



CUMBRIA

LAKE DISTRICT



LAKE ROUTE

Welcome to the Two Ball Rally 2026

#lakesroute



I would firstly like to thank you all for participating in the Two Ball Rally Lakes Route. This route is now in its seventh year; we are confident that we've got two days of action packed fun ready for you. The following pages will give you an idea of what to expect over the next 48 hours.

Daily format



Start

START: We will all meet at **09.00** each morning with the aim of setting off no later than **10.00**; you will only receive your daily challenge at the designated meeting point.

CHECKPOINTS: We will be at the lunchtime check point on day one, Saturday (hopefully before you!) to welcome you in, check all is ok, answer any questions and mark your challenges. The checkpoints are at sensible intervals, designed to break up the route and give you a break.

Finish



FINISH: We would like to meet you again tomorrow evening from **19.00** onwards at the Penrith Cricket Club. We will aim to announce the day's winners by **21.00**.

Do not feel as though you have to eat at our designated venue, the venue is just a location where the Two Ball Rally team will be based. Do ask us for suggestions of good restaurants etc...as we live here.

****All routes and maps are correct at the time of printing. If any diversions have been set up since, please use a map to reroute to the next closest village/town on the planned route****



Challenges

The challenge aspect of the Lakes Route is different to that of any rally that we have organised before. There would usually be up to 15 challenges on one of our European events, but on this occasion, we have decided to make the challenges a part of the route.

As you drive through the Lake District, we will be asking you to complete challenges at a certain time in a certain place. We will then check and mark your challenges at our two checkpoints along the route.

Alongside this, we have included **three** additional challenges, which can be completed at any point along the route on day one.

Additional challenges

'Fancy Dress'

You are hopefully sat reading this whilst in your fancy dress outfit? If not why not? It is a tradition of the European Two Ball Rally events to be in fancy dress on the first night, it is now Cumbria's turn to witness the madness. Teams will be awarded points for making the effort and joining in the fun of the fancy dress.

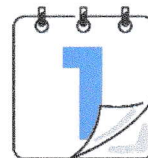
'Picturesque Picture'

Get a photo of your vehicle in the most 'picturesque' environment possible; there will be so much to choose from along this route, so make it count. The only rule is, you need to be able to see the Two Ball Rally car sticker in the photo (the best ones will make it onto our website and Facebook page). We are hoping this picture will take pride of place on the toilet wall!

'Extras'

You have two chances to claim 'extra' points during day one. The only criteria is, whatever you do must make us laugh, we need the photo or video to prove it and it must be legal-ish!

All challenges are OPTIONAL. You do not have to take part in any challenge or task if you do not want to. Two Ball Rally cannot be held responsible/liable for any injury or damage caused as a result of taking part in the activities.



Day 1 – Penrith to Penrith (130 miles)



This part of the route is top secret and is part of the daily challenge. Therefore, it will be handed out on Saturday morning. Just make sure you meet us at **09.00** at our designated meeting point. We will aim to be on the road no later than **10.00**.

Our designated meet point this year is: Rheghed Service Station, Redhills, Penrith CA11 0DQ. We will be in the bottom car park where we have enough space to park all cars. **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE ANY EARLIER THAN 09.30 AS THERE IS A PRIVATE CONFERENCE AT THE VISITORS CENTRE, AND THEY HAVE KINDLY ASKED US TO COME AFTER 09.00**

TOP SECRET



Day 1/Challenge 1



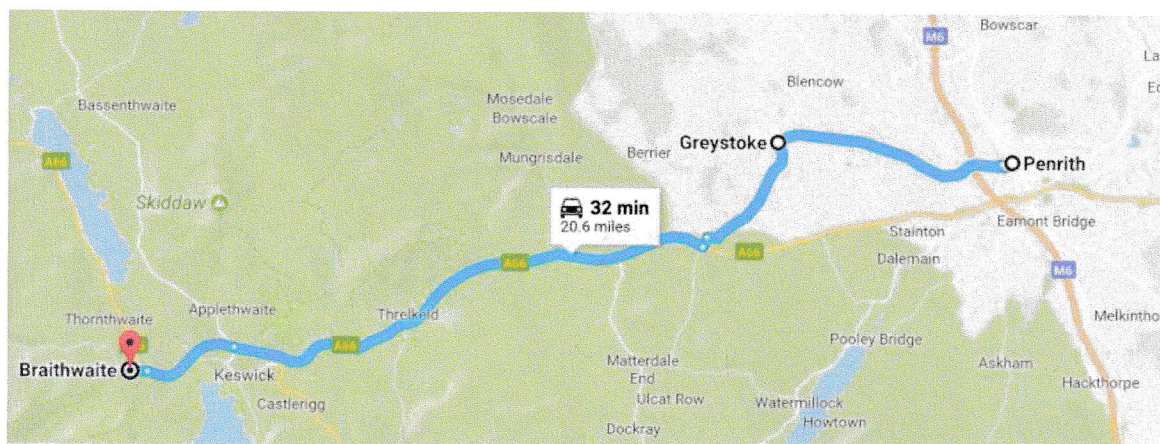
Penrith to Penrith (130 miles)

Disclaimer...all roads were open at time of print; we do not take any responsibility for road closures or if you get totally lost!

