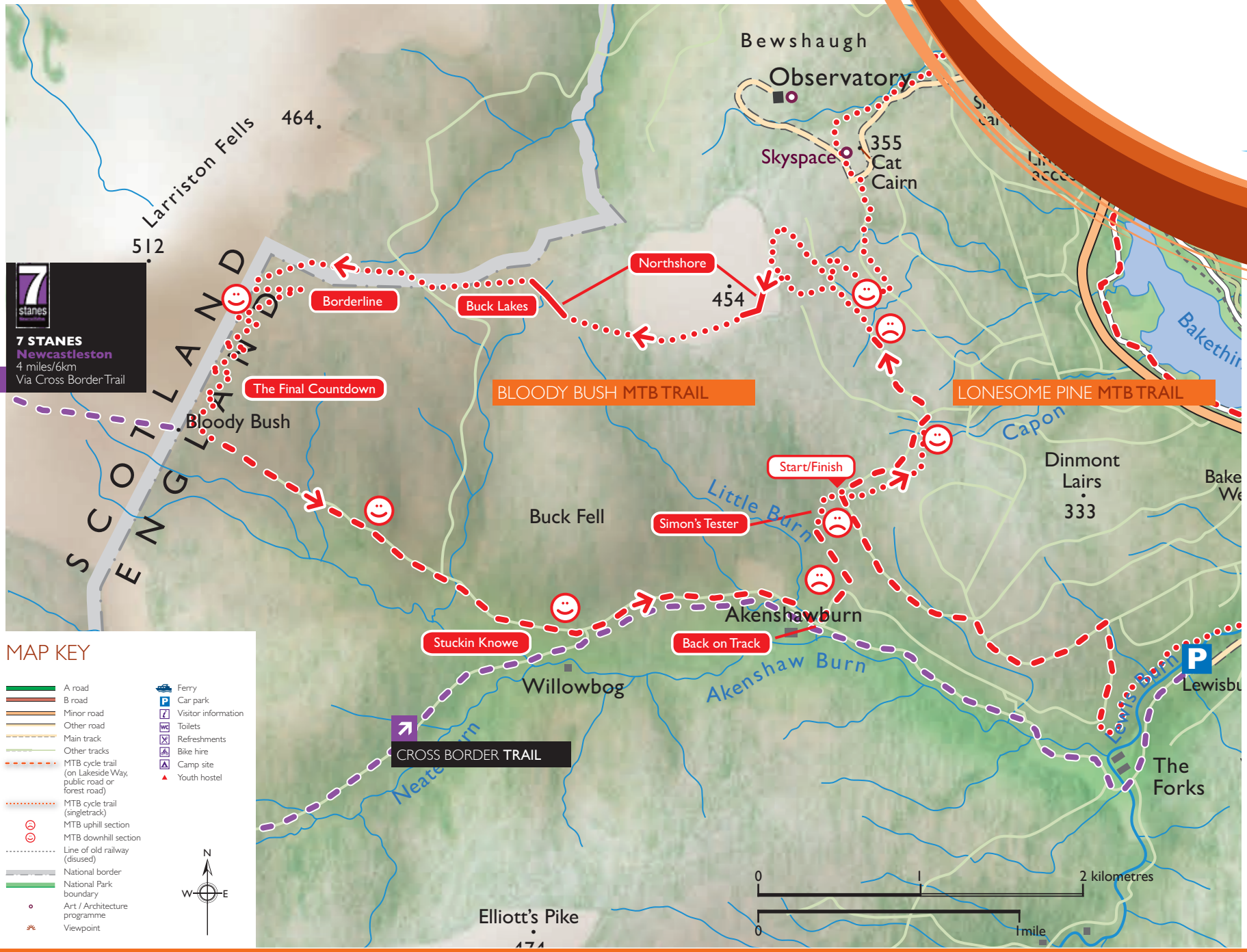

MAP KEY

- A road
- B road
- Minor road
- Other road
- Main track
- Other tracks
- MTB cycle trail (on Lakeside Way, public road or forest road)
- MTB cycle trail (singletrack)
- MTB uphill section
- MTB downhill section
- Line of old railway (disused)
- National border
- National Park boundary
- Art / Architecture programme
- Viewpoint
- Ferry
- Car park
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TRAIL START
Join via Lonesome Pine Trail.

