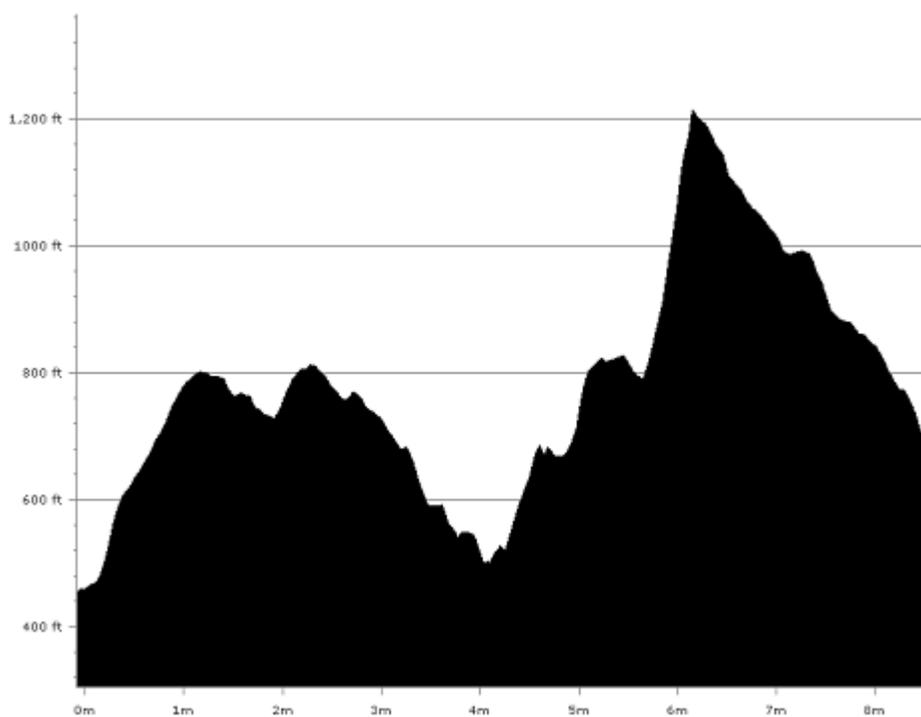


Leg 4 SILSDEN (SE 046469 – BD20 0LH) TO ILKLEY (SE 109469 – LS29 9JF) 8.5 miles 1261ft  
(amended 16/05/2010)



For the start of leg 4 parking is available on the nearby side roads off the main A6034 Silsden to Addingham road but please do not block any drives, etc. The Silsden Park area is only a couple of minutes from the start. There is also a pay-and-display car park (free on Sundays) at the bottom of the main road in Silsden village as well as public conveniences, about 5 mins. walk from the start

For the end of the leg there is plenty of street parking and a number of smaller car parks only a couple of minutes walk from the finish, down the hill from the finish near Wells House - the old Ilkley College (where the Ilkley Fell race and Badger Stone relay start). Please do not drive up the road to the finish as this is quite narrow and will only lead to congestion.

Leg 4 starts by the stile out of the field. Head down the road and take the first right Breakmoor Avenue then take the first track on the left and go between the houses over a stile into a field, bear diagonally right following the path down until you reach a footbridge. Go over this bridge and up the hill to the corner of the wood. From the corner head for the end of the wood at the top of the field.

Follow the wall round to a stile. Cross the stile and bear left following the line of the fence. As you approach Harehills Farm, go over the stile on your left. Turn right continuing up the edge of the field, in the top corner go over another stile and turn right again down the grassy path to the main farm track. Cross over the track and go through the stile into the field. Go diagonally left to a gate in the opposite corner of the field. Continue up the next field following a stream until you reach a stile on the right. Go over this stile and cross the stream using the foot bridge. Follow another stream hidden in the hedge on the left ~~until you reach Ivy House~~ before reaching Ivy House there is a stile on the left, go over this stile and up the steps then follow the fenced path to a footbridge, turn right over the footbridge and through the gate then turn left up the driveway to the road .

~~Go up the driveway to the road and~~ Turn right along the road past Beck House Farm. Continue down the road for a while until you reach a sign on the right. Go through the stile and follow the wall/line of trees down to the corner. At this point go over the stile on your left, and cross the farm track into the next field. Once again follow the fence at the side of the farm to a stile and over the footbridge to Foster Cliff Farm. About 10yds after the bridge turn left and follow the track as it bends to the right. Go through the entrance gate (or a stile by the side of the entrance gate) and then take the first gate on the right.

Follow the fence on your right and then a wall (for about 30 yds) and go through a stile on the right in the wall just past a gate.

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Then turn left and continue down the field to a gate. Now go more or less straight ahead and down the hill to a footbridge and up past Walton Hole Farm. Continue up the track and turn right along the road. Carry on and turn left on to Bank Lane. Take the bridleway immediately on your right (which you now follow for over a mile).

Go down a wide grassy track until you come to a gate. Continue down and through another gate. At the end of the track you will meet the road. Here turn left and where the road bears to the left go through the gate on your right. Cross the by-pass (visibility of the traffic is quite good here but take care crossing the busy road) and go through the gate and down the tarmac track to the road Junction. Turn right along Turner Lane and after about 200 yards the footpath is on the left. Cross diagonally left down the playing field to the road.

Cross the road with care and take the footpath opposite by the side of the allotments. Go through the gate and turn down left to a stream using the stepping stones. At the footbridge take the path to the right marked Addingham Moorside. There is a gate in the fence, go through this gate and up the field keeping close to the fence on your left. Cross over the ford, the footpath is on the right by the wall. Climb up the banking to the by-pass. Cross straight over the road to the footpath opposite (again visibility of the traffic is quite good here but take care crossing the busy road).

Go through a gate and turn half right and go up the field by the wall until you are at the top of a small wood. Continue following the wall to a gate at the top right hand corner of the field. Turn left along the track, going through a gate and follow the track to the gate at the top of the hill. Turn left to Gildersber Farm.

Go through the gate and turn immediately right back on yourself through another gate, follow the track round the back of the farm houses. Follow the fenced track to the road. Go over the road and up the drive ahead towards High Brockabank.

Go over the cattle grid, and the footpath is immediately on your right. Go up the path with the wall on your right and fence on your left to a stile. Go over the stile and continue up with the pine wood on your left. At the top there are two gates, take the stile between the gates into a field. Carry straight on with the wall on your left through two fields and into a third. Go to the right side of the buildings (High House) and over a stone stile in the corner. Continue straight forward past a house on your left and over another stile into a field. Cross this field keeping to the wall and continue through another stile to School Wood Farm. Just by the entrance to the farmhouse there is a gate on the right. Go through and cross the field, keeping close to the wall on your left, to the road. Emerge onto the road opposite Bracken Bank farm and turn left, and go down for a while until you reach Stegg House Farm.

Go through the stile in the wall opposite the farm entrance. Follow the wall up the hill until you reach a stone stile on the left. Go through this stile and turn right, the wall then curves round but continue straight up the field to the stile in the top wall. Go over this stile and the path then leads you up and to the right to Windgate Nick where there is a small cairn on the ridge. DO NOT take any of the paths off to the left.

At the cairn, turn left and follow the ridge, going through several stiles and gates to the Swastika Stone enclosed by railings. Continue on this path until you reach a junction. Here you may take either the bottom path and you will eventually cross a wooden bridge and on the path past the reservoir and houses or continue on the higher well made path, the 2 paths eventually merge on the run in to the finish. The leg will finish on this track at a track junction just before the small stone footbridge onto the road.