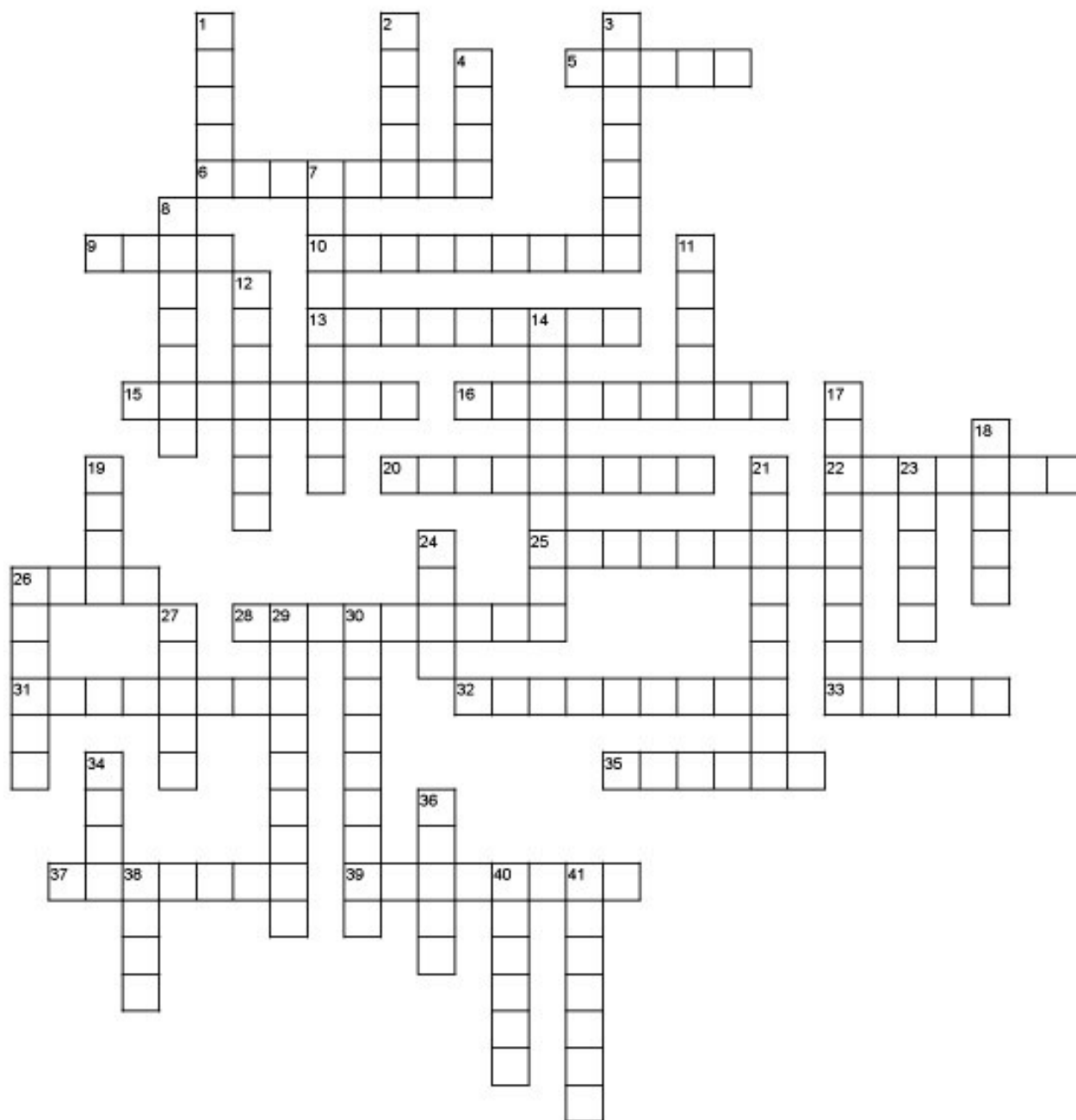


Crookstone Moor Geocross V69

No contact geocaching and crossword

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To solve this crossword puzzle you need to visit the 14 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