TRAIL FINISH
Kielder Castle car park (via Lonesome Pine Trail).

TRAIL LENGTH
20½miles/33km (combined with Lonesome Pine Trail).

TRAIL GRADE
▲ **Red** Difficult

Safety information and full Kielder

WHAT'S IT LIKE?

The combination of both Lonesome Pine & Bloody Bush mtb trails gives an impressive 33 km of red grade trail riding & give riders singletrack to the border to tie in with existing routes. The Bloody Bush mtb trail links Kielder Water & Forest Park to the Scottish border and the famous 7 Stanes bike centre at Newcastleton. It offers an awesome adventure ride through some of the uk's wildest terrain (so be prepared).

The trail takes its name from a location on the border marked by a stone pillar which commemorates a pitched battle between English cattle raiders and their Scottish pursuers in medieval times. Aimed at intermediate level off-roaders, it speeds through trees and moorland in what is which, quite literally, the middle of nowhere....

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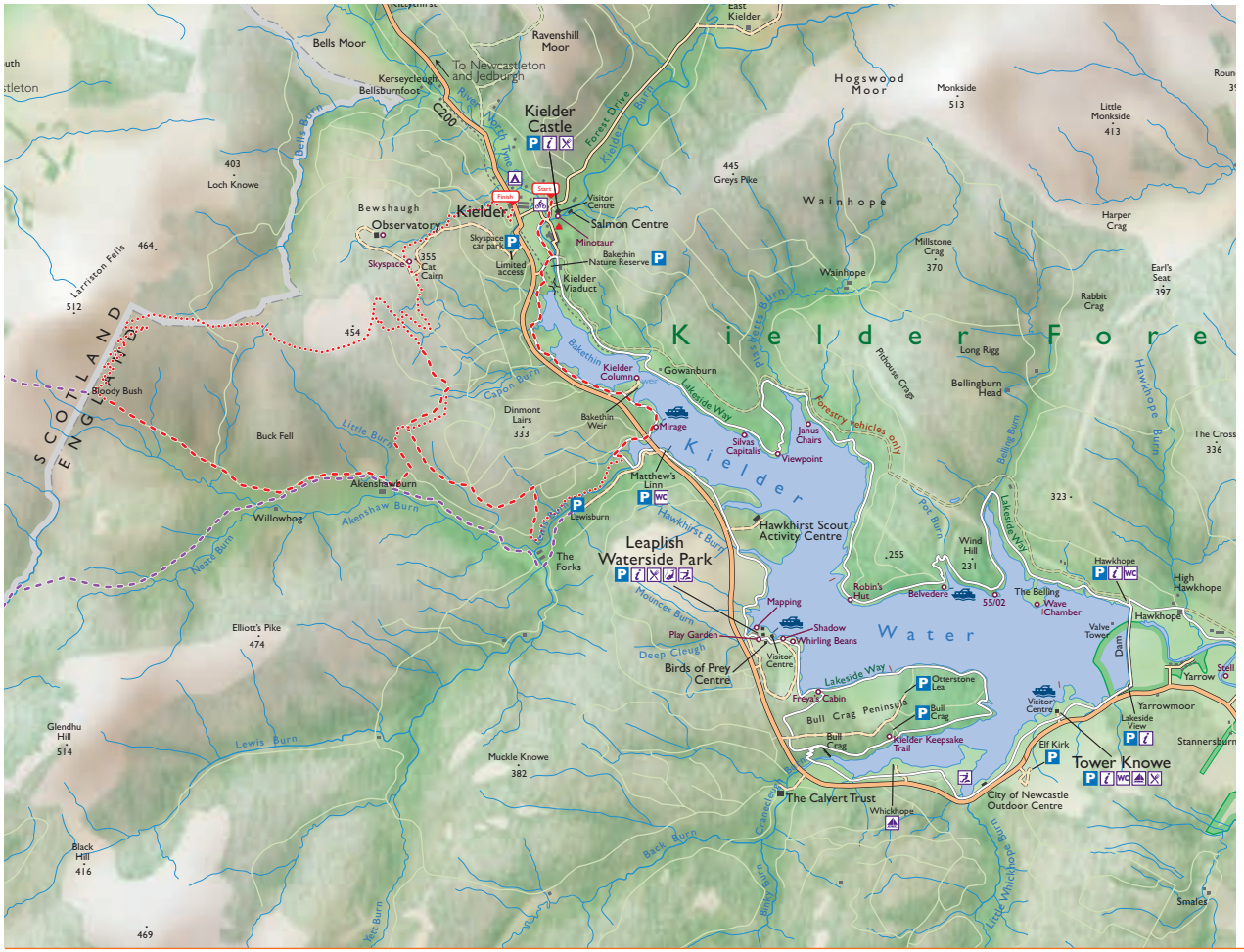

