

Start at Clough House car park (SK11 0BD). Exit the rear of the car park, walking passed the farm. Turn immediately left then straight across the junction and through the marked gate to the footpath. Follow the obvious track, over the footbridge, through a gate and passed Cumberland Cottage on your left, keeping Cumberland Brook on your right. The track is largely sandstone pebbles which are far from easy to walk on.

Once you pass through a second gate at a bridge, turn left to start the steep climb to the Cat and Fiddle (NB: right turn over the bridge leads to Three Shire Heads). The obvious path follows a brook upwards and when the track ultimately merges with the brook near the top, a new track appears bearing right leading to another wider track, used by agricultural vehicles. Follow the new wider track passed the finger post and head for the Cat and Fiddle.

Left down the main road at the Cat and fiddle then right towards Stake Farm off the bend on the road. You are now nudging the Goyt Valley. That track turns right, leading to a point where several footpaths merge. Turn left through the metal wicket gate, then follow the footpath on the high ground, well avoiding Stake Farm itself. You will soon see another metal wicket gate on your right. Through the gate to join the farm entrance road and turn left towards the main road passed the restaurant. Cross the main road and leap over the stile.

Follow the trail downhill. In snow use the power line wooden poles as way markers which follow the same route as the official wooden way markers which may be less obvious. Down to Chest Hollow but do not cross the brook. Bear right and follow the track, passing through two gates and several wooden way markers. Once through the first gate, use Torgate Farm itself in the distance as the way marker if there is snow about. Your path hugs the drystone wall at the farm. Follow the way markers over the rise and down towards Clough Brook.

You will pass by some ruins, turn left downhill then right at the brook towards Broughsplace and over the footbridge into the yard area of the house. Follow the way markers down the drive until you hit the main road. Left at the main road and back to Clough House car park.

Essentially this is an out-of-season exercise run still carrying all my equipment but focused on completing the route.

Route (GPS) = 9.76km

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