1 DOWN ladder steps

20 ACROSS came together

37 ACROSS in a bottle perhaps

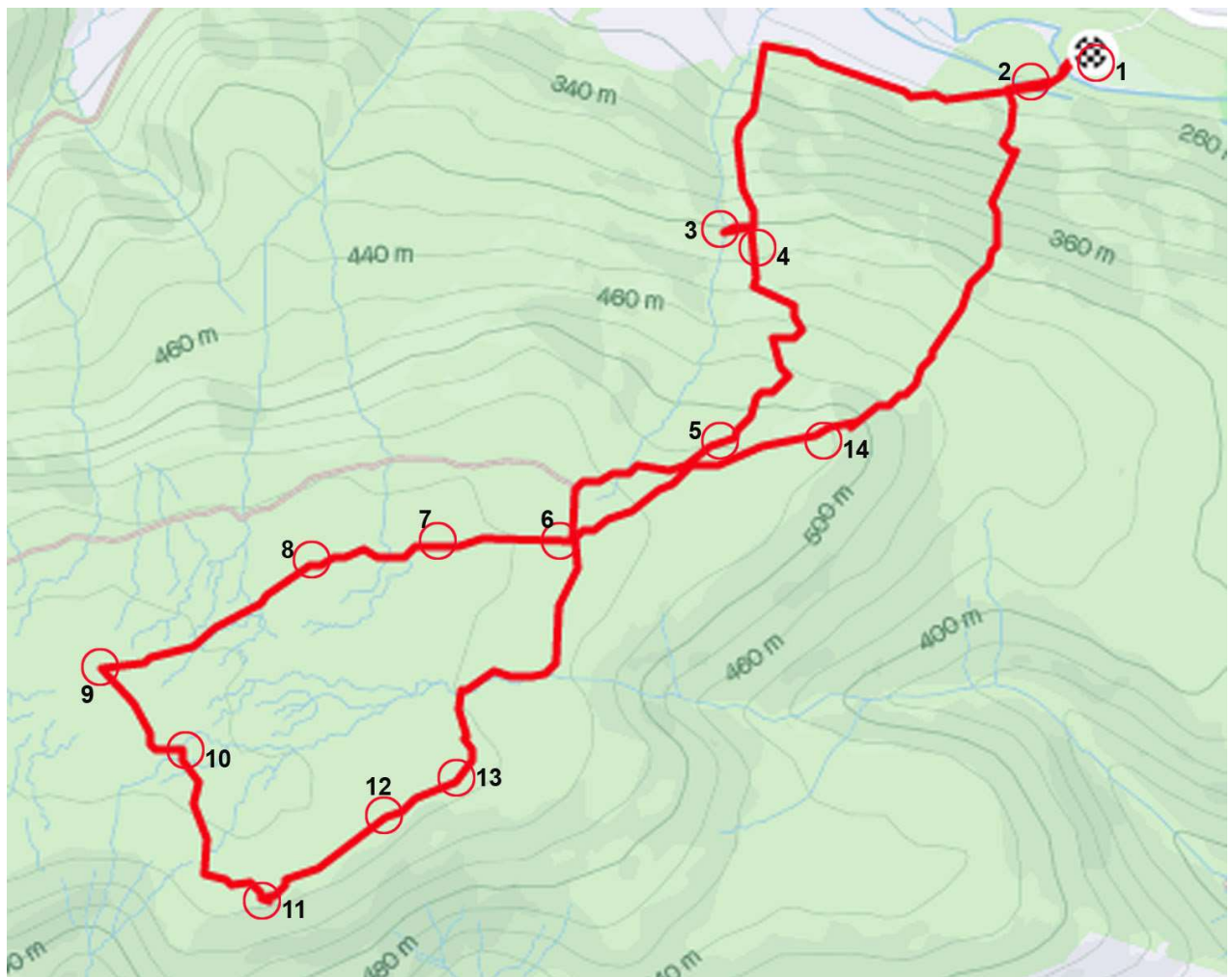
The GPS on mobile phones can be imprecise. This can mean that multiple devices very close to each other might show different 3 word addresses, not because the 3 word addresses of your actual location is different but because the devices each think they are in slightly different places. Each location 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 15025 89112	angel	coiling	culminate
2	SK 14890 89036	greet	shapeless	grafted
3	SK 14241 88724	converged	gems	superhero
4	SK 14363 88459	natural	musically	ooze
5	SK 14180 88240	rungs	sketching	thrashed
6	SK 13925 88083	breakfast	bumps	zoos
7	SK 13653 88071	arise	cracks	jabs
8	SK 13389 88027	vocally	vented	agreeable
9	SK 12928 87811	message	stooping	roadblock
10	SK 13101 87625	each	disco	skimmers
11	SK 13286 87317	foggy	frostbite	chromatic
12	SK 13457 87434	chose	policy	defaults
13	SK 13640 87554	soup	vest	lightbulb
14	SK 14504 88325	redefined	icicles	stand

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 Rowlee Bridge.

Location 1 OS ref SK 15025 89112

Rowlee Low Barn - gate

Contains "angel"



At Rowlee Bridge. The road over Snake Pass connecting Sheffield to Glossop was very rough. At Rowlee Bridge travellers split to go east to Sheffield or south to Hope. The Romans crossed here to connect their forts at Glossop and Brough.

Before the A57 road was improved as a turnpike toll road in 1818, this was an important crossing of the River Ashop taking pack horses and carts over Hope Cross and on to Hope.

These fine barns and stables were built to last.

Location 2 OS ref SK 14890 89036

River Ashop capture aquaduct

Contains "greet"



The Derwent Valley Water Board was formed by Act of Parliament in 1899 to construct new reservoirs to supply the growing cities of Nottingham, Derby, Leicester and Sheffield. Howden Reservoir opened in 1912 and Derwent Reservoir in 1916. Water passed by pipeline to filtration works at Yorkshire Bridge, then by pipeline aquaduct to cities lower down the Derwent Valley.

