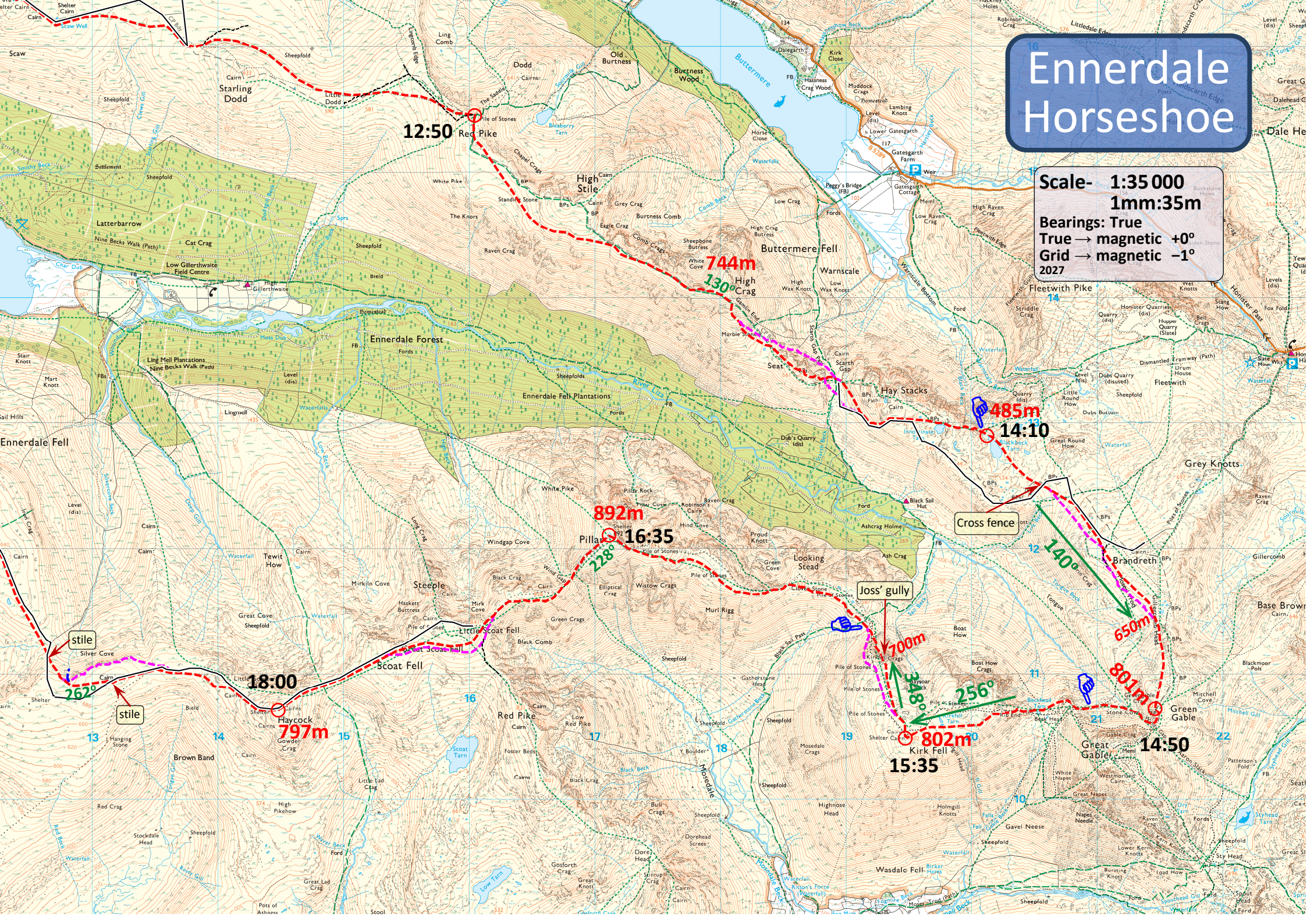

Ennerdale Horseshoe
Scale- 1:35 000
1mm:35m
Bearings: True
True → magnetic +0°
Grid → magnetic −1°
2027
Check on day
115m
19:00
296°
gate and stile
gate and stile
306°
18:30
262°
797m
18:00
228°
16:35
144°
755m
12:50
735m
ENNERDALE AND KINNISIDE CP
Ennerdale Water
Ennerdale Forest
Ennerdale Fell
Great Borne
Starling Dodd
Red Pike
High Stile
Haycock
Scoat Fell
Steeple
Pillar
Caw Fell
Crag Fell
Grike
Latterbarrow
Bowness Knot
Bowness Plantation
Herdus
Gale Fell
Buttermere
Scales
Burtness Wood
Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre
Ennerdale Fell Plantations
Ling Mell Plantations
Nine Becks Walk (Path)


