

# Kinder Bastard

**Approximately 12 miles, 800 feet**

Do not be fooled by the relatively small stature of this challenge. For anyone brave enough to attempt it, you will soon find it to be significantly harder than the numbers suggest. It is arguably the hardest 12 mile route you will find in the Peak District, and suffice to say its earned its name.

This out and back challenge is to run from Kinder Corner (large cairn at SK067 899), right across the Kinder Plateau, to Crookstone Knoll (SK145 883). Once there, you simply need to turn around and reverse the route back to the start. BUT, you are disqualified if you set foot on the edge path at any point, with the exception of the aforementioned start/finish points. Note, it can also be done in the opposite direction – Crookstone to Corner and back.

It goes without saying, this is hard navigationally and full kit is needed, but a strong sense of humour is absolutely essential. Whilst the route itself may appear fairly straightforward in a general sense, the complex terrain, and mazes of deep groughs mean the route options on a micro scale, are almost infinite. You could do it a hundred times and never quite go the same way.

Daniel Stinton and Ian Crutchley of Glossopdale Harriers set the current fastest known time (FKT) on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023, with a time of 2 hours 38 minutes, reducing their previous best of 2:54 set in November 2020. On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Immy Trinder, Dan Stinton and Ian Crutchley completed the first Mid-Winter, nighttime Bastard in a time of 3:44, Immy with the first female completion.

To maximise the fun on offer here, only attempts between 1<sup>st</sup> November and end of February will count in terms of this route. We advise waiting until the weather is absolutely appalling and visibility is zero, to ensure the most satisfying of experiences.



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