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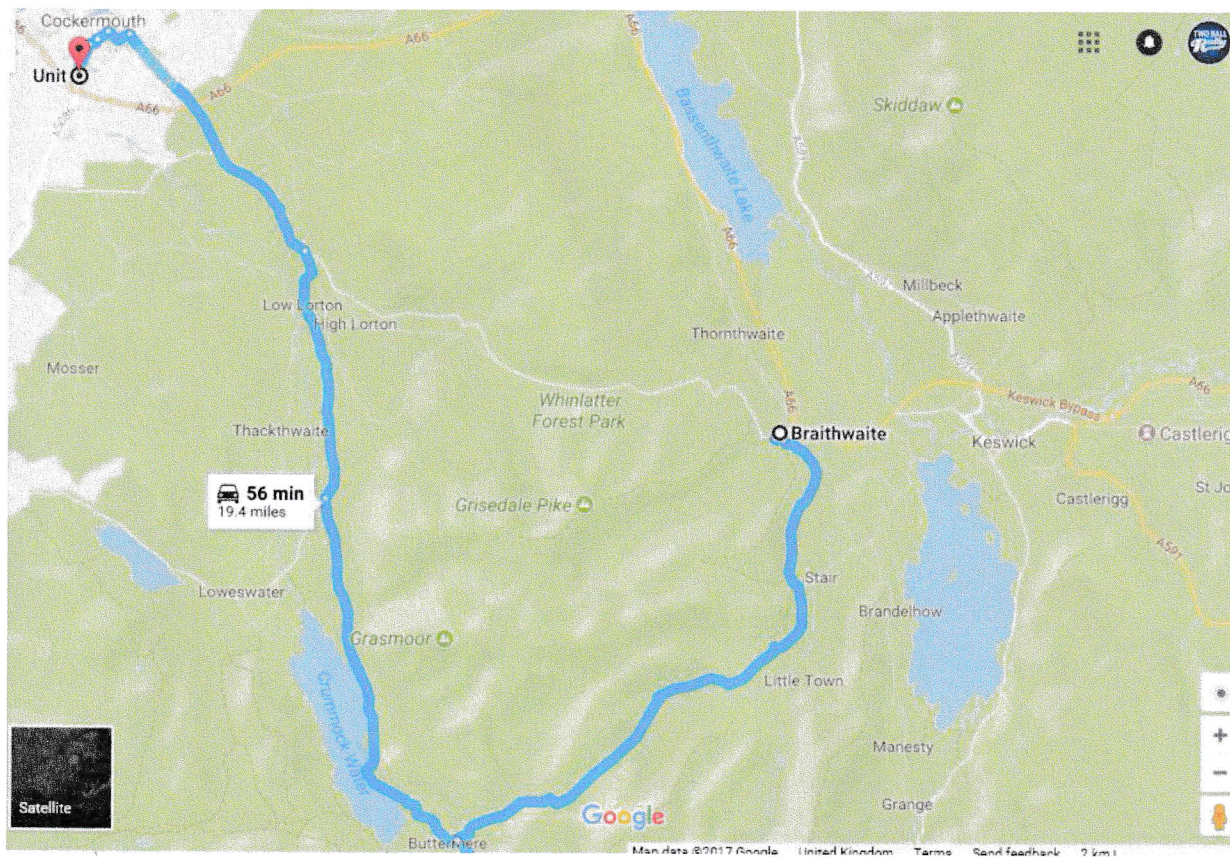
15 miles

Exit the car park and follow the **A66** towards Keswick for approximately **10 miles** until you reach a roundabout. Go straight on and continue to follow the **A66**. Turn left off the **A66** onto the **B5292**, signed for **Braithwaite/Lorton**. 10:25



Just past the caravan/campsite the road forks, take the left fork to **Newlands Valley/Buttermere**, this road is **Croft Terrace**. At the end of **Croft Terrace** (a very short road) turn left going over a small hump back bridge and left again at the village shop (signed again for **Newlands/Buttermere**) Follow this road for approximately **seven miles** (it's an unnamed road but follow your nose, you should see signs for **Stair & Little Town**). At the end of this road you will arrive at **Buttermere**, now turn right onto the **B5289**. ✓

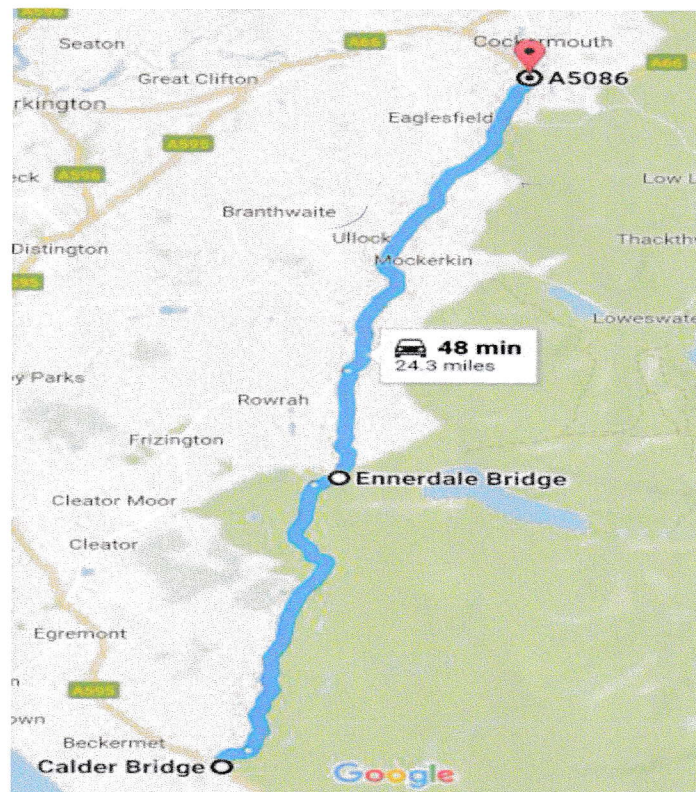
Now follow the **B5289** for approximately **eight miles** towards **Cockermouth**, keeping the ✓ lake (**Crummock Water**) on your left. You will pass through **Lorton** and join the **B5292**, which takes you into **Cockermouth** itself. Once in **Cockermouth**, follow signs for the **A66 Keswick/Workington**. You should pass the big **Esso garage** on your right hand side and then come to a roundabout clearly signed for the **A66**. Go straight on at this roundabout, following signs for **Egremont** on the **A5086**. ✓