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2027
12:50
Red Pike
744m
130º
High Crag
485m
14:10
Cross fence
140º
650m
892m
Pillar
16:35
228º
Joss' gully
700m
248º
256º
802m
Kirk Fell
15:35
801m
Green Gable
14:50
stile
Silver Cove
262º
stile
18:00
Haycock
797m
Gowder Crag
Scoat Fell
Little Scoat Fell
Great Scoat Fell
Steeple
Pillar Rock
Looking Stead
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Latterbarrow
Starling Dodd
Little Dodd
Dodd
Burtness Wood
Old Burtness
Buttermere
Buttermere Fell
Warnscale
Fleetwith Pike
Hay Stacks
Dubs Quarry (disused)
Fleetwith
Grey Knotts
Brandreth
Base Brown
Gillercomb
Boat How
Boat How Crags
Great Gable
Great Napes
Napes Needle
Gavel Neese
Wasdale Fell
Brown Band
Red Pike
Mosedale
Highnose Head
Holmgill Knotts
Dale He
Honister Pass
Honister Quarries (dis)
Hopper Quarry (Slated)
Bell Crags
Drum House
Tramway (Path)
Slate Mine
Dubs Quarry (disused)
Dubs Bottom
Great Round How
Little Round How
Blackbeck Tarn
Black Sail Hut
Ashcraig Holme
Proud Knott
Green Cove
Ash Crag
Robinson's Cairn
Pillar Cove
Hind Cove
Windgap Cove
Mirk Cove
Haskett Buttress
Wistow Crags
Elliptical Crag
Green Crags
Murl Rigg
Black Comb
Great Cove
Mirkiln Cove
Tewit How
Silver Cove
Iron Crag
Long Crag
Deep Gill
Silvercove Beck
Low Beck
Ennerdale Water
Bleaberry Tarn
Loft Beck
Comb Beck
Warnscale Bottom
Fleetwith Edge
Honister Crag
Grey Crag
Eagle Crag
Comb Crags
Sheepbone Buttress
White Cove
Burtness Comb
Low Crag
High Crag Buttress
Low Raven Crag
High Raven Crag
Striddle Crag
Scarth Gap
Gamlin End
Marble Stone
Seat
Hay Stacks
Black Beck
Blackbeck Tarn
Great Gable
Great Gable Memorial
Westmorland Cairn
Kirk Fell
Shelter Cairn
Pile of Stones
Kirk Fell Crags
Gaysoar Rock
Beckhead Tarn
Beck Head
Mitchell Cove
Mitchell Gill
Stone Cove
Gable Crag
Aaron Slack
Patterson's Fold
Styhead Gill
Styhead Tarn
Sty Head
Lingmell
Lingmell Gill
Lingcomb Edge
Scarth Gap Pass
Black Sail Pass
Gatherstone Beck
Foxes Gill
Red Beck
Stockdale Head
High Pikehow
Hanging Stone
Scoat Tarn
Low Tarn
Gosforth Crag
Great Knott
Dore Head
Dorehead Screes
Bull Crags
Stirrup Crag
Great Lad Crag
Pots of Ashness
Stool
Waterfalls
Sheepfolds
Fords
Cairns
Shelters
Memorials
Peggy's Bridge (FB)
Gatesgarth Farm
Gatesgarth Cottage
Lower Gatesgarth
Kirk Close
Dalegarth
Hassness Crag Wood
Muddock Crags
Lambing Knott
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Files:

Route gpx - the suggested route
Route and alternatives gpx - the suggested route plus alternative lines
Map and notes (Word and pdf) - race map plus tips
Notes - extra notes, more tips and information

Map key:

dashed red line - suggested route
dashed magenta line - alternative route possibilities
red text - elevation in metres (those in italics are approximate and mark changes in direction and other useful points)
green text - bearings (true); average over length of arrow
black times - cut-off times at checkpoints
blue fingers - location of water sources

A few more comments:

1. In 2025, the start will be a little different - check on the day.
2. The path onto Herdus is flagged.
3. The trod across Herdus shown in magenta disappeared during the Covid years; you can give it a go but a better trod exists by continuing to the cairn and turning immediately left – easier going and probably no slower.
4. I usually go over Seat because I'm not keen on the traverse (although it is probably 30m quicker).
5. Some folk cut the corner after Green Gable even earlier than I do but it's steep and rocky and I'm always a little concerned I'll do myself an injury so I go further towards Windy Gap before swinging right.
6. The traverse around the ridge dropping down from Great Gable is well worth it.
7. The descent of Kirk Fell goes via Joss' gully. In a previous year there was the possibility that Joss' gully would be OOB but it never materialised. In case it does happen, a route off the left side is shown.
8. When heading for the gully, it can't be seen, so what I do is aim for Seat/Scarth Gap to give me the confidence I'm going in the right direction (there is a faint trod also).
9. My traverse of Scoat Fell rises slightly more than the lower option but I think it's better overall (the lower becomes a bit of a drag before reaching more runnable ground). I was fortunate enough to come across a pool of fresh water amongst rocks when I did it in 2021.
10. On the descent of Iron Crag you can see where I cut the first corner off then kink a little right back to the wall. Instead, you can continue and drop onto a lower quad-bike track. Probably nothing in it but you do pass the beginning of Short Grain which may provide some water.
11. I would definitely hunt out the water locations. The one to the north of Starling Dodd will probably not be running after a dry spell (and is probably too early anyway). Blackbeck Tarn outflow is guaranteed (although Steve B tells me there has been a year when it wasn't!). The source below Gable Crag is small but usually running. The one at the base of Kirkfell Crags starts just to the left of the path, just follow the marshy ground and it's not far before it flows enough to use (in 2021 marshals had taken water to the pass). This is the last guaranteed water before the end. As mentioned above, I was lucky enough to find a pool of fresh water on the traverse of Scoat Fell – if I stumbled across it again, I'd be tempted to mark it in some way. Finally, there's the beginning of Short Grain if you're desperate (I've only passed there once but can't remember at what time of year). The traverse of Black Crag is a good place to stash a bottle of water to get you through the final section.