The capture of water from the River Ashop and River Alport was an important and clever engineering strategy of the Derwent Valley reservoirs project, and was completed in the 1920s. It significantly increases the catchment of the Derwent Reservoir, by adding water from the Ashop and Alport valleys, thereby providing more water for the cities long before the third reservoir, the Ladybower was built.

The water follows a concrete channel which drops down into a gravity fed siphon below the bed of the River Ashop and up the other side, then through a tunnel which discharges the captured water into the Derwent Reservoir, above Fairholmes. This height advantage gives the water additional pressure which allows it to flow under gravity to enter feeder reservoirs to the cities of Derby and Nottingham.

The remaining water of the River Ashop now flows into the Ladybower Reservoir, which was completed in 1945.

Location 3 OS ref SK 14241 88724

Shooting cabin - north

Contains “converged”



There is now no shooting allowed on the National Trust owned land of Kinder Scout plateau.

There are however, lines of shooting butts on the east and north facing slopes of Kinder. This cabin is accessible by a rough landrover track which continues to Kinder plateau.

Location 4 OS ref SK 14363 88459

Shooting butt 8

Contains “natural”



Traditional shooting butt with drystone walls and turf top.

Location 5 OS ref SK 14180 88240

Kinder plateau access landrover track

Contains “rungs”



If ever you need to get a landrover onto Kinder plateau, and manage to get permission from the National Trust (which is highly unlikely), this is the top of the climb onto Crookstone Out Moor.

Location 6 OS ref SK 13925 88083

Flat topped stones - south

Contains "breakfast"



Between Crookstone Knoll and Edale Moor trigpoint there are three large rock features. The OS map names just one of them; Madwoman's Stones. The Harvey map shows these rocks more clearly.

Many people mistake either the first or the third as Madwoman's Stones, which they are not. But could be....

This one gives welcome shelter from the prevailing SW wind.

Location 7 OS ref SK 13653 88071

Madwoman's Stones – north of toppled block

Contains “arise”



The second group of stones is named Madwoman's Stones on the OS map. The toppled block is possibly the fallen 'madwoman' with a flat cap..

Location 8 OS ref SK 13389 88027

Not Madwoman's Stones

Contains "vocally"



This group of wind-worn sculptural rock is not named on the OS map. However, it is visually highly prominent and definitely worthy of a name. The angry bird shaped slanting rock with the prominent 'beak' could be an old woman with a bonnet. The rock immediately right in the picture could also be the face of a grumpy madwoman....

Location 9 OS ref SK 12928 87811

Edale Moor trig

Contains “message”



Recently paved and painted, Edale Moor trig sits at its correct height on a plinth of masonry, almost one metre higher than the surrounding ground level. Years of erosion have lowered the level of the peat.

Most people see the plaque and read ‘Scout Unit’, and assume it was placed in memory of some lost scouts who died on Kinder Moor. It was in fact placed for the Viking Venture Scout Unit which ‘inspired more than a generation’ between its formation in 1968 and closure in 2004. It was placed to commemorate a great success.

Location 10 OS ref SK 13101 87625

Aircraft wreck site

Contains "each"



The crash site of a WW2 Handley Page Halifax bomber which took place on 5th October 1943, returning from a raid on Frankfurt.

The Peak District has 173 aircraft crash sites, including the most famous and most heavily visited B52 bomber which crashed on Bleaklow.

By contrast the Lake District has just 28, and the whole of Scotland 127.

Location 11 OS ref SK 13286 87317

Not the Druid Stone

Contains “foggy”



There are two parallel footpaths traversing the moorland edge above Nether Booth. Walkers on the lower path will see this large rock and many mistake it for the Druid Stone.

Location 12 OS ref SK 13457 87434

Druid Stone

Contains "chose"



The true Druid Stone is on the higher footpath. The dense bands of lower bedding are quite distinctive.

It might be called the Druid Stone because of the indentations of top, where offerings might be placed. However, bowls, basins and indentations are so common on Peak District wind-worn gritstone boulders that the druid population had plenty of choice. Not that there were many druids in the Peak District, except at Birchover.

Location 13 OS ref SK 13640 87554

Wind sculpted smooth rock

Contains “soup”



A surprising jumble of smooth wind eroded rocks. This group of rocks couldn't be more different to the nearby Druid Stone.

Worthy of attention by any passing druid.

Location 14 OS ref SK 14504 88325

Crookstone Knoll

Contains “redefined”



The eastern promontory of Crookstone Knoll juts out over the Ashop Valley.

The ascent of Crookstone Knoll from Rowlee Bridge, on to Edale Moor trig, and back by the same route is known to local fell runners as the Crookstone Crashout. It has been run in less than 30 minutes!