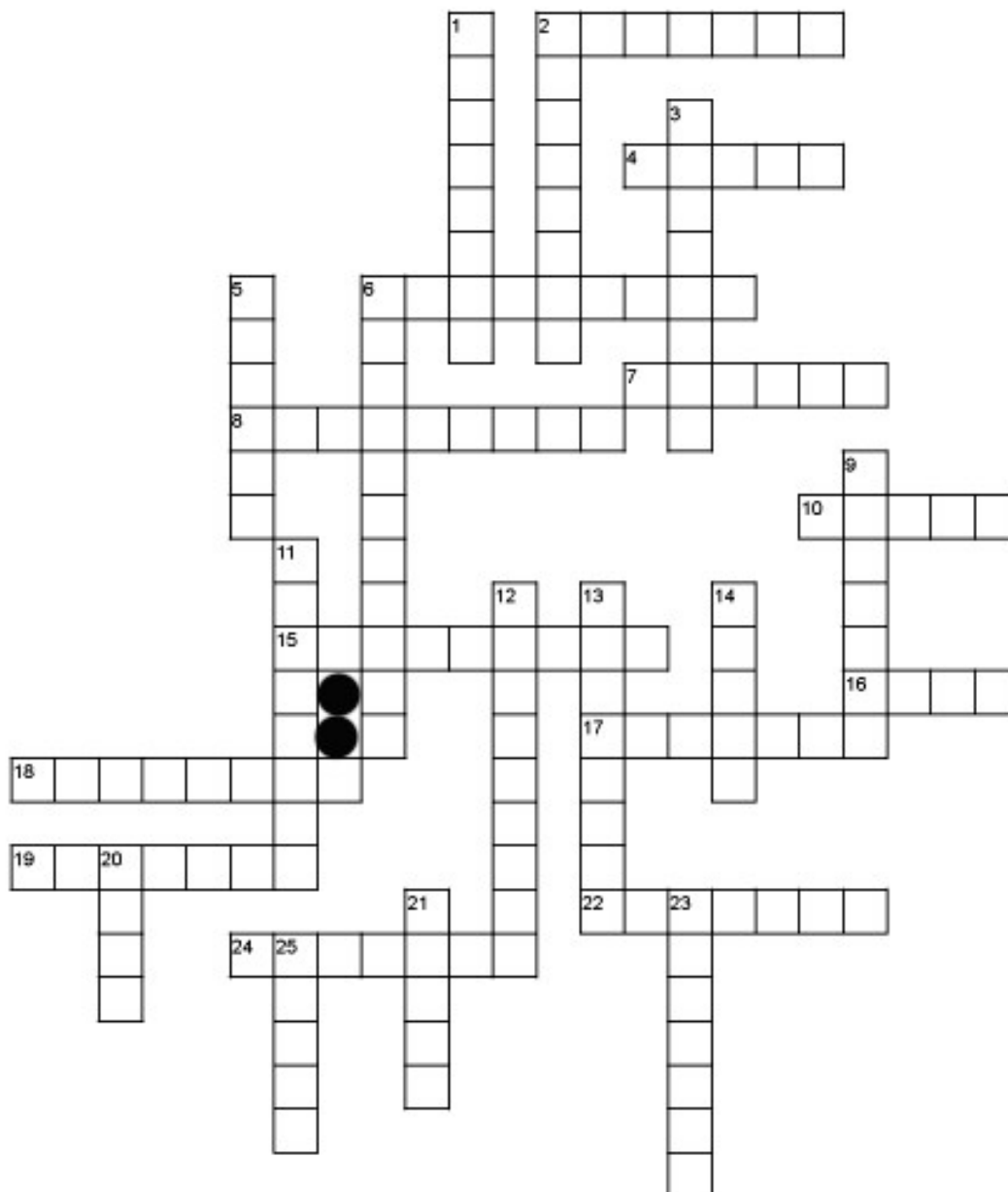


Fin Cop Geocross V67

No contact geocaching and crossword

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To solve this crossword puzzle you need to visit the 9 locations of the main feature in the following photographs.

You will need the what3words app (W3W) on your GPS device. Using your GPS device held over the main feature you then get the what3words address. You will probably have to move around to find the W3W square containing the 'word' provided.

Save all the words and eventually fit the words to the crossword grid.

There are just three crossword clues. Find these words first, then fit all the other words to the grid. There may be more than one solution. One word may appear twice, you only need it once for the crossword.