Continue on the **A5086** for approximately **seven miles**. Turn left just past the **Lamplugh Village Hall**, signed '**Low Cock How**'. Follow this road through the small village of **Kirkland** and head towards **Ennerdale Bridge**. Once through **Ennerdale Bridge**, take the first left signed **Calder Bridge/Gosforth** – just like the photo. ✓



This road will now take you across a cattle grid and across the moor for about **five or six miles** until you come to the Village of **Calder Bridge**.



Once you get to **Calder Bridge**, turn left onto the **A595**. Look out for the left turn signed **Gosforth** and take that turn. You will now drive into **Gosforth** and down to a mini roundabout. Take a left at the roundabout (you should see the Lion and the Lamb pub on your right). Bare left through **Gosforth** and take the road for **Nether Wasdale/Wasdale Head**. Head towards Wasdale Head.

CHALLENGE ONE: Get a photo of you/your team under/on the signpost just like the one below. Extra points if you get an additional photo of yourself on the little island! (Weather permitting) 12:00



Now turn right at this sign, heading towards **Santon Bridge**. The road shortly forks, take the left fork signed for **Santon Bridge**, then left over the small bridge, down to a T-junction and turn left towards **Eskdale**. You will see the **Bower House Inn** on your right. ✓



OPTION ONE. IF YOU ARE HUNGRY NOW, STOP AT THE BOWER HOUSE FOR LUNCH NOW.

OPTION TWO. CONTINUE ON THE ROUTE AND YOU WILL PASS THE BOWER HOUSE AGAIN IN ABOUT 90 MINUTES TIME

Go straight on at the King George pub signed for **Ulpha/Broughton**. You should now see the sign for **Birker Fell** like the photo below.



Drive over the fell and enjoy the views! After a steep descent from the fell, turn right at the T-junction signed **Broughton** and drive through the village of **Ulpha**, bare left over a small stone bridge (**the river Duddon**) and cattle grid. Continue on this road until you come to a STOP sign.

CHALLENGE TWO: Your second challenge is to find a Bedford Fire engine somewhere in this area and get a photo of it.

At the STOP sign, turn right and go over the bridge with traffic lights. At the end of the bridge, immediately turn right, you will see the sign for **CORNEY**. You will go over a cattle grid and bare left (**signed Whitehaven 27 miles**). Continue along this fell following your nose! At the end of the fell, you need to turn right onto the **A595** signed for **Workington/Whitehaven**. Continue on the **A595** and pass **Muncaster Castle**.

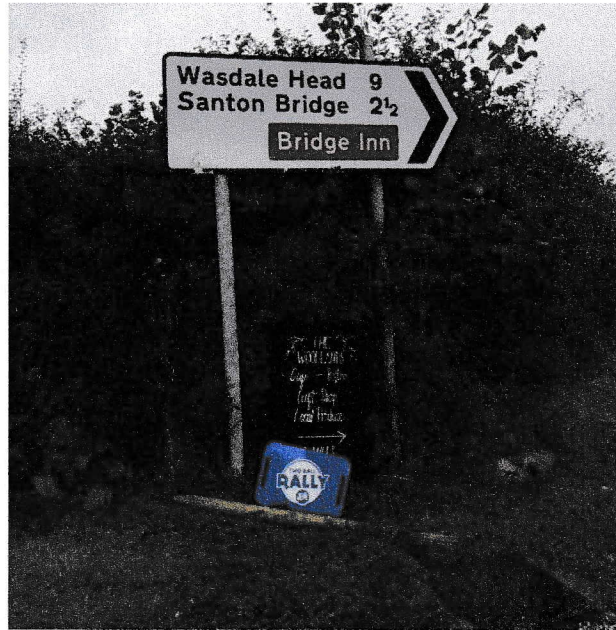
CHALLENGE THREE:

You are looking for a tiny sign for Saltcoats on the A595. Turn left at the sign, then take right hand turn signed for bridge, left at T-junction, right at next. You will then look onto the once peaceful village of Ravenglass.

Quick photo of your car with Ravenglass in the background, job done. Now turn back and stay on road heading for level crossing, ring bell at crossing then follow road back to the A595



Now get back on the A595 and turn right before the **Esso garage** signed for **Wasdale Head/Santon Bridge** (as in the photo below).



You will now drive a fairly long straight adhering to the national speed limit! The straight has a little kink and you will enter another long straight. Turn right at the sign shown below, **Eskdale Green/Broughton**.



Follow this road to the T-junction. Turn right at the junction and you will drive through **Eskdale Green** (you should recognise this place!)

