

BEER TRAIL 2017

We've come nearer home for our last Beer Trail.
This is our 12th – who's going to volunteer for next year?

Easier running than usual, and slightly longer courses. The long course will still visit some rough and remote fell. It can all be challenging in winter conditions.

Usual format – go to the first checkpoint (see below) where you'll find a stake with the next grid reference. Carry on until you get to the beer & chocolate.

Leave plenty of daylight and carry a decent torch.

LONG COURSE: about 12.5 km straight line

SHORT COURSE: about 8 km straight line

**WE DON'T KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY**

You're recommended to download the specially prepared O-map
- but if you do, then take the full OS map as well, for emergency routes off.
The Long course needs both the East and West sheets of the map. The Short course can manage just on the West sheet
Otherwise, It's all on the OS 1:25,000 NW sheet ,
- or take a map that is bounded by grid lines 03 (W), 10 (E), 15 (N), and 11 (S)

For GPS users, we've given grid references to 8 figures. For the traditionalists, just drop the figures in small writing to get a six-figure reference.

[Recommended Parking: Lowther Park top gate NY 0608 1197](#)
[First checkpoint: Long and Short: Fence Corner NY 0610 1205](#)

The course will open on the morning of Saturday 23 December,
and close on the afternoon of Sunday 14 January.

Let us know if supplies run low during the main holiday period.

We won't top up the cache in the last week.

If driving conditions on the fell road stay bad, we'll issue an alternative start point.

Please don't give the game away by putting the whole of your route on Strava or similar. The location of the cache is a secret until you've put the effort in.

Pete & Barbara