

## Hodgson Brothers Mountain Relay

### Urgent & Important News to all Teams

The weather forecast tomorrow is extremely bad with periods of heavy rain and up to gale force winds. We have taken the decision to run the race but with a significantly changed route, this is for the protection & safety of runners and Marshalls. There are a number of important changes which are listed below.

1. Clothing: in addition to minimum FRA kit requirements all runners MUST wear or carry a long-sleeve thermal top. There are no exceptions.
2. Route. As briefly as possible the route is now an out & back race from the Start at Patterdale up to Kirkstone Pass at the end of Leg 2, before returning on legs 3 and 4 the same way back to the Finish at Patterdale. This avoids all high level terrain on the West side of the A592 Kirkstone pass over Red Screes, Hart Crag and Fairfield where conditions are expected to be most severe.

The new route in more detail with Grid References is as follows:

### **Bad Weather Route: Patterdale to Kirkstone Pass & back**

Race Start Time 09:15hrs

#### Leg 1:Patterdale to Hartsop (usual route via Angle Tarn)

Checkpoints

- △ Start NY 389 160
- Angle Tarn peninsula NY 417 144
- Path/stream junction NY 421 130
- ◎ Finish Hartsop Sheep Pens NY 410 129

Mass start for Leg 2 at 10.10hrs

#### Leg 2: Hartsop to Kirkstone Pass (via Threshwaite Mouth)

Strat will be flagged from changeover onto correct path up to Threshwaite Mouth.

Checkpoints

- △ Start Hartsop Sheep Pens NY 410 129
- Threshwaite Mouth Path / Wall Junction (north) NY 426103 (new checkpoint replacing High Street)
- Caudale Moor Tarn (south) NY 414 100 (existing checkpoint)
- Raven's Crag cairn NY 405 081 (existing checkpoint)
- ◎ Finish Kirkstone Pass Car Park NY 401 081

Mass start for Leg 3 approx 11.30hrs

Leg 3: Kirkstone Pass to Hartsop (via Threshwaite Mouth) reverse of Leg 2

Checkpoints

- △ Start Kirkstone Pass Car Park NY 401 081
- Raven's Crag cairn NY 405 081
- Caudale Moor Tarn (south) NY 414 100
- Threshwaite Mouth Path / Wall Junction (north) NY 427103
- ◎ Finish Hartsop Sheep Pens NY 410 129

Mass start for Leg 4 approx 12.40hrs

Leg 4: Hartsop to Patterdale (reverse of Leg 1 with different route to finish)

Checkpoints

- △ Start Hartsop Sheep Pens NY 410 129
  - Path/stream junction NY 421 130
  - Angle Tarn peninsula NY 417 144
- Flagged route from gate after descent from Boredale Hause via Goldrill Bridge all way to Finish field
- ◎ Finish Patterdale Playing Fields NY 389 160

3) Car Parking – the ground in the Lakes is saturated and will be very difficult in places; your help and understanding is required to minimise damage and help others out if they need a push!! Please do not bring more cars than necessary, please drop runners off wherever you can at checkpoints to avoid parking and / or jog to the leg starts.

4) Travel conditions – this morning there was traffic disruption due to flooding on the A591 around Windermere / Troutbeck bridge. Please check travel conditions and plan your route accordingly.

We know this is a significantly different route to normal but it's this route or none at all. And having said all that there is still a chance that the race may be called off at the last minute before the start in which case we may have a group run / informal race up to Grisedale Tarn and back.

If you decide you do not wish to participate in this years that's fine and it will not affect your chances of getting in next year. You can choose to let us know by sending an e-mail to Chris Hodgson at [info@chalet365.com](mailto:info@chalet365.com) or simply by not declaring at Registration. Please

appreciate we are working as hard as we can to put the Hodgson Brothers race on this year and your help, understanding and cooperation is absolutely critical.

Jon, Scoffer and Chris