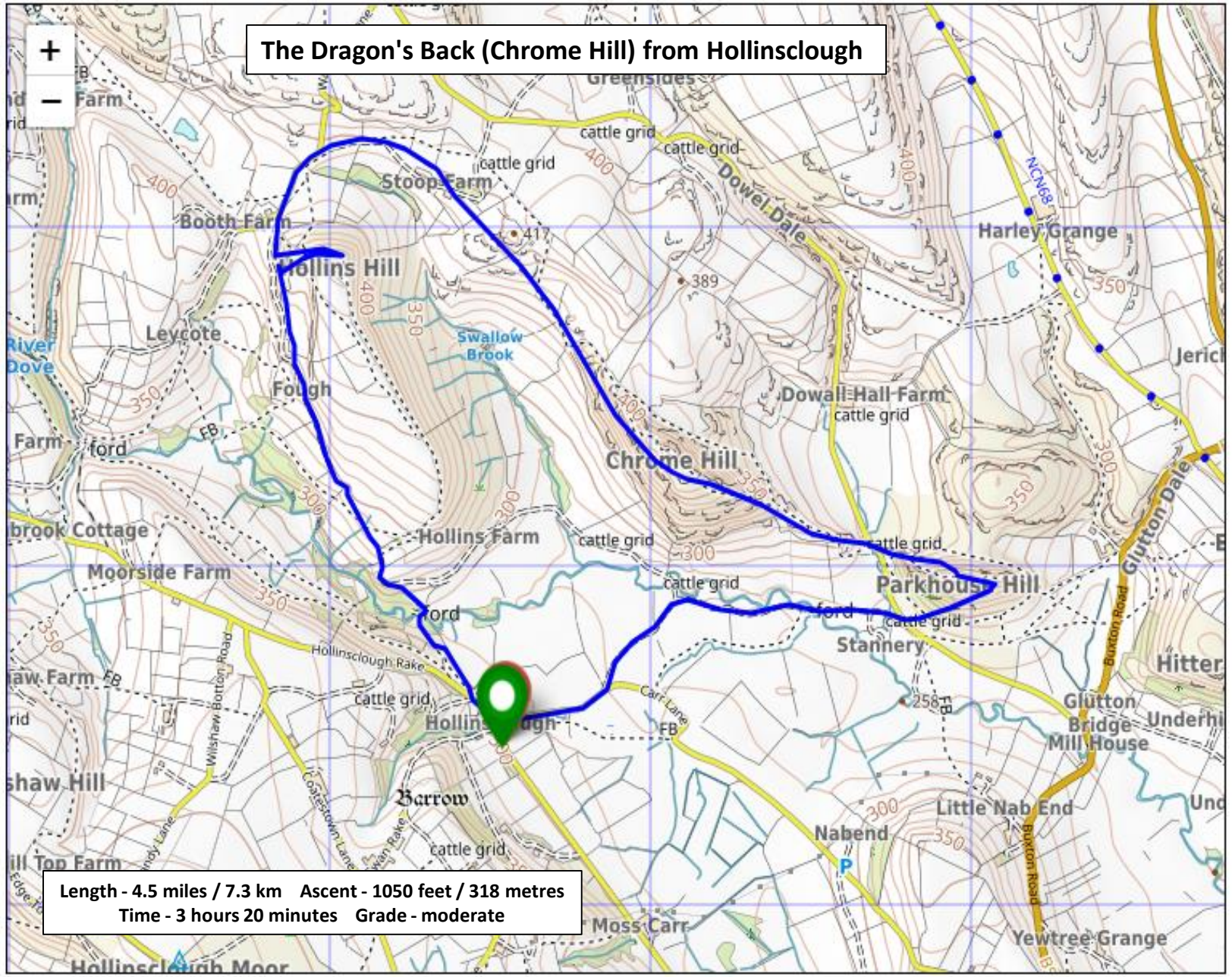
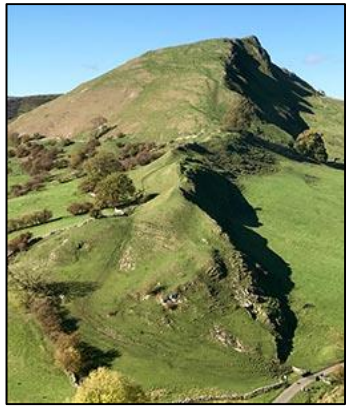
The Dragon's Back (Chrome Hill) from Hollinsclough