Now pull up at the Bower House Inn, the car park is at the rear of the pub. Come and join us.
Food served and decent beer in here! **Bring this booklet with you.**



CHECKPOINT ONE: Bower House Inn 13.00 -14.30

*****BRING THIS BOOK TO THE CHECKPOINT*****

Now that you have had a well-deserved rest at our first checkpoint, it is now time to take on the passes. Head for **Boot** and follow your nose across the **Hardknott Pass** and then the **Wynose Pass**. Both passes should take an hour by the time you have stopped for a few photos. Please take care on both passes, they are single track with only a few passing places and not much run off if things go wrong. Aim to get a clear run going up, as momentum is the key here. Cars should 'give way' to people coming up!

CHALLENGE FOUR: we have laid a trail of Two Ball Rally stickers from the Bower House to the end of the pass. Some stickers will be big, some small.

Locate and photo each sticker to receive points



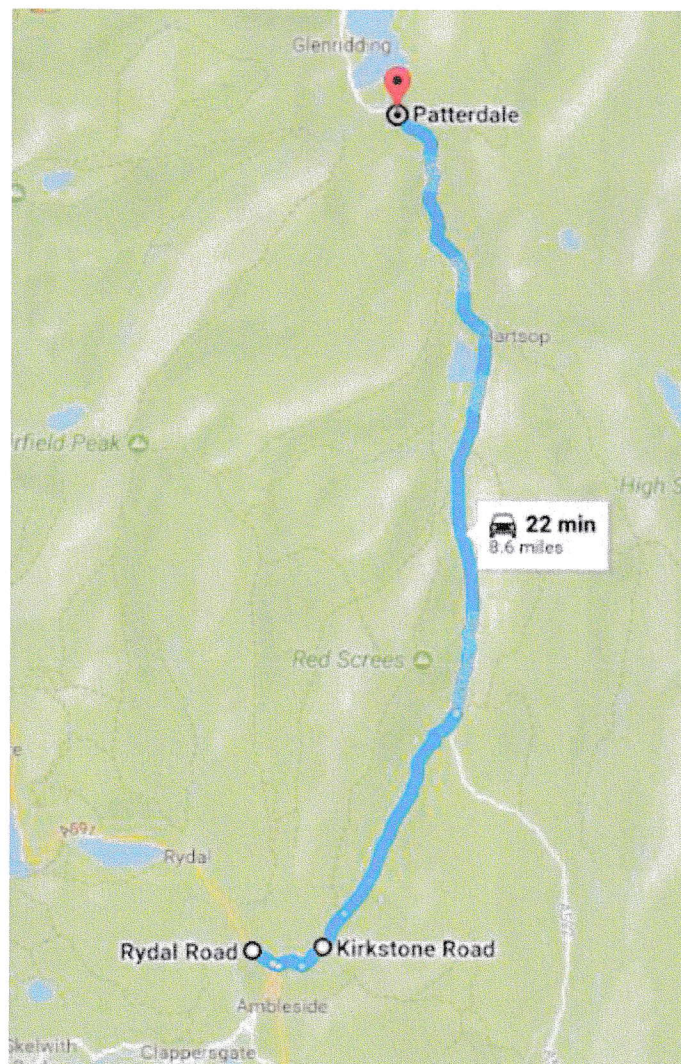
CHALLENGE FIVE: Get a photo of the 30% gradient sign EXACTLY like the one below.



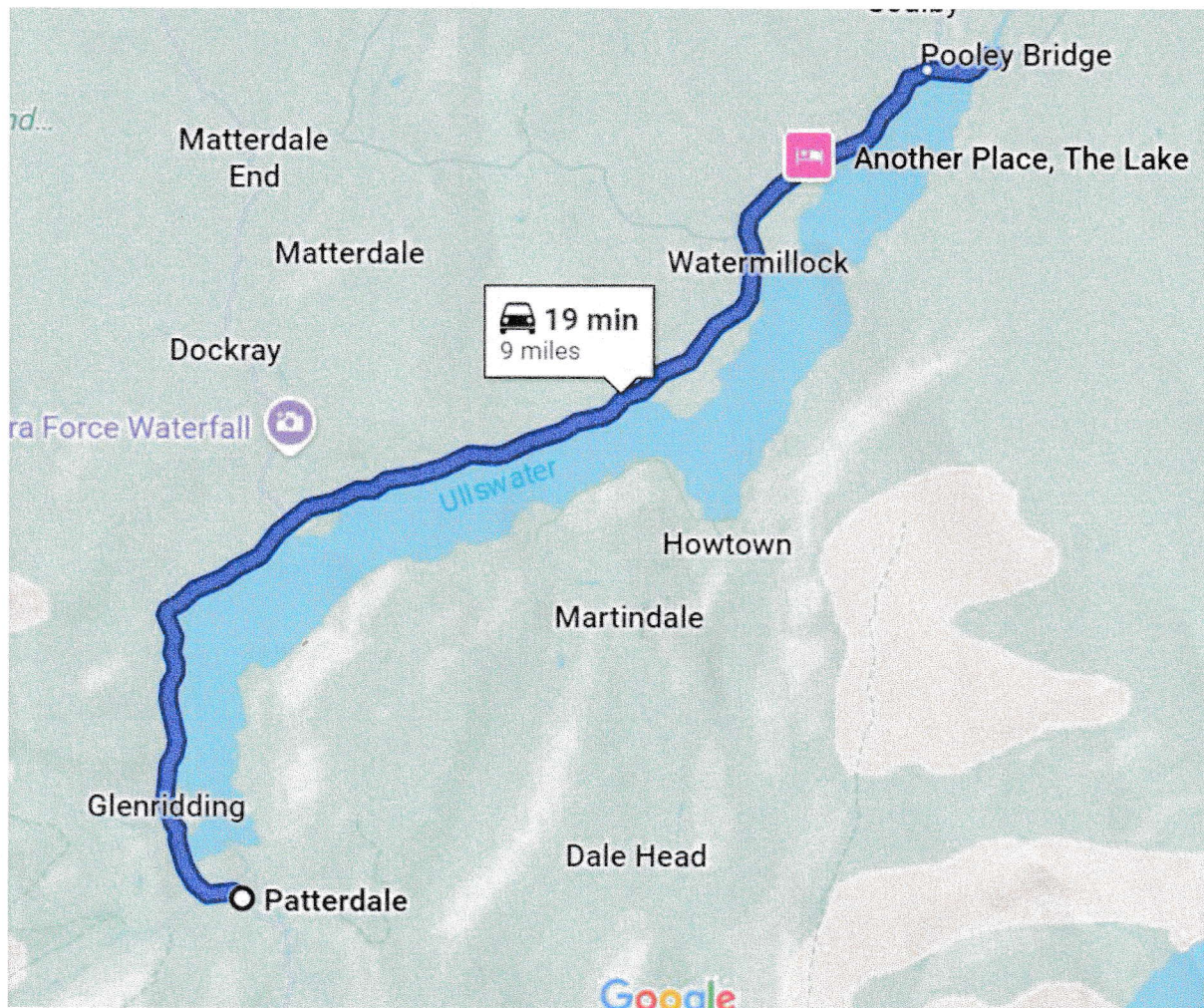
At the end of the pass, you will come to a T-junction, turn right signed **Coniston/Ambleside**. At the next junction, turn left onto the **A593** signed for **Ambleside**.