Clues

10 ACROSS question

18 ACROSS obtained

23 DOWN skillfully threw things around

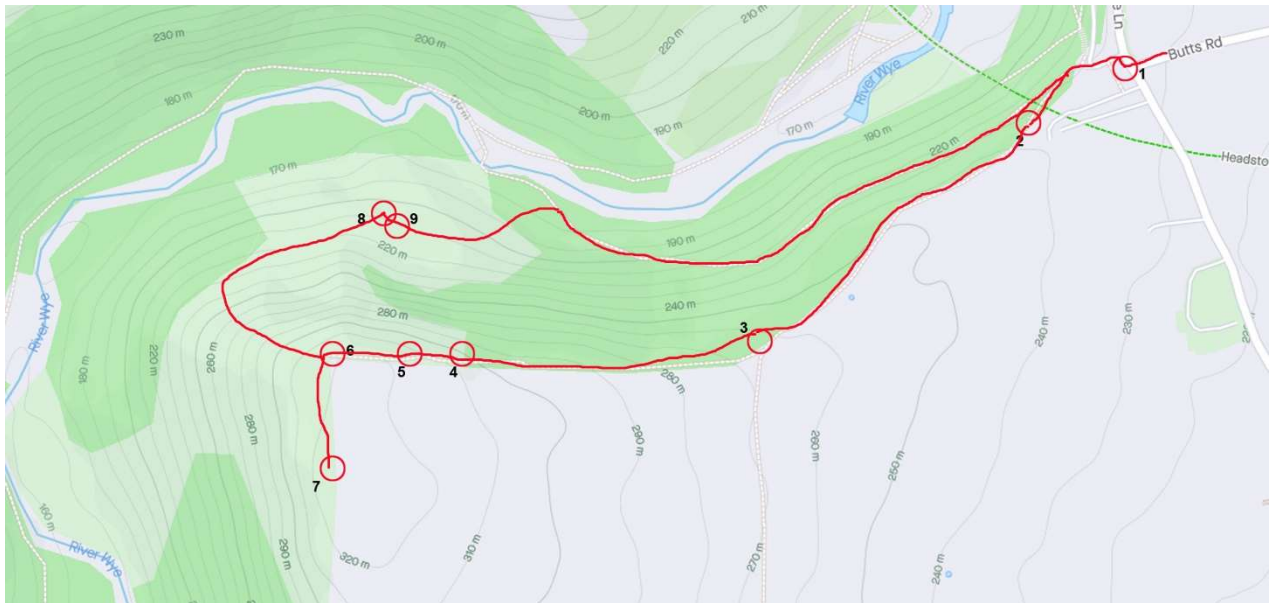
The GPS on mobile phones can be imprecise. This can mean that multiple devices very close to each other might show different 3 word addresses, not because the 3 word addresses of your actual location is different but because the devices each think they are in slightly different places. Each location is a grid square 3x3 metres.

In order to help you ensure that you obtain the correct three word (W3W) address, the first word in the W3W is provided as a clue. You may need to walk around the main feature into different 3 x 3 metre grid squares to find the correct W3W address.

E.g. Let's assume that you are at a location given by the W3W address thick.verge.commented and you are told the first word of the W3W address is the word "thick". You now know you have found the right one.

Location	OS grid reference	W3W		
		First word	Second word	Third word
1	SK 18506 71547	cabinets		
2	SK 18386 71463	scatters		
3	SK 18014 71159	informer		
4	SK 17651 71127	trifling		
5	SK 17525 71139	shrugging		
6	SK 17432 71143	task		
7	SK 17435 70933	procured		
8	SK 17561 71266	factually		
9	SK 17577 71279	captions		

Each of the locations can be found on the route below. The locations are listed in order and sufficient background is included to help you triangulate your position to identify the location.



Start from Monsal Head.

Location 1 OS ref SK 18506 71547

Monsal Head Hotel - sign

Contains “cabinets”



Monsal Head Hotel overlooks one of the best views in the Peak District, the winding River Wye and the Monsal Dale Headstone viaduct. The impressive brick arch viaduct that once carried trains is now a very popular landmark on a bike and walking trail. There are benches near the Monsal Head Hotel to enjoy the view, and many people are happy to do just that. The more adventurous will hike down to the viaduct.

The building of the Midland Railway between Bakewell and Buxton was a massive engineering operation, carving through the dramatic limestone gorge of the River Wye east of Buxton. It opened in 1866. At the time, leading art critic John Ruskin wrote:-

There was a rocky valley between Buxton and Bakewell, once upon a time, divine as the Vale of Tempe... You Enterprised a Railroad through the valley – you blasted its rocks away, heaped thousands of tons of shale into its lovely stream. The valley is gone, and the Gods with it; and now, every fool in Buxton can be in Bakewell in half an hour, and every fool in Bakewell at Buxton; which you think a lucrative process of exchange – you Fools everywhere.

The railway closed 100 years later and the viaduct is now a Grade II Listed Structure.

Only a very few take the path to Fin Cop.

Location 2 OS ref SK 18386 71463

Gate

Contains "scatters"



From Monsal Head a footpath heads left along the top of the wooded embankment. It leads to Pennyunk Lane and Ashford in the Water.

