Hardmoors 26.2 Series – Saltburn Marathon Route Description (17)

CW = Cleveland Way

- After leaving Saltburn Leisure Centre head **straight up the main road**, sticking to the pavement when possible.

- Ignore the right hand bend, **continue straight ahead** through the housing estate until you reach the **entrance to the woods**, keep an eye out for the **MARSHAL** where the track splits.

- Here the marshal will direct you **left, then almost immediately right**, where the track drops down and narrows. Continue on the track as it sweeps round to the left.

- Don’t **deviate from the main track**. As you come up and over the prominent tree roots, turn left at the bench and continue straight ahead past another bench which is on your left

- Stick to this path until you reach a **steep set of steps dropping down to your right** (DO NOT get these mixed up with the steep steps rising up to your left). Continue down the steps and follow the trail until you come out of this section of woods on to a **narrow tarmac section**.

- Here turn right and go through **2 large sets of metal gates**, then turning right in to the Valley Garden Tea Rooms lawn. Meander through the lawn and head straight forward for the **3 black metal benches on your left**.

- Continue past the benches and follow the path round to the right and then back round to the left (notice how you follow the contours of the beck as it becomes lower and you get higher). **After passing the bench on your left, fork right and drop down to the edge of the beck**. (Not the immediate right hand steep path)

- Continue ahead, noticing **Camfields Espresso Bar on the left**. **Cross the road near the bus stop** and then turn right sticking to the pavement.

- Follow the road round past the **tractor car park** until you reach **The Ship Inn**, and the bottom of the cliffs.

- Here you will join the **Cleveland Way** and climb the **steep steps** in front of you up on to the **cliff tops**. Continue along the main **CW route** for approximately 5km until you see the **CW sign** pointing you down some **steep steps on to the beach**. **Follow these steps down towards the beach and turn right heading for the Jetty**

- **Pass over the Jetty & follow the sea side path round to the car park** where you will see **CHECKPOINT 1**

- After leaving the Checkpoint head toward the **small row of houses in front of you** and turn left **following the CW across the bridge**, turn **right** on the road and then left up the very **steep set of steps** to the top of the climb.

- Continue straight ahead on the CW, not deviating from the main track. **Ignore the first turning pointing you in the direction of Loftus**

- **Between the farm buildings bear right** and head to corner of grassed area to gate and **CW Sign**, **go through gate and follow track uphill** through another gate

- Continue climbing crossing a **wooden footbridge** stay on track climbing up still to a short
post marking the CW, at this post leave the CW by immediately turning sharp hairpin right. Continue up onto grassy path alongside a wire fence on the horizon. MARSHALED

- Once on this path keep fence to your left and follow path sweeping gently left and right to a stonewall, keep on path with wall on your left until you come to a stile, climb stile then take a second stile immediately to your left into field and continue down the field keeping the wall to your Left.

- At the bottom of the field is another stile with blue pipe across it protecting you from wire, climb over this stile onto tarmac road and turn Right and follow main road heading for Spring House Farm

- After the farm continue on road to a T Junction where you turn left down the road to a 30 mph sign just before the houses.

- Immediately after the 30mph sign, turn Right down a farm track alongside Deepdale Farm passing wooden garages to your right to a metal gate and Stile which Joins the Cleveland Street Trail, follow the route back down towards Skinningrove.

- At bottom of grass path, turn right onto concrete path then immediate left down steps to the car park. Turn right and follow the lane to join the road and reach CHECKPOINT 2

- Turn left onto the road & continue ahead over the bridge. Turn right to leave the road and join the Cleveland Street Trail up a very steep set of steps, which turns in to a road half way up. On reaching the top turn left onto the road.

- Continue ahead and cross the road by the traffic lights into Carlin How (PLEASE use the crossing at these lights to cross this very busy road).

- Once over the crossing continue past the small row of shops on to Muriel Street. Head straight forward up the road until you see the sign to pick back up the Cleveland Street Trail (IT IS ON THE LEFT NEAR TO THE ALLOTMENTS).

- Continue on this trail up past the allotments, steadily climbing up through the fields.

- You should now stick to this trail through several fields and across 2 minor roads, until you come to the railway crossing. (Though this is not a busy railway line please cross with care using the appropriate crossing).

- Continue down through 2 more fields until you reach the small bridge in the wooded area.

- Continue through the fields until you reach the dirt track. Here turn right, and then turn left on reaching the main road, under 2 large railway bridges.

- Continue through the village of North Skelton sticking to the left hand pavement until the Cleveland Street Trail sign points you left (Opposite a shop called ’SIGNZ’).

- From here meander right following the track up past the football field, and now enter a small narrow wooded section until you reach another busy road. MARSHALED

- Turn right, sticking to the grass verge for a short while then cross over the road to Trout Hall Farm. Here you will also leave the Cleveland Street Trail route.

