). In the interest of safety, teams may be picked up and compulsorily retired between checkpoints.
- 10 The organisers will arrange for retired Junior Event walkers to be transported to Lofthouse checkpoint and retired Senior Event walkers to West Tanfield.
- 11 Each checkpoint must be visited. Each walker is given a Control Card, which must be handed in when arriving and then collected when leaving each Checkpoint.
- 12 In order to give all walkers a chance of walking as far as they are able, the organisers may ask teams or walkers to join together (up to the maximum of 7 walkers). Teams can choose to refuse this, except the last possible team leaving a checkpoint. No credit time is given to walkers who have to wait for a re-formed team
- 13 Any form of assistance to walkers from supporters is not allowed.
- 14 No dogs or other pets are allowed on the walk.
- 15 The equipment listed (see Section F below) is compulsory.
- 16 Spare kit (e.g. change of clothes and shoes) will be carried forward so that it is available to walkers after retirement at Kilnsey, and at Lofthouse, Grewelthorpe and West Tanfield checkpoints. Each walker should have their own bag, which must be a secure holdall or rucksack – not a plastic bag or bin liner.

## **B Junior Walk**

- 1 To be eligible for Junior Trophies, a team must include at least four walkers aged 14 or under. A team may include up to two walkers aged 15 or over, who will count towards the total number of members (maximum 7), but only those 14 or under will be eligible for trophies.
- 2 The minimum age is 10. Any walkers aged 10 or 11 must be accompanied at all times by a walker aged 18 or over, who complies with the membership requirements of the teams relevant organisation.

**Trophies are awarded in the following order: -**

- i) ***Aire*** A team with all walkers aged 14 years or under
- ii) ***Ure*** A team accompanied by walkers aged 15 and over
- iii) ***Junior Novice*** A team whose members 14 years and under have not previously won a Six Dales Trophy
- iv) ***The Peter Page Trophy*** Awarded to the youngest walker to reach the end of the Junior Walk

***A Six Dales Certificate and Silver badge*** Awarded to all walkers who reach Lofthouse

***A Six Dales Certificate and Bronze badge*** Awarded to all walkers who reach Kilnsey

## **C Senior Walk**

- 1 The minimum age of entry is 13 years
- 2 After West Tanfield checkpoint, walkers can proceed in pairs, but will only be eligible for trophies achieved before that point
- 3 Spare kit will be available at Lofthouse, Grewelthorpe and West Tanfield Checkpoints

**Trophies are awarded in the following order:**

- i) ***Open*** All teams
- ii) ***Novice*** Walkers who have not won a senior trophy before
- iii) ***Nidd*** MALE walkers 13-19
- iv) ***Wharfe*** FEMALE walkers 13-19
- v) ***Swale*** MIXED age 13-19
- vi) ***North Leeds*** Senior walkers from North Leeds
- vii) ***Ribble*** The youngest senior walker age 13 to 19 to walk the furthest

***A Six Dales Certificate and Gold Badge*** Awarded to all walkers who complete the full walk

***A Six Dales Certificate and Silver badge*** Awarded to all walkers who reach Lofthouse

***A Six Dales Certificate and Bronze badge*** Awarded to all walkers who reach Kilnsey

## **D Entries**

- 1 A team entry can be reserved by completing the registration on the website [www.sixdales.co.uk](http://www.sixdales.co.uk)
- 2 A team entry form, together with an individual entry form for each walker, and non-refundable entry fees, must be submitted by the closing date.
- 3 Substitutes will normally be allowed after the closing date up to 24 hours before the start of the event. Substitutes will be allowed on the day at the start, on the basis, for the purposes of the walk, that the new walker assumes the identity of the original entrant. Information about the substitution must be given in writing to the organisers before the start.

## E The Route

No	Location	Checkpoint Reference	Approx miles	Checkpoint cut off time
1	Settle Community College <b>Start</b>	SD 815641	0	Allocated start times between 6.30 and 7.30am
2	Street Gate	SD 905657	7	11.30
3	Kilnsey Village Hall	SD 976675	12	12.00
4	Mossdale Shooting Lodge	SE 021701	16	14.00
5	Howstean Catchwater Intakes	SE 054729	19	15.30
6	Lofthouse Village Hall <b>Junior finish</b>	SE 102735	23	15.30
7	Grewelthorpe Village Hall / Café	SE 231761	32	18:00
8	West Tanfield Village Hall	SE 269788	35	18.30
9	Kirklington	SE 318 813	40	18.45
10	Pickhill <b>Senior finish</b>	SE 344 836	42	

# For safety reasons, there is a recommended route between checkpoints 8 and 9, details of which will be given to walkers

## F Equipment

<b>Individual</b> - Each walker must have the following with them at all times whilst on the walk. (Kit checks are carried out)			
1	Walking boots	Must provide ankle support and have deep sole tread	
2	Warm trousers	Must protect all of legs. Jeans and thin tracksuit type not suitable	
3 *	3 long sleeve tops	Must be sufficient to retain warmth in extreme conditions.	
4	Gloves and hat	Must be sufficient to protect in extreme conditions.	
5 *	Cagoule/waterproof top		
6	Waterproof overtrousers		
7 *	Whistle		
8 *	Emergency provisions	e.g. Bar of chocolate	
9 *	Torch	Capable of prolonged use	
10 *	Food for day		
11 *	Mug	For drinks at checkpoints	
12	Water bottle	Min 33cl, full at start	
13 *	Pen or pencil	For use in emergency	
14	Plastic survival bag		
15 *	Yellow Day-glo tabard	Available from the organisers at the start. Must be worn or clearly displayed at all times	
<b>Team</b> -In addition, each team must have the following between them (including if re-formed later in the walk)			
16	Two sets of OS maps	To cover whole route, at least 1:50,000 scale (e.g. OS Map no. 98 & 99)	
17	Two compasses	Check for correct operation	
18	Two first aid kits	With selection of plasters, bandages, dressings	
19	Two mobile phones	Charged and switched on (to allow tracing by emergency services). Numbers to be collected at the start of the walk	

**\*Note:** At West Tanfield checkpoint (at the discretion of the organisers), Walkers may change into lighter footwear and clothing. Team kit and items marked \* above must still be worn or carried.

## G Incident / Emergency Safety Card

The procedure set out on the Incident / Emergency Safety card is as follows:

### ***Are you lost? Is a member of your team injured or unwell? If so, please read on...***

1. If you have a mobile phone, try and ring the number below
2. Try and find a public phone or any other phone to ring the number below
3. Attempt to find a road or distinguishing landmark to identify where you are from your map - you may be able to get back on route
4. If you are picked up, go to the nearest checkpoint, or to a phone to contact the number below
5. If a team member is injured, remember your training - one fit member to stay and two to go for help
6. Do **NOT** go home unless the organisers know you are safe and well
7. If you cannot find the route and are unable to carry on, try and keep dry and warm - ***we will find you***

***Telephone no: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx***