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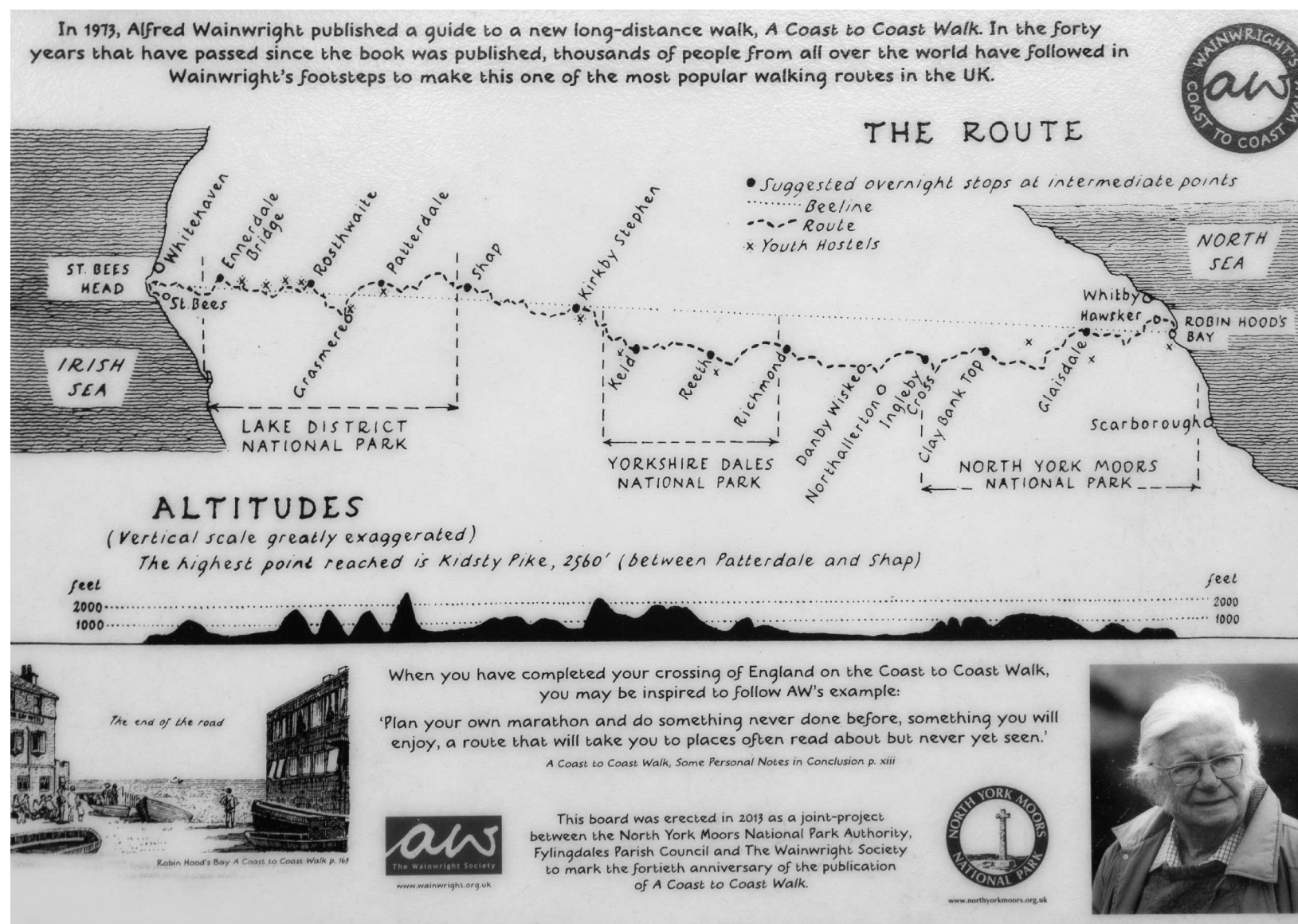


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I completed the Lake District portion of Wainwright's Coast to Coast walk in 2015. Ten years go by and I realise if I am to complete the journey I had better get on with it. So this book is about both journeys. My friend Glyn Carter came with me for the first journey and five days of the second. He would walk a couple of miles and return to the car, picking me up at the end of the day. This allowed us to stay in a central Airbnb while he was with me.

Wainwright's total journey is 190 miles. With my transport arrangements I missed out 15% because some bits were boring, brewing storms required a shortened day or if I wanted to keep within my 12 mile walking limit.am I worried about this failure of completeness?... nope, I think my life time walking credentials are good enough.

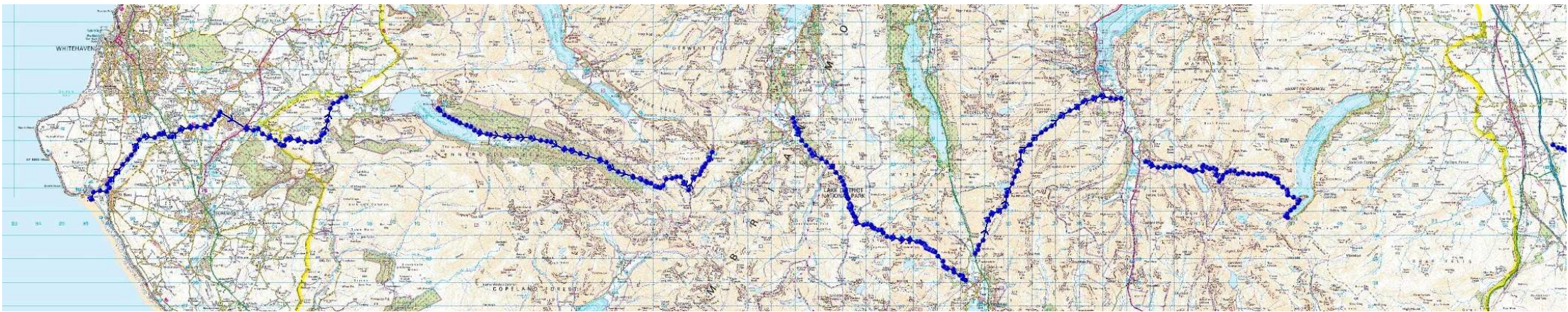
I have put an overall map at the beginning of each years journey, and the detailed maps for each day at the end of the book. Otherwise it's a picture book that gives you a visual peep into an unfolding journey with little text.



Coast to Coast October 2015

Miles

19/10/2015	St Bees	Ennerdale Bridge	10
20/10/2015	Ennerdale Water	Honister Pass	10
21/10/2015	Rosthwaite	Grassmere	9
22/10/2015	Grassmere	Patterdale	8
23/10/2015	Hartsop	Dudderwick	7



































































**Andrew Lievesley**
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Taken my glasses off...due to high wind & rain. Then as I walked down the hill I came out of the cloud which I had been in for 2 hours. Wind & rain lashed my camera ...but I could not miss this picture. Also I was glad to know I was where I thought I was....loving it!!!....Kidsty Pike, The Lake District.



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24 October at 08:29 · 🌐 ▼

Walking on the top of High Street, The Lake District, in the cloud, very windy. 10 mins after this photo was taken visibility was down to 20 feet, heavy rain started I could hardly see; when an old man came out of the mist & said 'Hello son, been on the tops?' Now it's been a long time in my life since anyone has called me 'son'...even in these northern parts. Second, how could anyone in their right mind consider going to the tops of the hills in this weather?...A strange place 'up north'



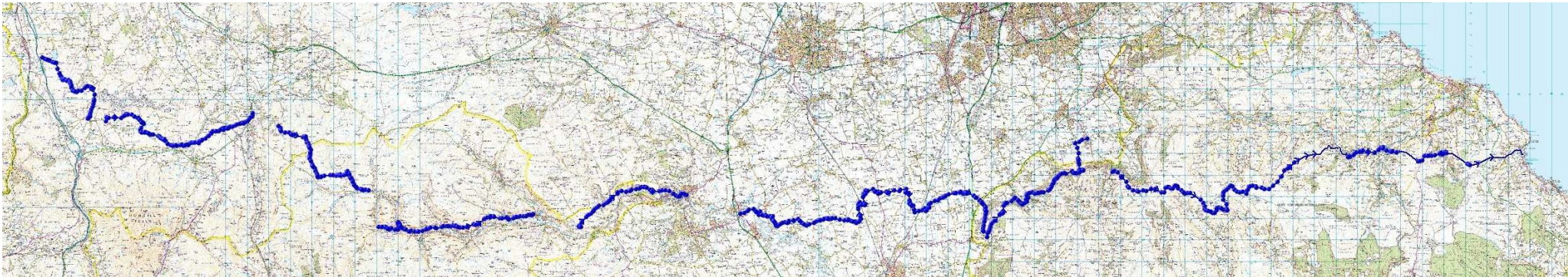
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Coast to Coast October 2055			
29/09/2025	Nr. Shap	Nr Orton	6
30/09/2025	Nr Orton	Kirkby Stephen	12
01/10/2025	Nr. Kirkby Stephen	Keld	10
02/10/2025	Twaite	Reeth	11
03/10/2025	Marrick	Richmond	9
04/10/2025	Brompton on Swale	Birkby Grange	11
05/10/2025	Birkby Grange	Osmotherly	12
06/10/2025	Osmotherly	Great Broughton	12
07/10/2025	Carr Ridge	Blakey Ridge	10
08/10/2025	Blakey Ridge	Glaisedale	10
09/10/2025	Glaisedale	RobinHood Bay	14



















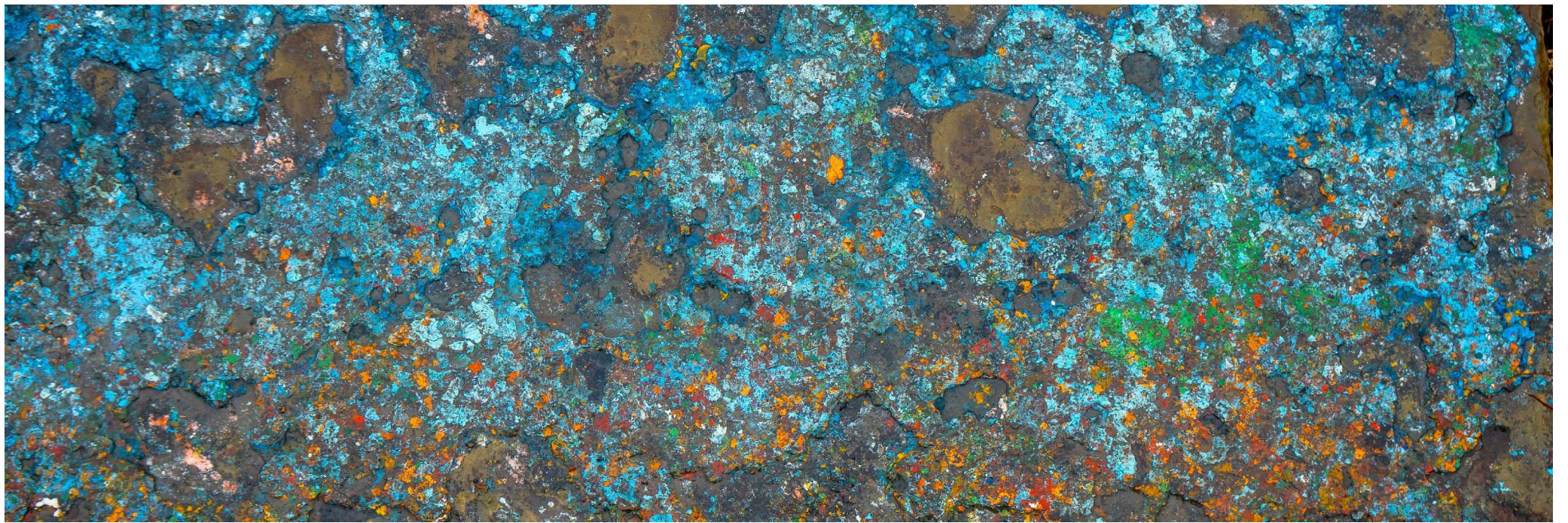








On the third day in 2025 I started my walk on Hartley fell; there was a thick mist, a slight wind and heavy drizzle. The stone path way had just been completed, so I took the new all-weather route. a lot of the stones were recycled from old houses as well as the odd gravestone. Very easy walking, until you get to the last four miles which takes you past Ravenseat farm. It was one of my favourite days walking...I loved every moment.

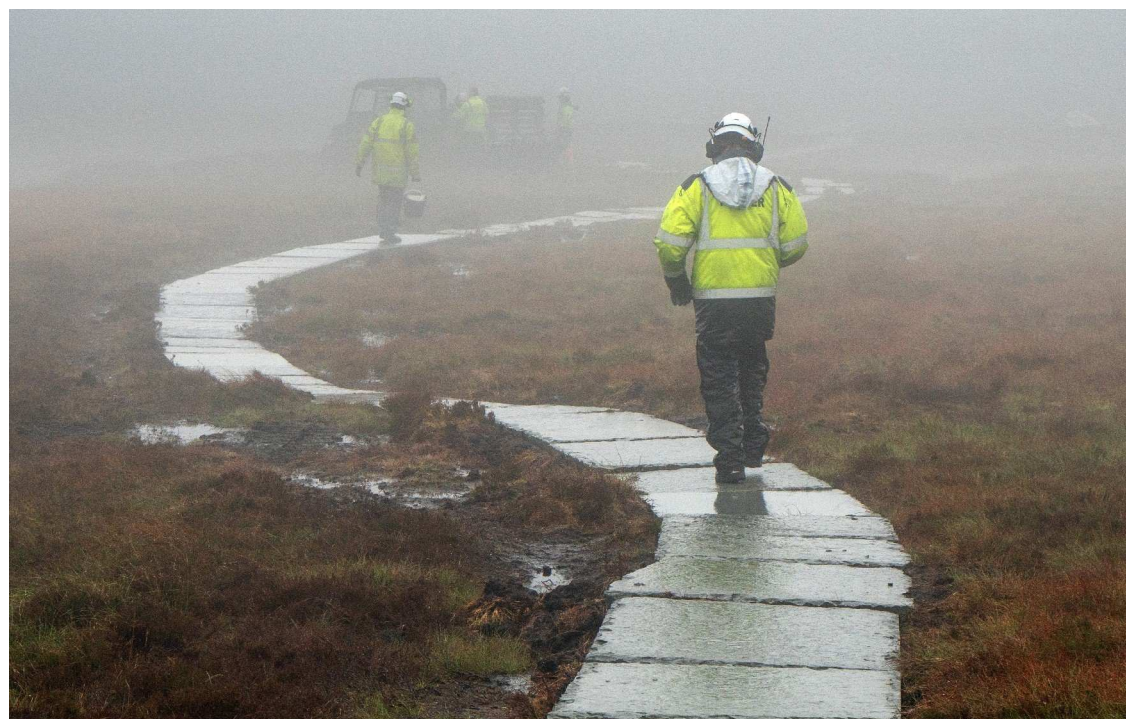


I saw this pattern frequently, taken from the wall of a house that had a lot of layers of paint on it.

Out of the mist the Nine Standards appear.







Work men were finishing the job, by stacking the empty pallets used for transporting the stone, lifted in by helicopter. Which was the way out for the stacked wood. The old summer route went left. I stuck to the new instructions and went right. I had lunch out of the wind in an old gun butt.











Previous page: Ravenseat farm, where the TV series 'Our Yorkshire Farm' was made. I see Jo the pony's replacement was keeping another horse company.











On the fourth morning it made sense to walk from our Airbnb accommodation at Twaite (above), rather than back track to Keld.
Below the village of Muker























Glyn left me after our stay in Richmond. I then had two days of walking on the flatlands, south of Darlington. A bit boring but good to have a bit of easy walking. I was given a cup of tea by a lady near her house where I had stopped for my lunch. I also came across a field of sunflowers, not a plant I would naturally associate with this part of the world.



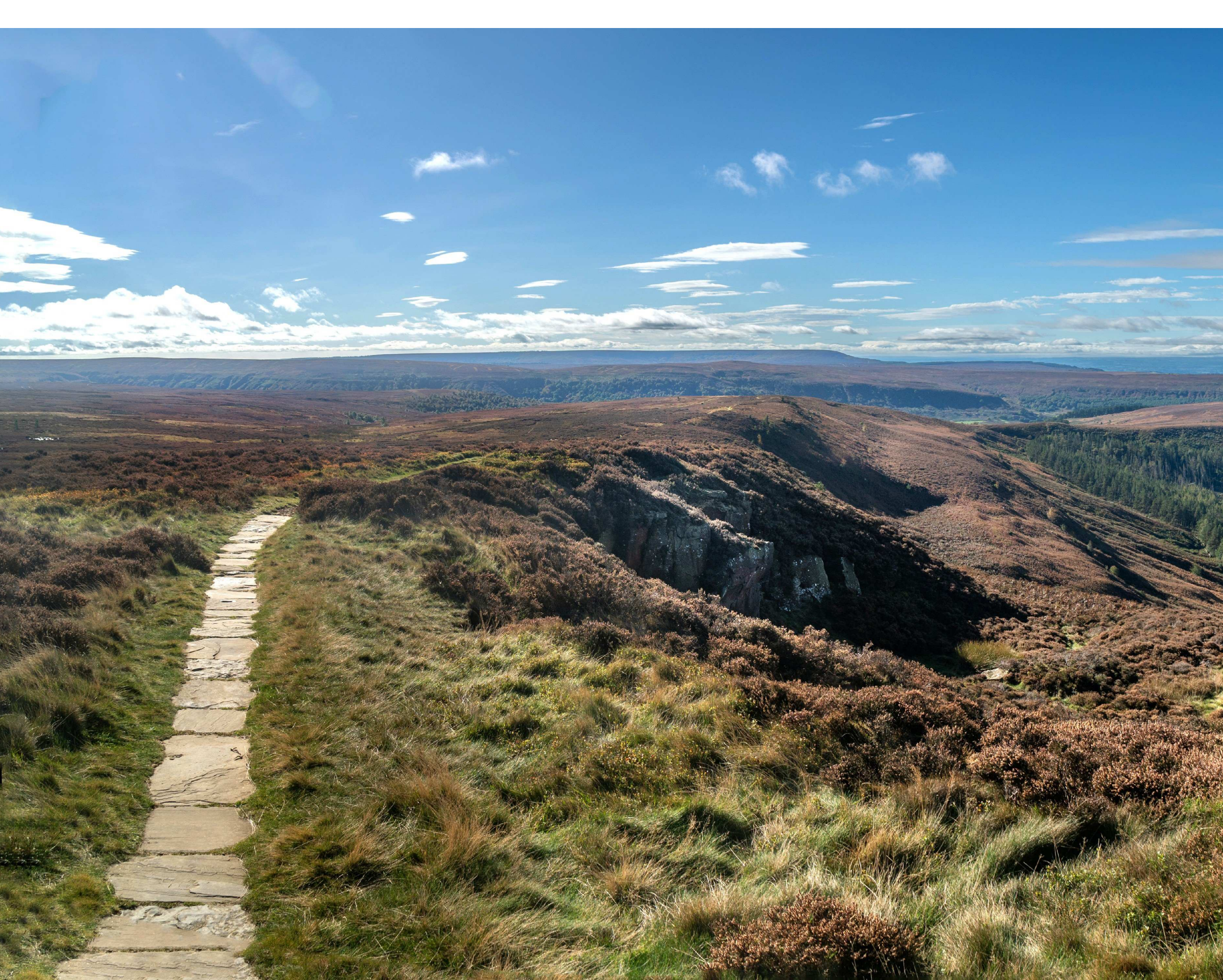
















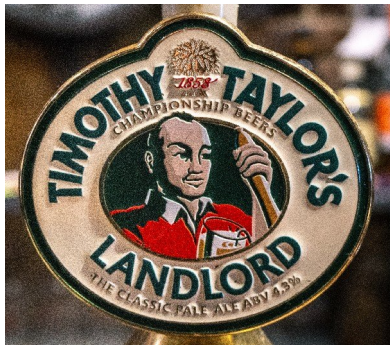












If you walk the Coast to Coast you have to stay at the Lion Inn at Blakey Ridge. There is nothing around it for miles, and you have to book. When I was there it was the first time they had free rooms since the beginning of March. Also this was the first pub I had come to with two of my favourite northern ales on tap. I carried out a taste test and decided I preferred Black Sheep....followed by snooze. A profitable afternoon of work I thought.

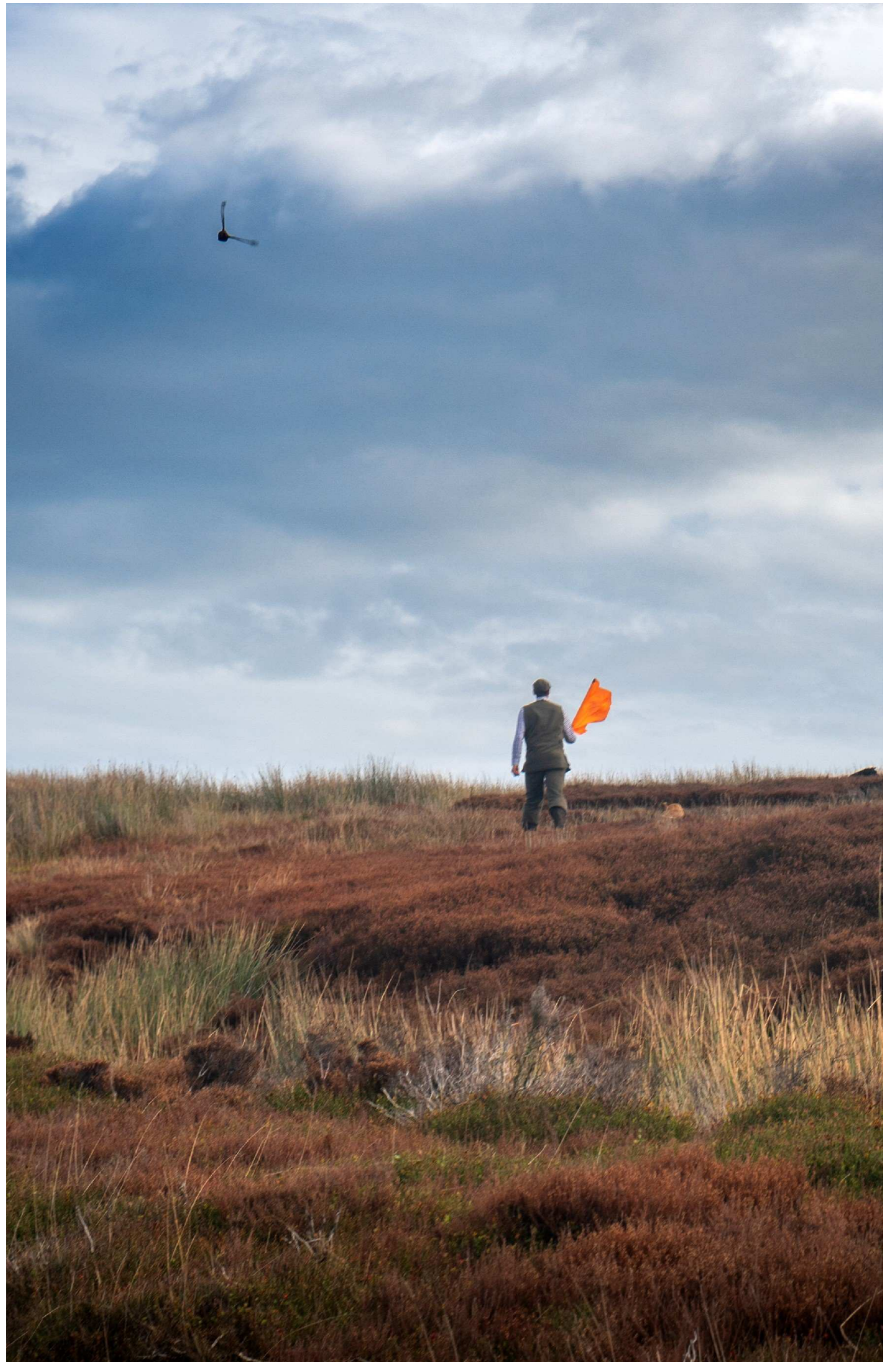








On my way over Glaisdale Moor I came upon a shooting party. I was happy to wait while they beat the birds towards the guns. A different world from mine. Apparently it is £100 a bird.



The birds are, Red Grouse apparently. One tried to make me his / her pall. It took me some time to get it to fly.

