

Route Report

Route Name	203 - Pentlands Bronze, via Harbour Hill
What award level is the route suitable for?	BRONZE
Number of Days	2
Short Route Description	From Threipmuir car park through Glen Corse and past Bonaly reservoir to Bonaly Scout Camp. Back to Threipmuir contouring side of Harbour hill and via Harlaw visitor centre.
Sunset Sunrise Weblink	Sunrise Sunset Times
Route Notes	<p>Start at Threipmuir car park. https://goo.gl/maps/TkhMuKW4LmAi3Y6cA</p> <p>Camp at Bonaly Scout Camp. After drop off of participants it is useful to have a car drive to Bonaly with instructor overnight bags. No toilets on day 1. Toilets at Harlaw on day 2. Day 1 takes about 5 hours, Day 2 typically 4 hours 30min. On arrival at scout camp go to reception and check in and get your allocated pitch. No fires unless specifically permitted by Aspen Director.</p>
Supervision Plan	<p>DAY 1</p> <p>HAZARDS - Small risk posed by walking on minor road in Glen Corse. Brief participants on risk. Remote supervision fine.</p> <p>NAV ERROR - Lots of opportunities for remote supervision but there are a few places where we must have eyes on the groups to check if they make a nav error:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Follow your groups at a distance to check point 1 NT 164 629 (T junction). Then follow to see they may make correct decision at 2 (Edge of Woodland) NT 166 627. 2) After seeing that they go the right way you can then get ahead of your groups and go to checkpoint 3 (The Howe). This is a good lunch spot. Important note - if there are other DofE groups in the area - doing different routes - there is a risk that your groups may follow other groups and go the wrong way. I recently had a group go the wrong way at grid ref NT 179 625. To mitigate that risk keep groups in sight at that point. 3) After seeing groups at the Howe, get ahead of the groups and go to check point 4. Use radio to check they progress along Glencorse. 4) Having heard groups are making progress along the glen move onto check point 5. Go about 100m beyond checkpoint 5 and watch the group approach from behind the wall / woodland. Seeing that the group make the left turn at checkpoint 5 follow them at a distance to check point 6. Seeing that they go the correct way at checkpoint 6 you can follow them at a distance to Bonaly or I sometimes go up the slopes of Capelaw hill and watch them as they approach checkpoint 7 near Bonaly loch. Before they get to the scout camp get ahead of them and make sure they make the turn into the entrance of Bonaly. Some groups walk right past it. <p>DAY 2</p> <p>HAZARDS - Minor road leading from campsite towards bridge over Edinburgh City Bypass. Close supervision on this bit. Also brief participants.</p> <p>NAV ERROR - see notes below: Close supervision at following points.</p> <p>Road junction at NT 213 679</p> <p>Path junction at end of Torduff reservoir NT 203 671</p> <p>Corner of Wood NT 207 671</p> <p>Path Junction near Bonaly Wood NT 207 659</p> <p>Path junction between Harbour Hill and Bells Hill NT 203 650</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Follow groups to check point 1 and make sure they go left up Torduff Road.

2) Now overtake the goups and go to path junciton end of Torduff Reservoir (opportunity to watch from distance at path check they go the right way).

3) Overtake participants again and supervise at a distance all the way to Harlaw Reservoir. There is good visibility along this section, up to Bonaly wood then west across the side of Harbour Hill to the col between Harbour Hill and Bells Hill. Good visibilty as well all the way down to Harlaw Visitor Centre.

4) Rendezvous with participants at Harlaw Visitor Centre. There is a toilet at the visitor centre and it is a good place for lunch. This is a nice place for them to linger if they are going quick. It is about 45min from here to the end. Trail you group into the finish. Note that the route to the end is different from our old Pentland route in that it goes around the south side of Harlaw Reservoir.

Route Details Subform

MS	LOCATION	LOCATION GRID	Journeying Time	Activity Time	Distance (Km)	Height Gain (m)
START	Threipmuir Car Park	NT 166 638			0.00	0
NIGHT 1	Bonaly Scout Camp	NT 212 676	04:22:00	01:40:00	11.45	317
FINISH	Threipmuir Car Park	NT 166 638	03:52:00	03:52:00	10.26	261