- Continue to climb up Trout Hall lane until you see CHECKPOINT 3 at the top.
• Leave Checkpoint & continue **straight ahead up Trout Hall Lane.** Turn **left at T-junction,** then **right after bus stop up Manless Terrace.** At top of this road turn left & **re-join the CW.**

• Continue up **Airy Hill Lane,** passing by a farm on your left. The lane will take you around the left hand side of the farmer’s fields then drop steeply down to the entrance of a **small wooded area.**

• On reaching this wooded area you will see more **CW signs** pointing left. Follow these signs scooting around the edge of the woods until you reach the top of the **abandoned quarry** and a **steep set of steps.** Continue down to the pub (**The Fox & Hound**).

• Upon reaching the pub run past the front entrance and continue up on to the **main road** where you cross (PLEASE ONLY CROSS WHEN SAFE TO DO SO!!!!) **MARSHALED**

• Once on the other side of the road turn left and pass by the **bus shelter** on your right. Leave the roadside to **follow tarmacked track** (Signed CW) continue on track and take the first **right off the track** (signed CW) continue ahead on the CW marked track through Slapewath woods keeping an eye out for Acorn signs.

• Eventually on reaching the end of the woods & reaching the bottom of a **steep concrete hill** follow the CW sign and turn left heading uphill, turn right through gate that is signposted CW, follow track briefly then pass through **2nd gate** and turn left to follow Cleveland way track, Turn right following CW sign, after a short while turn right onto track signed with an acorn, turn right follow acorn signs.

• **Follow wide track** and after 0.45miles continue straight on main track and do not turn left. Continue on main track and take the right track after 0.4 m along. **MARSHALED**

• Descend down hill taking the left hand side path. **Caution very muddy & steep descent** On reaching next main track cross directly over and continue descending

• At bottom of descent reaching the path crossroads continue very briefly straight ahead on path signed (Guisborough Market Town) & turn immediately left over the stile **MARSHALED**

• Continue **straight cross the field** until the path drops down back in to the woods, over stile and continue on the path keeping the farm on your right as you pass by it.

• When you meet an open area at a **cross roads,** cross straight over and follow wide fire track past a **large mound of soil.** Continue to follow this road, staying right on the lower path until you reach a **junction of paths at a stile.** This is also **CHECKPOINT 4. (18 miles)**

• From CP 4 the main track carries on left but you take the **path up a hill** which bisects the main path. Heading in the direction of **Highcliffe Nab,** go up a long and **very steep climb** to the top, ignoring side paths crossing track.

• When you **reach the rocks,** keep them to your left and then take **left fork of path up steps to Highcliffe Nab summit** and **MARSHAL**

• Follow path **straight on (east)** to join **main track left.**

• When track meets a fork continue on right fork (upper path)
• Continue through Guisbrough **woods** following the upper path, as the path starts to corner to the left, head straight ahead ignoring both the turn off to the left and right and continue straight ahead. At the next junction, (Blue Arrow) **take right hand path to a gate and into the woods**, follow path downhill through the wood.

• Follow track down to a **slight T-junction at the bottom and turn right**. Follow this track round a left hand bend & then notice the track in front of you dropping down lower in to the woods. Pick this trail up and continue to the **remains of the gate at the bottom**.

• At the remains of the gate **climb up and continue on single track across the moors**, when you reach the **drainage channel** keep it to the left & head on path towards the **telegraph poles**. Follow **yellow markers as path turns away from drainage channel**. The path will eventually reach the Quakers Causeway, a **rocky path made up of concrete slabs**. When you reach it **turn left** & continue on the causeway until you reach a **sign post**. Take a right at the sign post and then left continuing ahead until you reach the **main road & CHECKPOINT 5. (THIS ROAD IS VERY BUSY SO PLEASE ONLY CROSS WHEN THE MARSHALLS SAY TO DO SO!!)**

• Leave Checkpoint via **gate in the centre of the car-park** which heads down over a field & to a small moor/wooded section. (**AIM FOR THE TV MAST IN FRONT & SLIGHTLY TO RIGHT**).

• **Turn left at the TV mast and cross a minor road**.

• Follow the track down-hill until you reach another **fairly busy road** and another **MARSHAL. (CAREFULL ON YOUR CROSSING)**.

• After crossing road **turn right & follow path to right of the church**, continue through a narrow track with trees & bushes on both sides. At end of track **turn left** & continue to follow track until you pass a **large house on left**, continue past house until track brings you out on to a **main road**.

• **Turn right at road & stick to the right hand path passing through Skelton Green, with The Miners Arms pub on your right & The Green Inn pub on your left**.

• **Just past The Green Inn pub turn right** and re-join the **CW**, following it across the field & down the **steep steps** in to Skeleton High Street. At the **newsagents** cross the road & follow **CW signs** which take you through the **housing estate** to the entrance of **2 fields**.

• Follow the **CW signs** which will lead you back down to the **entrance of Saltburn Woods**. Enter woods and follow the main path down to the **waterfall and beck**.

• **Continue across bridge which runs under large via-duct**, until you come to a **T-junction**.

• Follow **CW sign** which points left up the hill. On reaching the bench at the top, swing left & continue to the top of the climb & the beginning of the housing estate you came through earlier in the day.

• **Continue straight ahead**, re-tracing your steps back to the **leisure centre**. (PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE FINISH IS IN THE LEISURE CENTER AROUND THE BACK!!)).