Location 3 OS ref SK 18014 71159

Sign

Contains "informer"



The sign points towards Ashford in the Water.

The path to Fin Cop is not marked. Astonishing that such a dramatic landscape feature, clearly seen and labelled on the OS map, is not accessible by public footpath or as CROW Access Land.

A faint path continues along the top edge of the wooded escarpment, following a limestone boundary wall. This path leads to Fin Cop, an Iron Age fortified hilltop fort, built 2500 years ago.

Location 4 OS ref SK 17651 71127

Dew pond

Contains “trifling”



The site of Fin Cop stands at the tip of a promontory. The land falls away in all directions and there is no water supply. This nearby field has a concrete lined dew pond for grazing stock.

There is no public access to the fields.

Location 5 OS ref SK 17525 71139

Fin Cop settlement east earthworks

Contains “shrugging”



Fin Cop settlement covers 4 hectares, making it the second largest in the Peak Park after Man Tor. It is a scarp edge enclosure, where soil and rocks have been tipped down the natural escarpment leaving a steep protective earthworks on the north and west faces.

The main fortification is this rampart and ditch. The rampart was built with stone and was over 3 metres high. The ditch had a vertical face and was 5 metres wide. The perimeter formed a defensive circuit but was never completed. Construction was rushed suggesting an immediate threat. Excavations have found a mass grave of women and children, but no men.

It is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Location 6 OS ref SK 17432 71143

Settlement north-west corner

Contains "task"



This is the best defended corner of Fin Cop. The man-made earth embankment falls away steeply to north and west.

Location 7 OS ref SK 17435 70933

Fin Cop summit

Contains “procured”



The summit is a steep 175 metres above the River Wye. An attack here would have been seen long before it reached the defensive circuit, giving the defenders plenty of time to roll rocks down.

Location 8 OS ref SK 17561 71266

Hob Hurst rock

Contains “factually”



Down below the steep escarpment of Fin Cop, Hob's House is a cave formed in a natural landslip. It overlooks Monsal Dale and the River Wye.

In the 1970s this limestone rock group was easily seen from Monsal Head, but woodland has since grown up and it is very difficult to spot. It can be seen from the opposite hillside in Monsal Dale. Very few people visit.

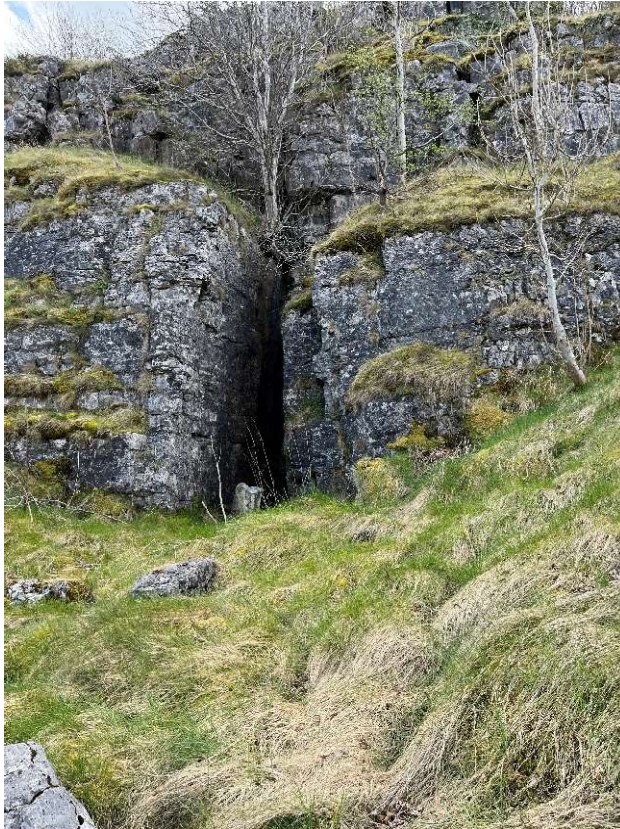
This weathered pillar looks like a heavily laden stockily built man.

Folklore says that Hob Hurst was a boggart giant who only came out at night and used his great powers to damage crops. Hob's 'thirst' was for a bowl of cream which rural dwellers left out for him as an appeasement.

Location 9 OS ref SK 17577 71279

Hob's House

Contains "captions"



The landslip below Fin Cop

The 10 metre high fissure cave of Hob's House is 900mm wide at the entrance. The short cave beyond is just 24 metres long.

It is one of the Peak District's largest limestone landslides, a 250 metre wide block which became detached from the side of Fin Cop due to undercutting by the River Wye. It slipped on a thin layer of volcanic ash, and split into several blocks. Slipping on volcanic ash is the main cause of limestone landslips in the Peak District.

It is also known as Hob Thirst Hole, Hob Hurst House or Hob Hurst Cave.