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BLOODY BUSH TRAIL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Nearest A&E Hospital: Hexham General Hospital, Corbridge Rd, Hexham NE46 1QJ 01434 655 655.
In case of an emergency: Call 999 and ask for police. When connected be ready to provide the following details:

A. Incident location (grid ref, name and number or nearest waymarker post)
B. Number of people in party
C. Any injuries (if so ask police to inform the ambulance service)
D. Inform Forestry Commission England 01434 220 242.

Mobile phone coverage: Leaplish Waterside Park.
Nearest public phone: Kielder Village.

Mountain biking is a potentially hazardous activity carrying a significant risk. It should only be undertaken with a full understanding of all inherent risks. Routes may change owing to tree felling and other forest operations. No motorbikes, quadbikes, dogs or horses are allowed on the MTB trails.

TRAIL GRADING IS THIS TRAIL FOR YOU?

● Green Easy

Suitable for: Beginners / novice cyclists. Basic bike skills are required. Most bikes and hybrids. Some green routes can take trailers.

Trail and surface types: Relatively flat and wide. The trail surface may be loose, uneven or muddy at times. May include short flowing singletrack style sections.

Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs): Climbs and descents are mostly shallow. No challenging features.

Suggested fitness level: Suitable for most people in good health.

■ Blue Moderate

Suitable for: Intermediate cyclists/ mountain bikers with basic off road riding skills. Mountain bikes or hybrids.

Trail and surface types: As 'green' plus specially constructed single track. Trail surface may include small obstacles of roots and rock.

Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs): Most gradients are moderate but may include short steep sections. Includes small TTFs.

Suggested fitness level: A good standard of fitness can help.

▲ Red Difficult

Suitable for: Proficient mountain bikers with good off road riding skills. Suitable for better quality off-road mountain bikes.

Trail and surface types: Steeper and tougher, mostly singletrack with technical sections. Expect very variable surface types.

Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs): A wide range of climbs and descents of a challenging nature will be present. Expect boardwalks, berms, large rocks, medium steps, drop-offs, cambers, water crossings.

Suggested fitness level: Higher level of fitness and stamina.

◆ Black Severe

Suitable for: Expert mountain bike users, used to physically demanding routes. Quality off-road mountain bikes.

Trail and surface types: As 'red' but with an expectation of greater challenge and continuous difficulty. Can include any useable trail and may include exposed open hill sections.

Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs): Expect large, committing and unavoidable TTFs. Sections will be challenging and variable. May also have 'downhill' style sections.

Suggested fitness level: suitable for very active people used to prolonged effort.

Orange Bike park

Suitable for: Riders aspiring to an elite level of technical ability, incorporates everything from full on downhill riding to big-air jumps.

Trail and surface types: Severe constructed trails and/or natural features. All sections will be challenging. Includes extreme levels of exposure and or risk. Jumping ability obligatory.

Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs): Will include a range of small medium and large TTF's, including downhill trails, freeride sections and mandatory jumps.

Suggested fitness level: A good standard of fitness, but technical skills more important.

Forest road and similar

Suitable for: A wide range of cyclists. Most bikes and hybrids. Ability to use maps helpful. Routes may or may not be waymarked.

Trail and surface types: Relatively flat and wide. The trail surface may be loose, uneven or muddy at times. These roads may be used by vehicles and other users, including horse riders and dog walkers.

Gradients and technical trail features (TTFs): Gradients can be variable and may include short steep sections. Occasional potholes may be present.

Suggested fitness level: A good standard of fitness can help.

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