

Hash Report – Number 242

Sunday 5th April 2015

Briar Bank, Cockermouth

Hares: Half Dome and MisDeamour

The sun was shining, clear skies beckoned, as we left Keswick. By the end of Bass Lake - we were in a pea souper - and it only thinned out briefly by the time we arrived at Briar Bank. Cool and refreshing for an Easter Hash - typical lakeland holiday weather.

We soon heated up as we set off on circuitous route down ginnels (lonnings to you locals!), and a cunning route - that didn't go where you thought it would next. Eventually dropping Dale View onto the cyclepath feeder track. On and off the old railway line / cyclepath we eventually emerged onto Lorton Road, across the bit of scrubland down to the river, and then once again, through a series of snickets / back alleys / new smart footpaths, towards the Sports Centre before emerging near the brewery and back to the riverbank. Huggy inevitably took the opportunity to take a dip at the confluence of the Derwent and the Cocker - mad fool!

Again the C'mouth locals thought they would predict where we headed, but were proven wrong once again, passing Derwent Mills - looking briefly towards Papcastle - before eventually heading down towards ALDI - the visiting Yorkshire man was led astray by the route down the lane behind the Lakes Homecentre. This was when local knowledge did pay off - knowing that it was a dead end route!!!

Back on the cycleway at the other end, we eventually emerged back on Lamplugh road, heading towards Parkside Avenue, and Harris Park. Back down to the river, and then further ginnels to lead us back to Briar Bank - for our first barbecue of the year.

A great route - just right for a bank holiday weekend, keeping us clear of the tourist hotspots.

Many thanks to the hares for their hospitality - especially from the visiting crowd from Leeds.

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