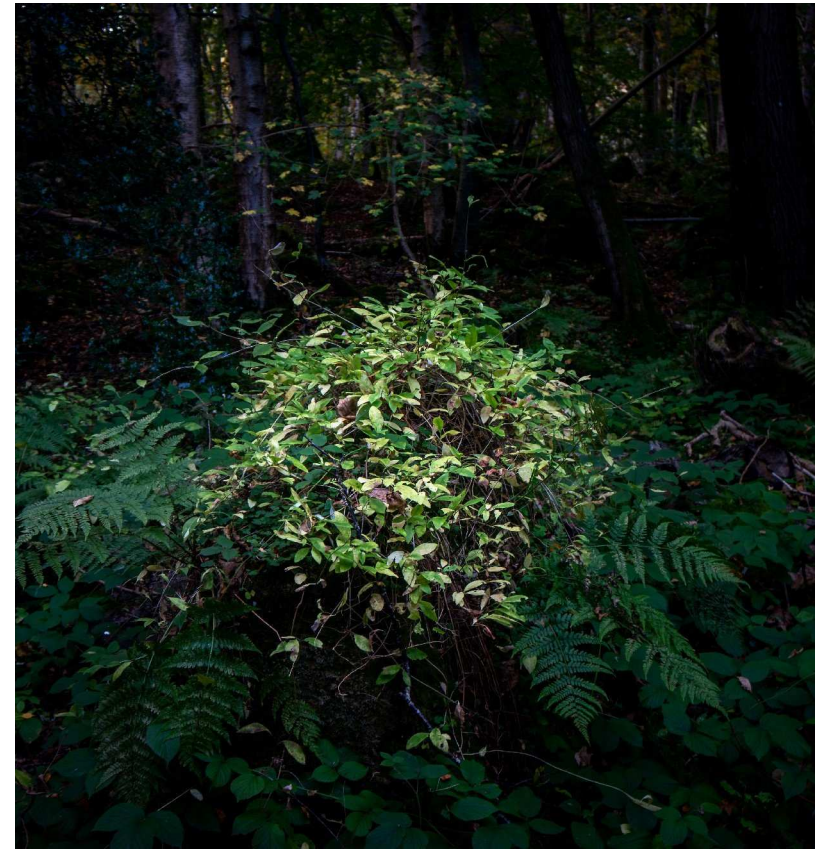




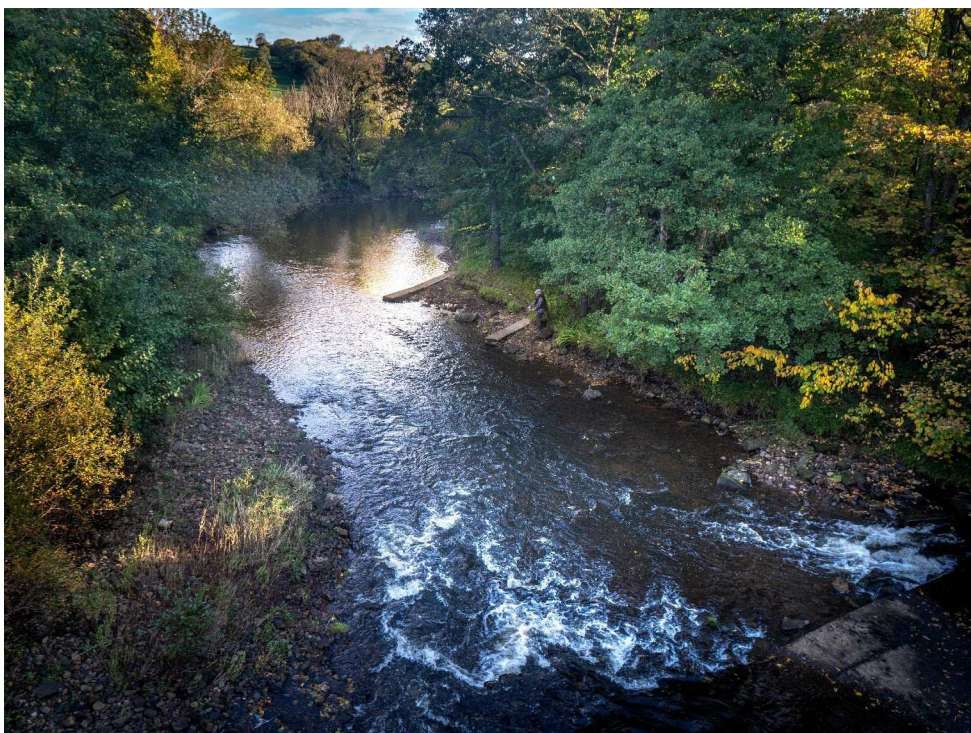








The last days walking was a complete mishmash. It took me through a wood, a heritage railway and a moor destroyed by fire











I arrive at the end, Robin Hoods Bay. I go for a paddle in the north sea, have a pint of Wainwrights' beer in the Bay Hotel, have good supper and reflect that this had been a great walk, better than expected in many ways. What next?





