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| <b>Note - Point numbering is not the same as on the web site !</b> |           |      |   |
| 1  | 619190    |      | Park in the lane before the cricket club, or if it is not a match day, in the cricket club grounds. Walk up past the clubhouse and over the bridge which crosses The Goit, and head left. This takes you parallel to an old dam wall on your right and climbs upwards   |
| 2  | 621191    | SE   | At the top of the stone wall after the seat, go right and start to climb the shoulder of the hill. The path is relatively steep at first, then rises at a gentler pace, then levels out to follow the 300m contour, bringing you to a small ruin with a memorial bench (marked on the map as Drinkwaters, and shown in some guide books as a much more substantial ruin.  |
| 3  | 636191    | E    | From here, the summit of Great Hill is obvious, so head towards it, taking the right hand path where it forks if you do not want to ascend to the summit. However, I suggest you do, as on a fine day the view encompasses Blackpool Tower & the Big One round to Snowdonia, while on a bad day a crosswall on the summit provides some shelter.  |
| 4  | 646190    | ENE  | From the summit, the footpath can be indistinct, so one way or another, head off to cross the stream at 652194, and from there, head for the fairly obvious farmhouse called 'Piccadilly'. Take care, as the path from the summit to here can be quite tussocky and difficult underfoot.  |
| 5  | 650198    | NW   | Head down the road for a few hundred yards. If you walk down the right hand side of the road (as I hope one would !) the phenomenal amount of debris that used to be parts of cars should encourage you to take care. At the first footpath sign on the right ( 659199 - which is some way before the footpath shown on my OS map) and follow the footpath through the woods with the River Roddlesworth on your left until you come to the stone bridge over the river                         |
| 6  | 659210    | NW   | Cross the bridge and follow what is now a track and becomes an unclassified road, then take the track on the left at the third set of buildings (652217) which takes you back to the main road. Go straight across the road and take the track on the other side of the road. Keep the fence on the left, going over the hill and down to a footbridge over a small stream. From here, the path, which is marked as a track on the map, becomes more of a track, but an exceedingly ruined one. |
| 7  | 645216    | W    | Cross the track in the hollow and drop downhill to another footbridge over a small stream. Cross the bridge, and walk up the left hand side of the fence beyond, going round the back of the quarry. As you get round the far side of the quarry, there is a small triangular fenced enclosure and the path actually goes through this on its right hand side. At the bottom of this enclosure take the (ruined again!) track on the left down to the road.                                     |
| 8  | 637219    | W    | Join the minor road, taking the left fork where it splits very shortly afterwards, passing the first set of buildings and quarry entrance on the left, then taking the footpath on the left immediately before the cottages at 631215 (there is a footpath sign, but it is well camouflaged) then follow the obvious path   |
| 9  | 631210    | W    | Take the track that descends to your right, which very shortly brings you to a tarmac track. Go downhill for 10 or 20 yards, and go through the gate on the left, and follow the track which takes you through the Withnell Plantation. The path is the obvious one throughout – although the map   |

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|    |        |   |  | shows several path junctions, none of these seem to materialise in reality.  |
| 10 | 622201 | S |  | When you get to the end of the plantation and the bridge over the Goit, the map does not show any path on the east side of the river (before the bridge) but there is a fairly obvious one there, which take you back to point 2 at 621191, and you can retrace you steps over the bridge and through the cricket ground |

**RESOURCES**

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| Car Parking        | White Coppice Cricket Club allow parking (but not on match days) and there is room for parking in the lane on the way up to the cricket club   |
| Toilets            |  |
| Refreshments       | There is a snack shop offering pop & crisps at the cricket club, and there is often an ice cream van at the cricket club, but they both go home early and are only there at weekends (and not necessarily there in winter) |
| Map required       | <a href="#">Explorer 287 - West Pennine Moors</a>  |
| Warnings           | The path from the top of Great Hill to Piccadilly is not obvious and may be difficult to follow in fog or mist or if obscured by snow - be prepared to map read !  |
| Points of Interest | On a very clear day in winter, you could have a view that encompasses the peaks of the Lake District, Blackpool Tower and the Big One, Liverpool Bay, Anglesey to the peaks of Snowdonia                                   |
| Website            |  |
| Feedback           | If you download the route, walk the walk, or have any other issues, please email <a href="mailto:feedback@mikes-walks.co.uk">feedback@mikes-walks.co.uk</a>  |