Start Point Details
Ordnance Survey Grid Ref SK065665
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Postcode SK17 0RH
what3words start euphoric.unveils.wrist

This may be a short Peak District walk but it packs in magnificent views and a traverse of the dramatic "Dragon's Back" of Chrome and Parkhouse Hills.
The tiny Staffordshire Moorlands hamlet of Hollinsclough has only limited parking space and there are no public facilities. The walk can easily be extended by parking in nearby Longnor, an attractive village with public toilets, cafes, small shop, art gallery and at least one good pub! Approaching Hollinsclough along the very quiet lane from Longnor affords inspiring views of hills to be climbed.

Leave Hollinsclough on the lane to the left of the chapel and then take the first path on the right at the side of a stone barn. Follow the path diagonally across the valley and turn left on a farm track. A public right-of-way follows this track along the flank of Hollins Hill all the way to Booth Farm. When Booth Farm comes into sight ahead you are in open access land; make your way up to the high point of Hollins Hill where you will be rewarded with a truly spectacular view of Chrome Hill.

Return to the track and continue past Booth Farm along the lane then over a stile and follow the path as it loops above Stoop Farm, at the farm entrance by a cattle grid leave the right-of-way onto a clearly signed concessionary path past Tor Rock then down to the north-eastern end of Chrome Hill. Traverse the ridges of Chrome and Parkhouse Hills with superb views of both limestone and gritstone country; the line of coral reef limestone forming the hills is clearly visible.

(Note: A direct ascent of Parkhouse Hill on its ridge line can be slippery and has a fair degree of exposure; in wet and windy conditions it may be best to walk up the grassy slope on the left as you approach, at the top of that slope go up to the ridge and then explore the pinnacles and views from that point.)

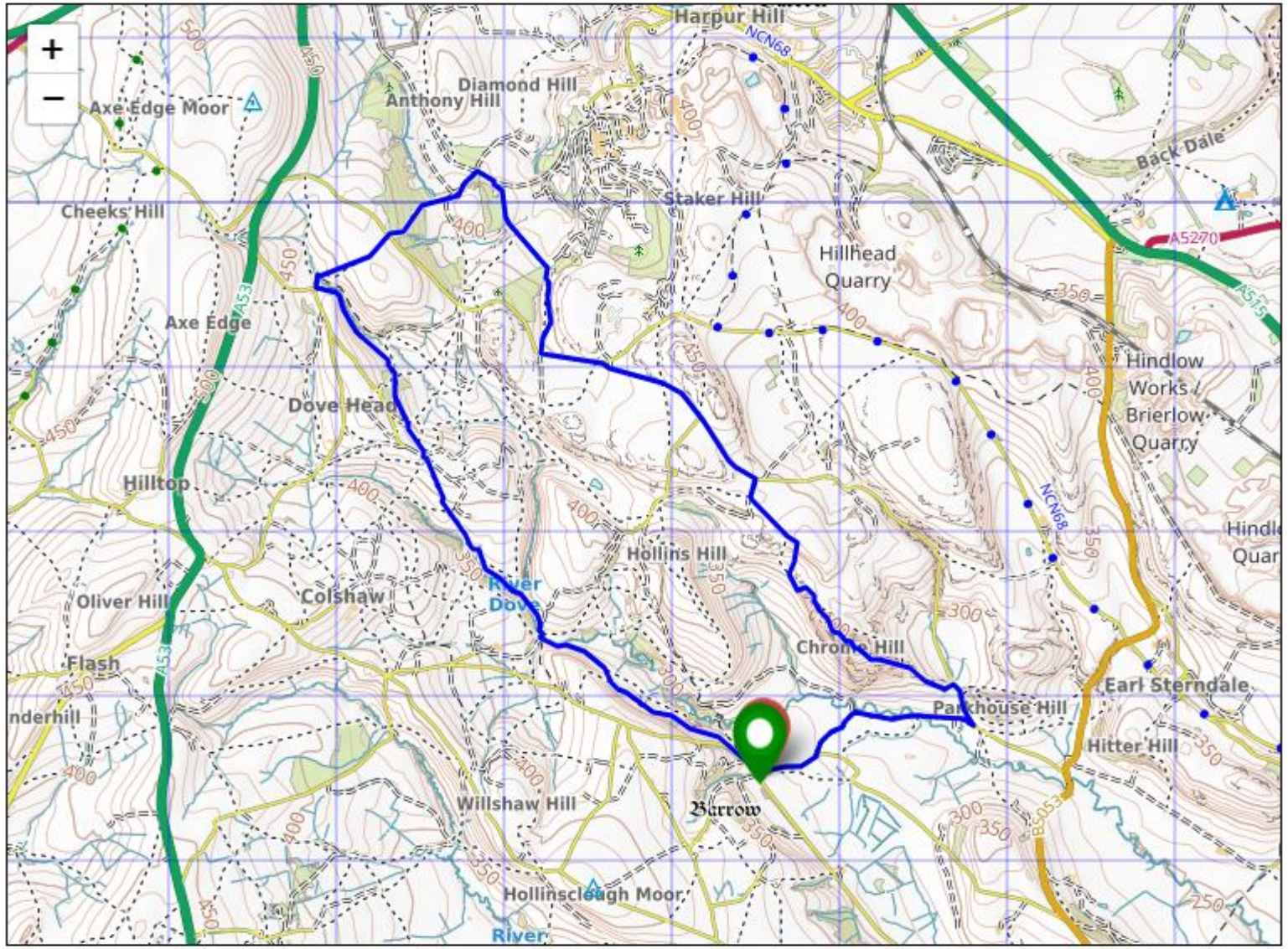
Descending from the ridge of Parkhouse, contour right below the trees and you will see a track ahead through the pillared entrance to Stannery, simply follow the track for an easy stroll back to Hollinsclough. If you have walked from Longnor you could head left from the hillside to a path over a footbridge and back to the village.