Continue to follow the **A593** into **Ambleside** and follow the one-way system through the town centre; you will see signs for **Keswick**. You will come to a set of traffic lights where you need to turn left towards **Keswick**.

Just as you are leaving **Ambleside**, keep your eyes peeled for a small painted roundabout and signposts for **Kirkstone**. Turn right at the roundabout and follow **Kirkstone Road** (also known as 'the struggle' for approximately **four miles** at which point it will join the **Kirkstone Pass (A592)**. Follow the **A592** down into **Patterdale** and **Genridding**.



From **Patterdale**, you can head into the quaint village of **Pooley Bridge** for a cheeky beer, several pubs to choose from, or if time is running short, you can head back to your accommodation in Penrith.





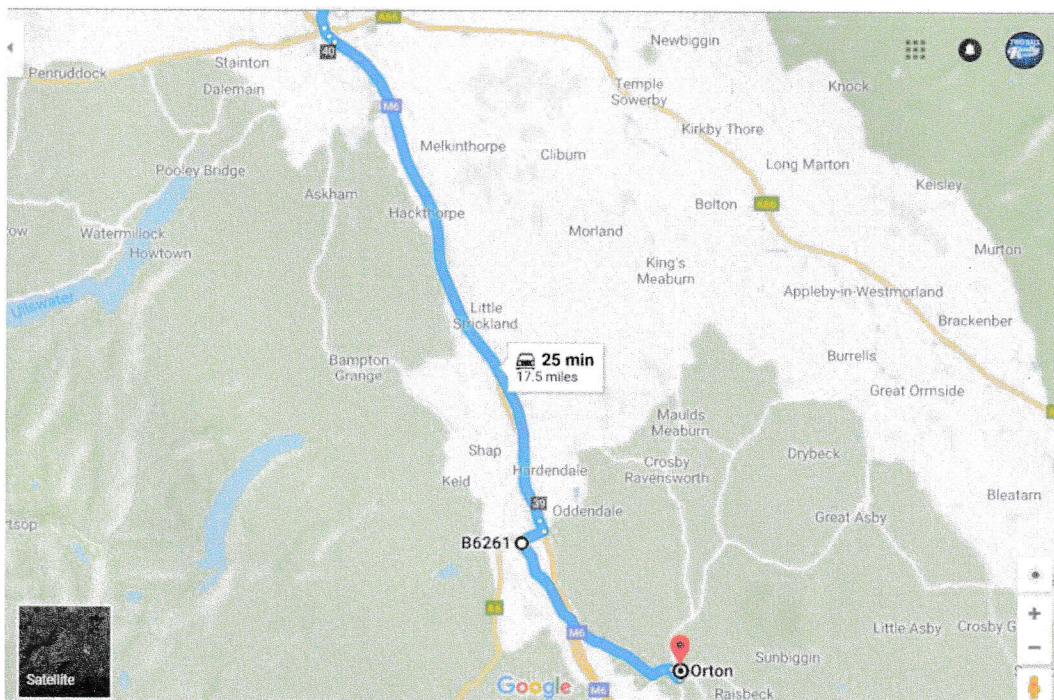
Day 2 – Penrith to Orton



START: Once again, we will meet at **09.00** at our designated meeting point with the aim of being on the road by **10.00**.