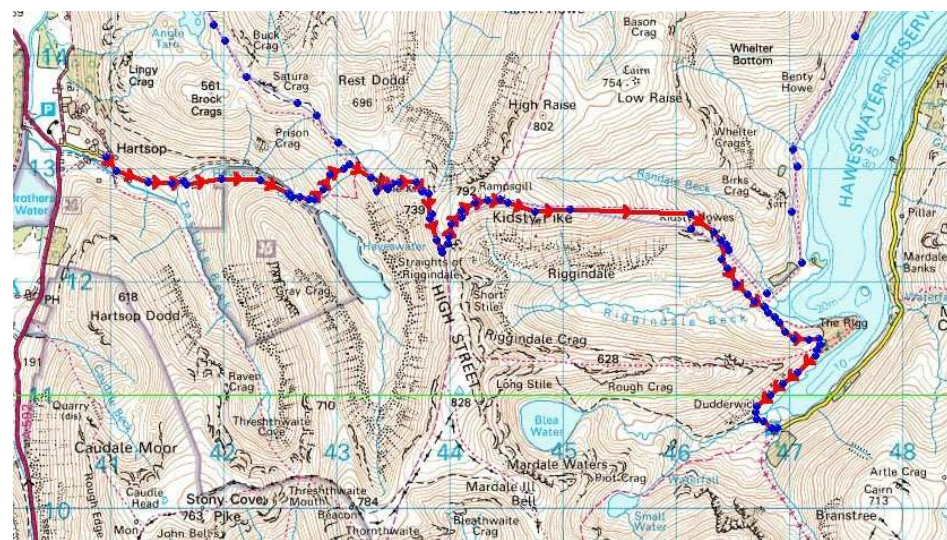
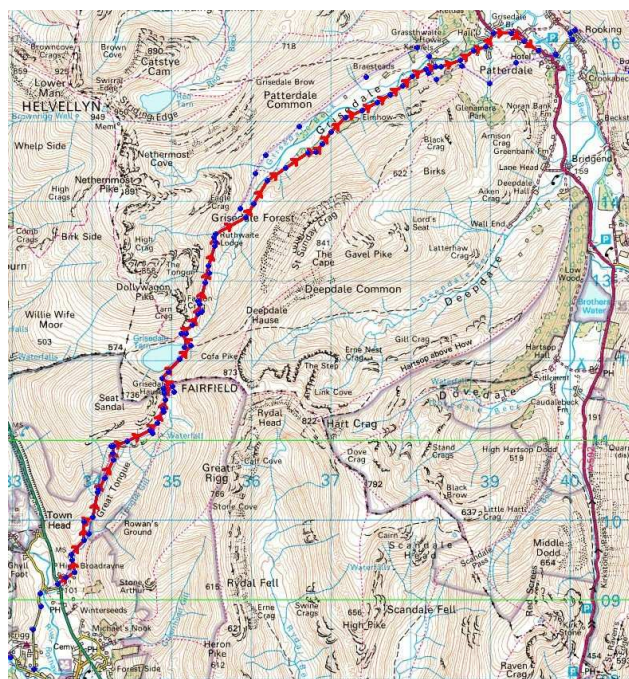
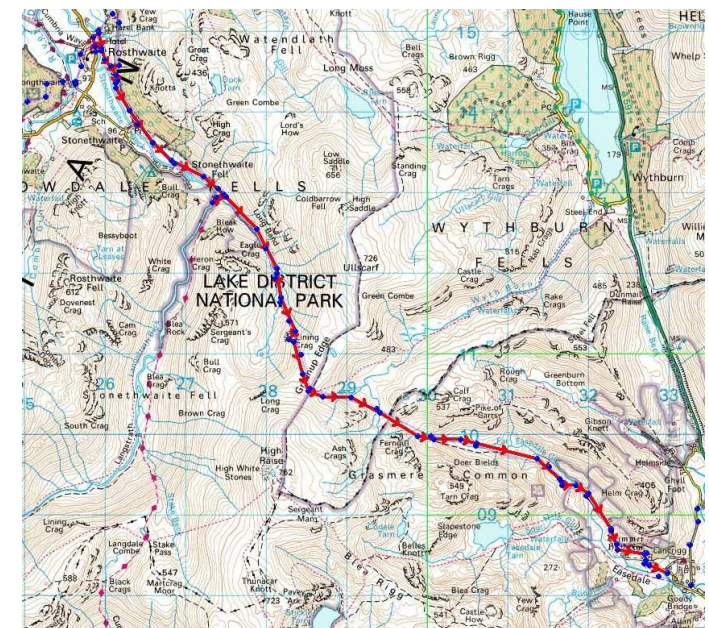
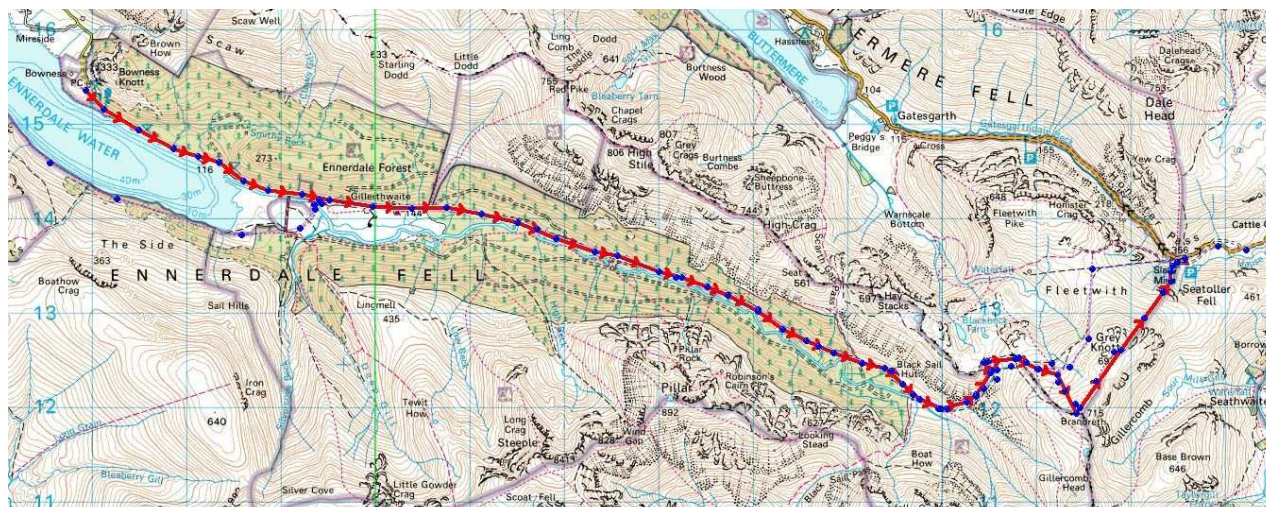
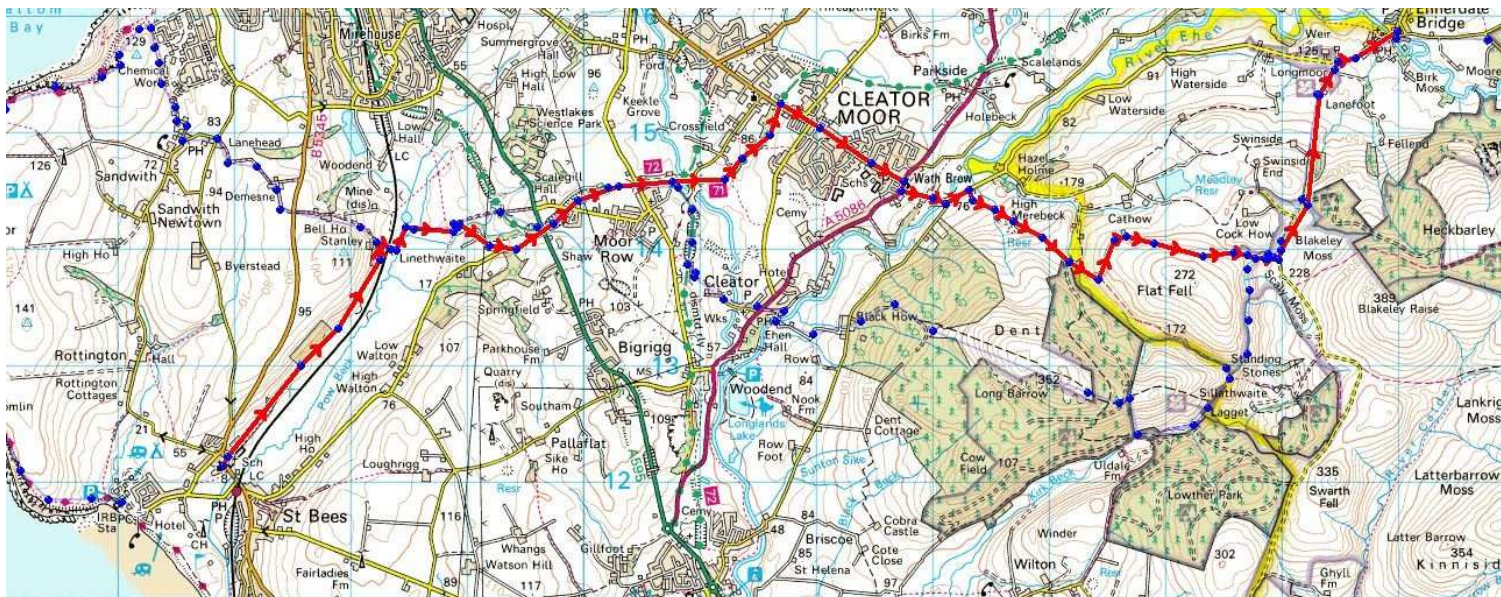
Throughout the 2025 trip I had a fun time generating the cartoon on the right, using Chat GPT.

I was totally fascinated in how it would promise me things it could not do.

On the other hand did we visualise AI when I started this journey in 2015?



Daily Maps from 2015



Daily Maps from 2025

