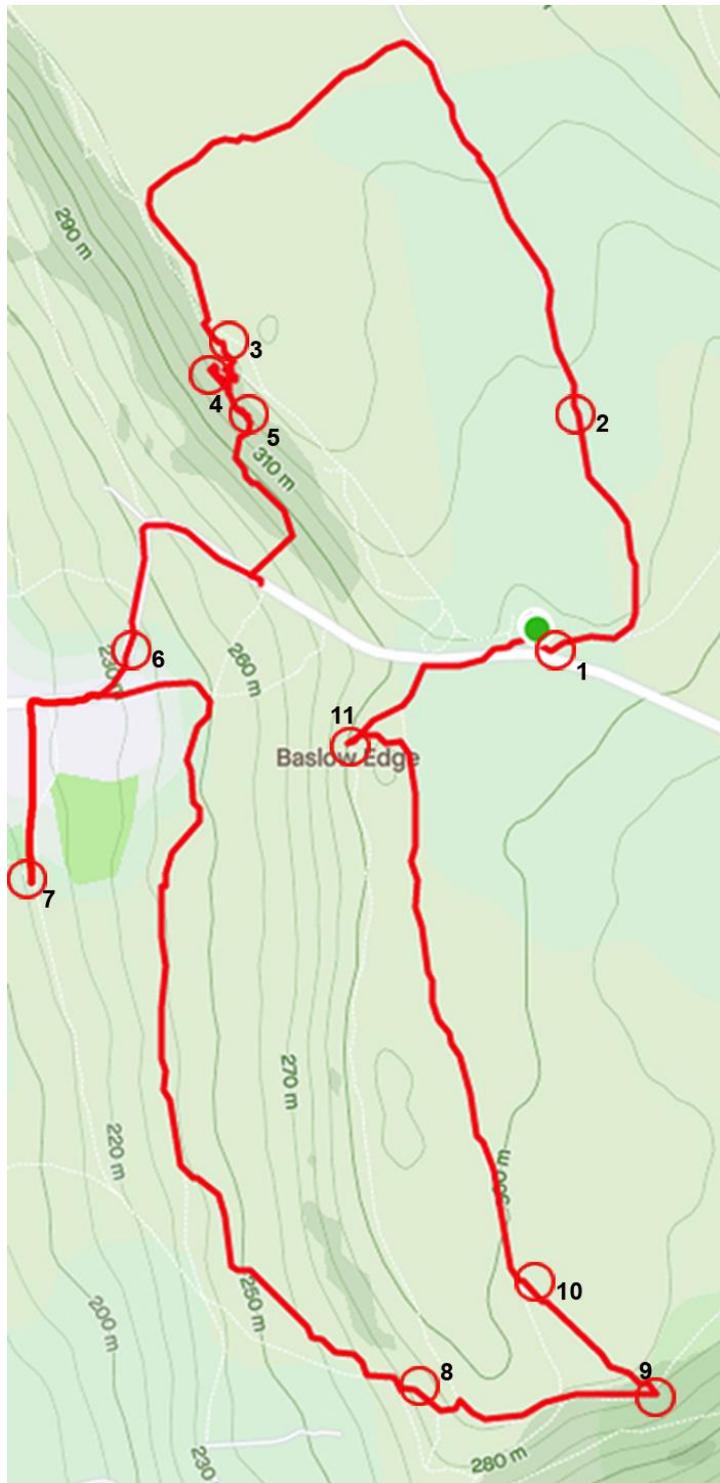


## Curbar Gap Geocross V17 revision A 23 July 2020

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 and finish at Curbar Gap.

Location 1 OS ref SK 26266 74693

Curbar Gap Guidepost stone stoop

Contains "slyly"



Guidepost at an ancient path junction at the top of Curbar Bar.

Location 2 OS ref SK 26303 75028

Millstone Road - gate

Contains "fury"



The old Millstone Road started from Curbar Bar and was the main path across the moor. At the south it ran between two sets of walled fields, Curbar Fields to the west and White Edge Fields to the east. Both are early 18<sup>th</sup> century 'Enclosure of Commons' and comprise eight fields. Siddall was a farmer from Curbar who cleared and enclosed White Edge Fields and then rented the land from the Duke of Rutland for £2 4s 6d a year.

These sets of walled moorland enclosure fields occur elsewhere on the Duke of Rutlands moorland. There are similar fields at the north of Froggatt at Stoke Flat (10 fields) and on both sides of the A625 around the Grouse Inn (11 fields). Eaglestone Flat has 10 fields.

Location 3 OS ref SK 25838 75084

Curbar Edge Summit

Contains "diamond"



Good viewpoint over Curbar to Longstone Moor. Lots of quarrymens markings on the easily accessible rock, and loading bays to cart the stone away. Likely the quarrying was for millstones.

Location 4 OS ref SK 25822 75071

The Peapod – foot of Eliminates Wall Curbar Edge

Contains “goat”



Possibly the most concentrated group of very hard gritstone climbs in the Peak District. One of the largest buttresses on Curbar Edge and split by three fierce cracks, each of which has attracted considerable attention over the years.

Location 5 OS ref SK 25852 75013

Curbar South Millstone Quarry

Contains "lyrics"



Abandoned domed millstones on top of a huge slope of quarry waste

Location 6 OS ref SK 25700 74686

Bible text carving

Contains "slides"



This is the lower of three roadside Bible Text references carved in natural roadside stone below Curbar Gap. This is John 5.24. Beside the Bible Stone is an in-situ carved stone drinking trough fed by a natural spring.

The other two are Isaiah 1.18 and Hebrews 7.25

Carved in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by Edwin Gregory, a molecatcher for the Duke of Devonshire. He made the inscriptions in gratitude to God on his recovery from a serious illness.

Location 7 OS ref SK 25574 74362

Cundy Graves - plaque

Contains "chugging"



The plaque



The 5 graves

The Cundy family graves are on moorland outside the village of Curbar. All five family members died from the plague in 1632, 32 years earlier than the more famous plague which came to nearby Eyam in 1664. There were other plague deaths in Curbar at this time, buried in the Wesleyan Reform Chapel graveyard further downhill in Curbar village. The plaque was erected in 1960.

Location 8 OS ref SK 26136 73662

Baslow Bar Quarry

Contains "excusing"



Marker stone above the large Baslow Bar quarry.

Location 9 OS ref SK 26419 73685

Wellington Monument – sw side

Contains “marching”



Erected in 1866, after the Duke of Wellington's death, in memory of his victory at the battle of Waterloo in 1815. A local army man, Doctor Wrench, erected the memorial to balance the Admiral Nelson Monument on nearby Birchen Edge. Nelson's victory, and his death by a snipers bullet, was at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

Location 10 OS ref SK 26253 73830

Eagle Stone - south

Contains "means"



An impressive free standing gritstone tor. Local custom was that young men of Baslow had to climb the Eagle Stone to prove their fitness for marriage to a local girl. There is no easy way up, or down, so friends of the hopeful groom might have been pressed into lending a helping hand. The easiest way up has chipped holds.

Location 11 OS ref SK 25996 74569

Baslow Edge viewpoint

Contains "type"



Panorama viewpoint.