

Mount Hooley by Moonlight (Reconnoitre 1 Daylight)

19th November 2016, overcast, light intermittent snow showers 3°C

Route:	Conditions	Time
From junction of Low Byer Park and A686 head NNW along A686 turning right up North Loaning and ascending Coatley Hill to the B6294.	Road walking ~ fairly steep for the first 200 yards no footpath	15 minutes
At the T junction turn right (towards Blagill) and follow the B6294 east for 1km (2/3 ^{rds} mile) to a gate and footpath sign on the left.	Road walking ~ level going no footpath	10 minutes
Enter the fell by stile or gate and ascend the track to the summit and radio masts Grid Ref NY 7305 4786	Track made up of gravel ridged concrete and tarmac in various levels	15 minutes
Retrace your steps to return		30 minutes
<p>The reconnoitre took 1hour 10 minutes in total. The proposed walk will start and finish at The Cumberland Inn and add 25 minutes approx. to the time. To allow for variations in pace and night walking we should allow 2 hours to 2 hours 15 minutes for the completed walk.</p>		

An ascent of 212 metres from 289m. to 501m.

Risk assessment	Mitigation
NB this is a night walk with or without the benefit of moonlight	
This route uses narrow winding roads without footpaths.	Participants should be encouraged to wear something bright or visible Participants should walk no more than two abreast. The walk leader will wear a high vis vest
The walk takes place at night and the roads are unlit in the most part	Participants and walk leader should bring torches and wear something clearly visible. The walk leader will wear a high vis vest
The route is steep and slippery in icy weather particularly the lower section of the North Loaning. There is a serious slip / fall risk onto a hard surface.	The walk leader will need to assess the road conditions on the afternoon of the event with a view to postponing or cancelling if necessary.
The track up from the road is muddy and floods in sections	Participants to be made aware of conditions
There are disused mine workings either side of the track up the fell.	Participants should keep to the track if at all possible.
The weather deteriorated rapidly from the start to the top of Mount Hooley	Participants need to be appropriately clothed The walk leader should leave a copy of the route and timings with a responsible adult