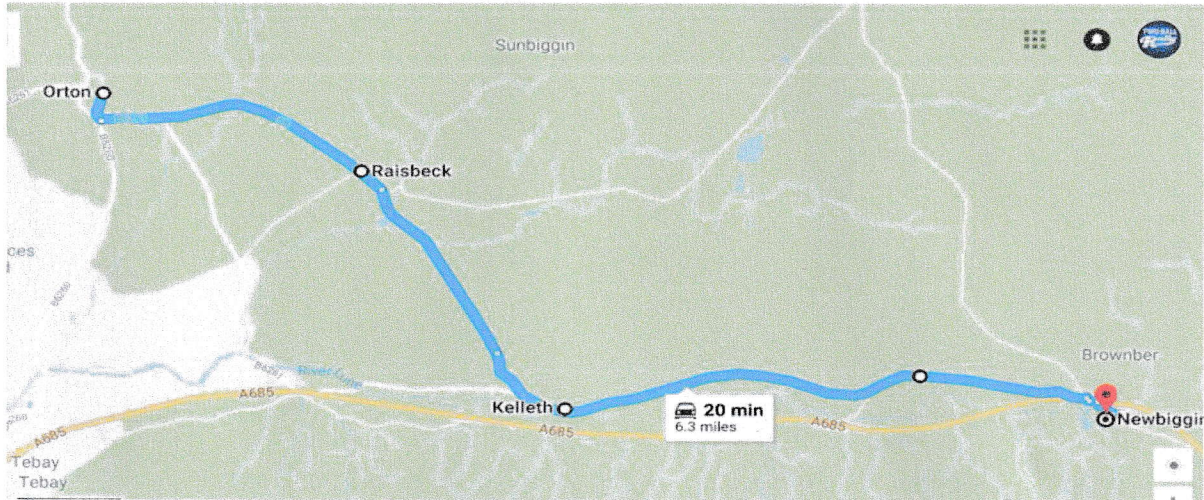
Exit the car park as you did yesterday and follow the Two Ball Rally Pilot (Traditionally Luke) out of the services, east on the A66 and head south on the M6.

Exit the M6 at junction 39 signed Shap/Kendal. Turn right at the top of the slip road and drive over the M6, you are now on the B6261. Halfway down that road there is a left-hand turn for Orton. Take that turn and follow the road, you run alongside the M6, then under the M6. Continue until you reach the village of Orton.



Day 2 – Orton to Newbiggin-on-lune

Drive through **Orton** on the **B6261**. Turn left at the signpost for **Raisbeck** and go over the small humpback bridge. Continue along the **B6261** heading towards **Raisbeck**. At the fork in the road, take the right turn signed for **Ravenstonedale** and follow this road for approximately 1.2 miles. The road does get narrow with dry stone walling either side.

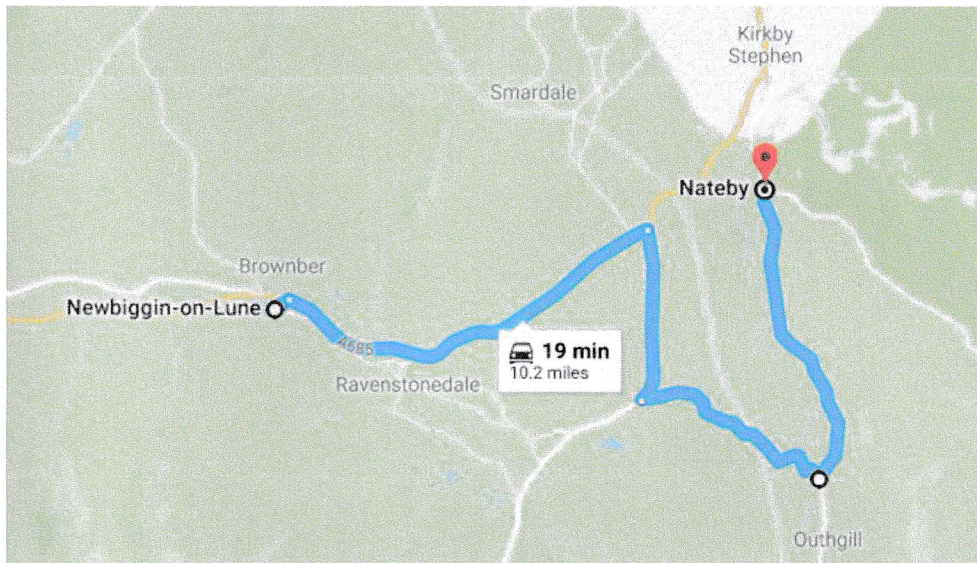


At the give way sign, turn left signposted **Kirkby Steven**, you will then enter the small village of **Kelleth**. Drive through and out of **Kelleth** and follow your nose for approximately two miles until you enter the village of **Newbiggin-on-Lune**.



Newbiggin-on-lune to Tommy Road!

At the T-junction, it is a quick right then left and onto the **A685**. Follow the **A685** signed for **Brough and Kirkby Stephen**. You will climb a hill on the **A685** and it turns into dual carriageway for a short distance. Continue on the **A685** for approximately 1.5 miles.



Keep an eye out for the right hand turn for the **A683**, which is signed for **Sedbergh**. Once on the **A683**, follow for approximately 1.5 miles, but keep an eye out for a left hand turn signed for **Mallerstang/Outhgill** (as per photo).



Take this left hand turn, which pretty much doubles back on itself. You're now on **Tommy Road**! Follow Tommy Road and go over the cattle grid, watch out as there are wild horses in this field/moor. Once over the cattle grid, follow the single track road over the moor.

Newbiggin-on-lune to Tommy Road continued....

You will exit the moor over another cattle grid and down a very narrow, slightly twisty road. At the T-junction, you should see the little red post-box as per the photo. Turn left, signed for **Kirkby Stephen**.



