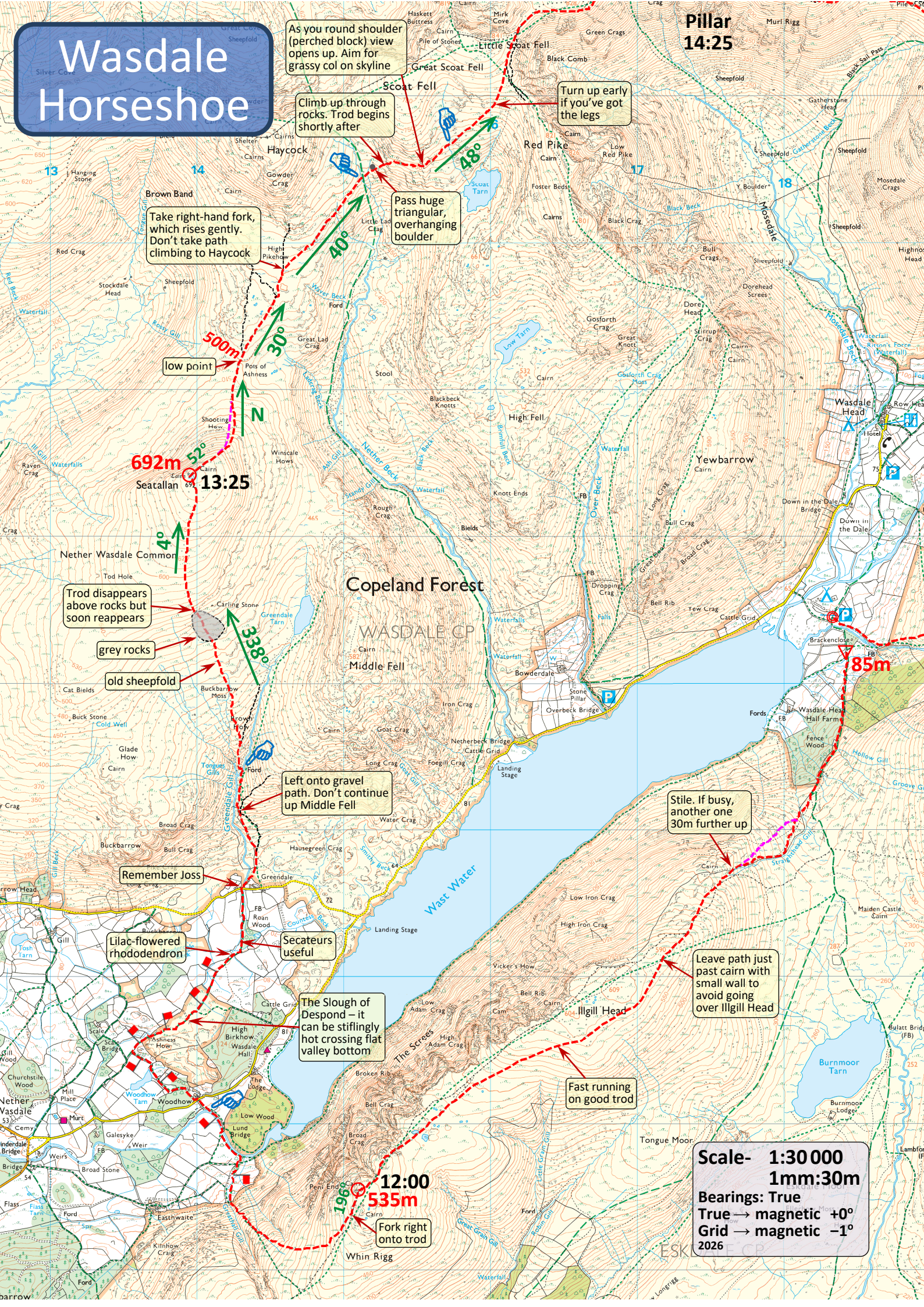
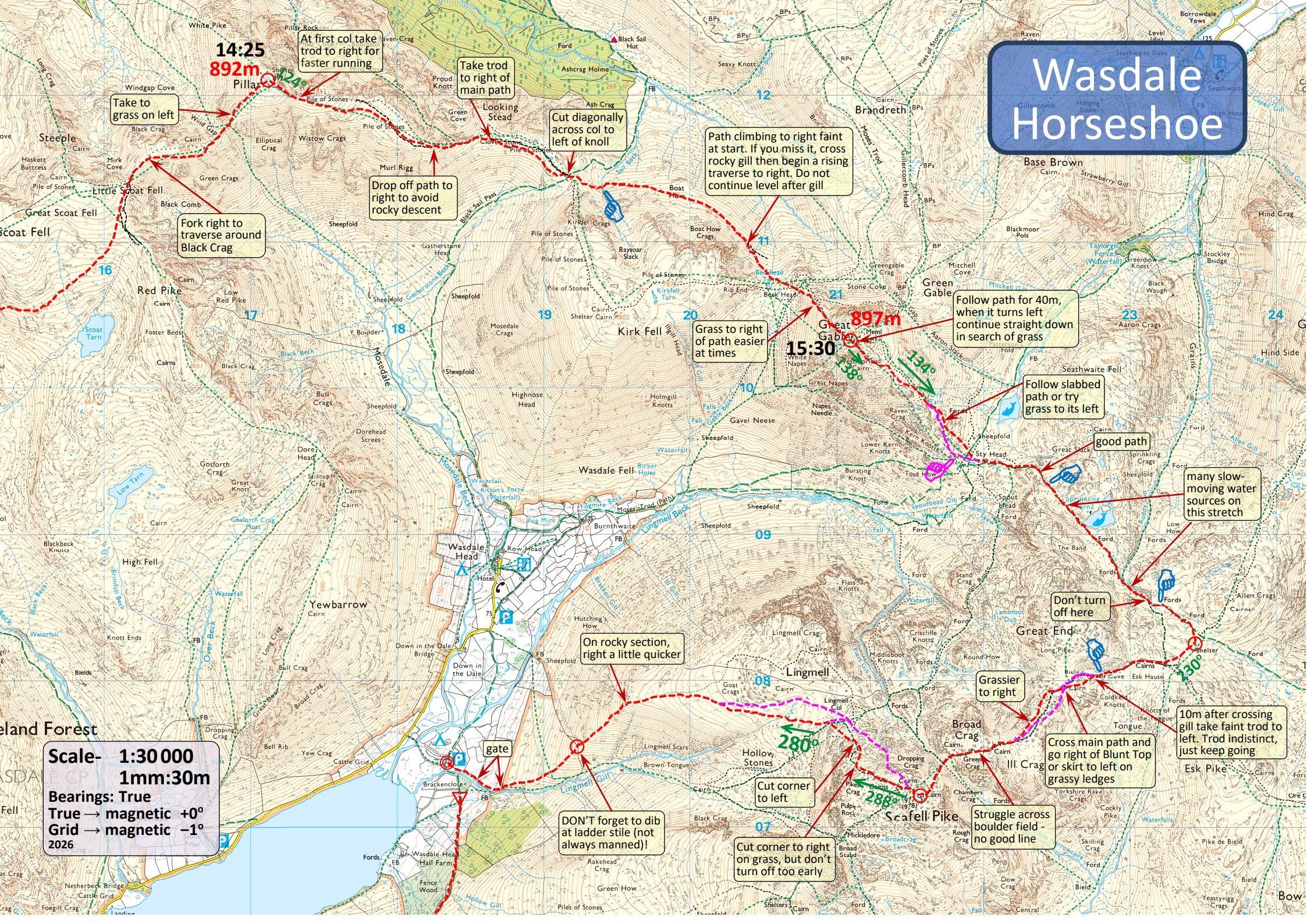

Wasdale Horseshoe
As you round shoulder (perched block) view opens up. Aim for grassy col on skyline
Climb up through rocks. Trod begins shortly after
Turn up early if you've got the legs
Pillar 14:25
48°
Pass huge triangular, overhanging boulder
Take right-hand fork, which rises gently. Don't take path climbing to Haycock
40°
30°
500m
low point
N
692m
Seatallan
13:25
52°
4°
Nether Wasdale Common
Trod disappears above rocks but soon reappears
grey rocks
old sheepfold
338°
Copeland Forest
WASDALE CP
Left onto gravel path. Don't continue up Middle Fell
Remember Joss
Lilac-flowered rhododendron
Secateurs useful
The Slough of Despond – it can be stiflingly hot crossing flat valley bottom
Stile. If busy, another one 30m further up
Leave path just past cairn with small wall to avoid going over Illgill Head
Fast running on good trod
85m
12:00
535m
196°
Fork right onto trod
Wast Water
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Wasdale Horseshoe
14:25
892m
Pillar
At first col take trod to right for faster running
Take to grass on left
Take trod to right of main path
Looking Stead
Cut diagonally across col to left of knoll
Path climbing to right faint at start. If you miss it, cross rocky gill then begin a rising traverse to right. Do not continue level after gill
Drop off path to right to avoid rocky descent
Fork right to traverse around Black Crag
Grass to right of path easier at times
Follow path for 40m, when it turns left continue straight down in search of grass
897m
Great Gable
15:30
138°
134°
Follow slabbed path or try grass to its left
good path
many slow-moving water sources on this stretch
Don't turn off here
130°
10m after crossing gill take faint trod to left. Trod indistinct, just keep going
Grassier to right
Cross main path and go right of Blunt Top or skirt to left on grassy ledges
Struggle across boulder field - no good line
Scafell Pike
288°
280°
Cut corner to left
Cut corner to right on grass, but don't turn off too early
On rocky section, right a little quicker
DON'T forget to dib at ladder stile (not always manned)!
gate
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