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Nateby to Thwaite

You should now be on the **B6259** heading towards **Kirkby Stephen**. You will cross over another cattle grid and you should see the small river on your left hand side. Continue on the **B6259** until you enter the village of **Nateby**. As you drive through the village, look for the sign in the photo. Turn right on to the **B6270** signed for **Swaledale Reeth**. Go over the cattle grid and follow this road.

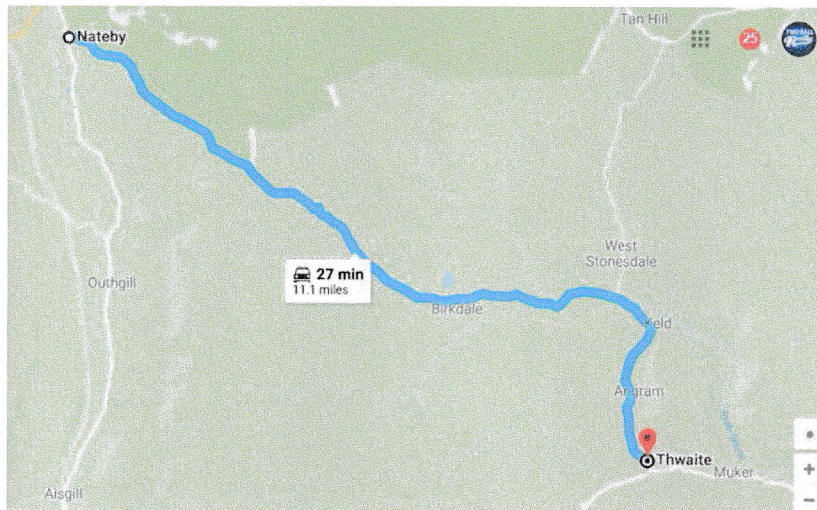


You will climb a very steep hill with Armco on your right, you will now be at approximately 1700 ft above sea level!



Nateby to Thwaite continued...

You will then see the sign welcoming you to **Richmondshire**. Continue on this moor road, you will pass **Swaledale Yurts** on your left. You will pass through **Keld**, with Keld Lodge on your right.



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You will enter and drive through **Agram**, a small hamlet of houses. Keep following your nose and you will soon enter the village of **Thwaite** (just like the photo).



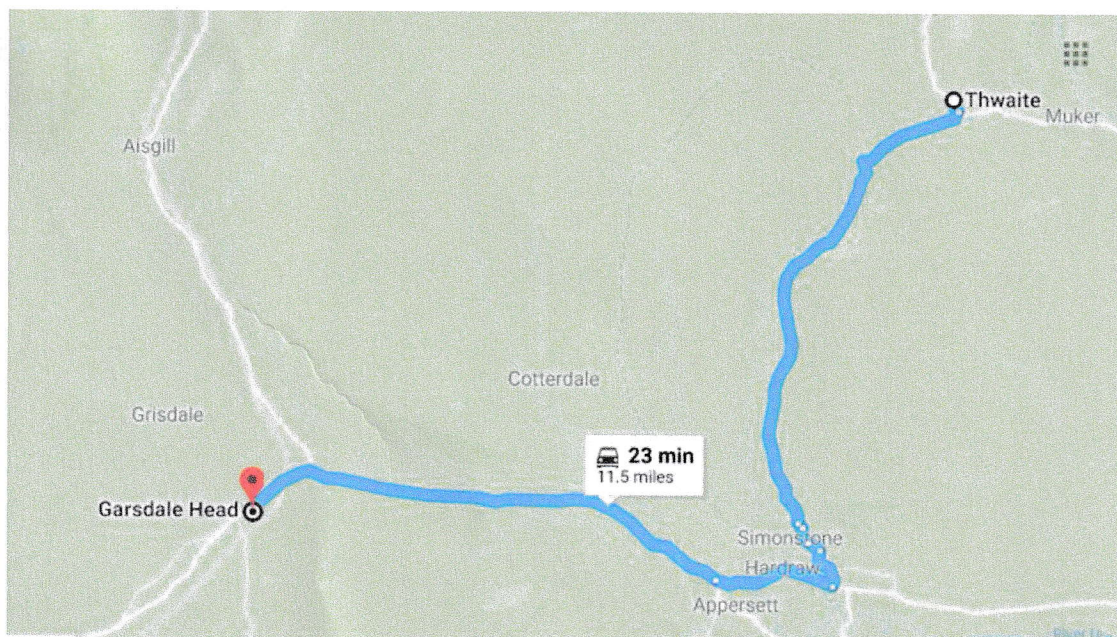
Follow the road out of **Thwaite** and very soon you will see a right hand turn signed for **Hawes**. Take this right hand turn and climb another steep and twisty hill! You will notice the modern wire Armco on your left, take note of the drop, you are now at 1700 ft above sea level once again.

Thwaite to Garsdale station

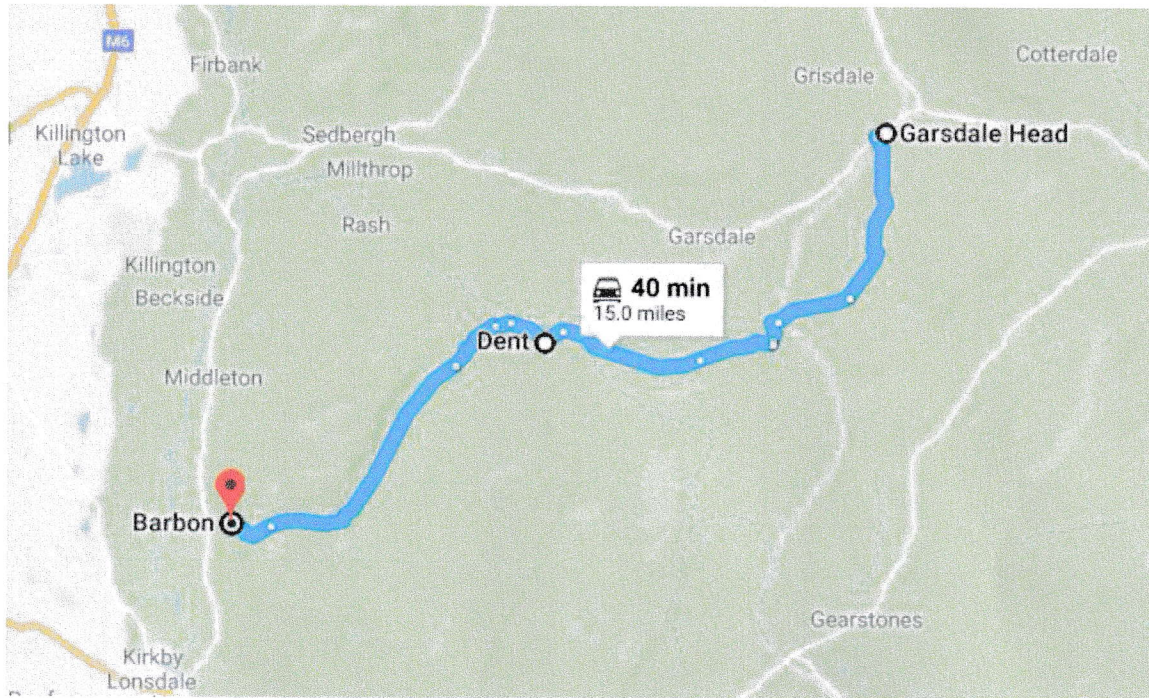
Continue along this road until you enter the village of **Simonside**. Look out for the village sign and the red phone box like the photo.



At the T-junction, turn right onto the **A684** signposted for **Sedbergh**. You will pass through a village called **Hardraw**. At the next T-junction, continue on the **A684 to Sedbergh**. You will pass under an arch bridge and you will see the sign welcoming you back to Cumbria. Not long after this bridge, you will need to take the left hand turn signed for **Garsdale Station**.



Garsdale station to Barbon via Dent



You should see an old bus as you turn onto this road. You are now on the **U5509 Garsdale to Lea Yeat** just like the photo. Take care on this road; there are a few blind summits!



Garsdale station to Barbon via Dent

At the end of the moor road, you will come to a signpost for **Cowgill** (just like the photo).



Turn right towards **Sedbergh/Dent**. This road is single track and has high hedges, so take care. You will enter Dent Village with its cobbled streets, follow your nose through the village, you should pass The **Sun Inn** on your left. Exit the village of Dent with the **Herritage Museum** on you left.



Garsdale station to Barbon via Dent

Shortly after you leave dent (very shortly), look out for a left hand turn signed for **Barbon and Gawthorpe**. Take that turn and enter the tiny village of **Gawthorpe**. Look out for the sign in the picture, take the left turn signed for **Barbon and Kirkby Lonsdale**, this sign has faded quite a bit, but the turn has an old 1998 Lexus parked at it. Follow this road all the way to **Barbon**.



Barbon to Kirkby Lonsdale

Drive through **Barbon** village and down to the T-junction. At the junction turn left onto the **A683** signed for **Casterton and Kirkby Lonsdale**. Drive through Casterton via the private school and small garage. Now look out for the



motorbikes parked on the right hand side as you enter **Kirkby Lonsdale**. This is the finish line. If you get to the junction and see signs for the M6, look behind you!



We will be based near the burger vans, do not park near the bikes as you will get a ticket, find a place to park opposite and grab yourself a bacon butty!

At this point, the rally finishes allowing team's time to head back home. The Two Ball Rally team will then head back to Penrith and we are happy to travel in convoy with anyone who wants to head back north with us.

Rules



No Racing: please remember, It is NOT a race; it is an adventure banger rally. Do not be tempted to race each other on the single-track roads to destinations; it will only end in tears and possible disqualification! Drive safely and respect the law.



Alcohol: Drinking and driving is never a good idea. We strongly suggest that you organise a 'designated driver' each night.



Do not drive if you are over the drink driving limit.



Anti-social behaviour: Two Ball rally will not tolerate any form of anti-social behaviour, we all know what is and is not included in that. We are doing this for fun, lets just keep it that way. Continued anti-social behaviour will result in your removal from the rally.

MOT, tax, insurance: Your vehicle must have valid Insurance, tax and MOT for the duration of the rally and if you plan to return home. We will be asking for proof of this at registration.

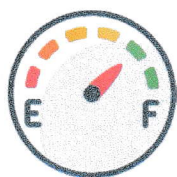
Driving license: you must have a full and valid driving license to take part in this event.

Breakdowns



Two Ball Rally does not offer mechanical support, nor can we assist with breakdowns. If we are in a position to help we will, but we cannot take responsibility for the condition or reliability of your vehicle. If you can get your car to the destination, we will do what we can to help if we are in a position to do so. However, we cannot and are not responsible for this. Any repairs and onward arrangements will be organised out of good will.

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Fuel stations: It is worth fuelling up before you head off. However, there are two stations on route if you need them.

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