High Edge & Chrome Hill from Hollinsclough

Length - 8.5 miles / 13.8 km Ascent - 1400 feet / 424 metres
Time - 5 hours 40 minutes Grade - moderate







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The limestone mass of Chrome Hill dominates Hollinsclough and provides a focus for this excellent Peak District walk. This hike takes you up the higher reaches of the pretty River Dove with the reward of standing on the top of Chrome Hill towards the end. The route is very descriptive due to the scarcity of signposts and footpath markers.

From Hollinsclough Village (Grid ref. 065665) walk up the road to the left of the Chapel turning right at the first footpath. Do not proceed down hill but take the footpath veering left that contours across the flank of Hollinsclough Rake. At Moorside follow the wall turning right through a gap to pass a ruined barn continuing down to Washgate Ford and the Packhorse Bridge (Grid ref. 052673), a classic location for the camera. In years gone by the local farmers washed their sheep here prior to shearing.

Cross over the bridge, continuing up the stony lane turning left at the first footpath to follow the right bank of the upper reaches of the River Dove. On reaching the next bridge proceed up the footpath ahead, across a field to a wall stile. Careful navigation is required in this area and the OS Explorer map is useful in some respects. You should stay on the marked rights of way (green dotted lines) rather than use the dotted 'other paths' shown on the map. Continue straight on passing Howe Green Farm which should be away to your right (Grid ref. 048682) to join a bridleway that drops down past the ruins of Brand End Farm to a stone slab over a brook.

Walk up the field ahead turning left through the gate posts. Continue for a short way along this bridleway then it's down to the wet left hand corner of the field (Grid ref. 050687) and over the stile, keeping to the right of a small brook. On reaching a footpath indicator post climb up the bank on the right. Go over a broken stile in the fence and continue up the field towards the buildings turning left to follow the fence. Turn right through the stone gap and left over the wide low stile. Keep straight on until you reach a small pond. The path has been diverted here so it is not shown on the map. Turn right after the pond climbing up the field to the drive. Cross the stile and go left down to Fairthorn (Grid ref. 042692).

Continue past the buildings to reach a wide path through a gorge with the stream low down on your left. At the bridge turn right, climbing up and keeping straight on over the moor to reach a road (Grid ref. 043698). Cross over the road and continue down the bridleway to the buildings at Turncliff. On the way down you pass sentry type boxes and large industrial footpath signs. This is because you are entering the boundaries of the Health & Safety Executive's Explosive Laboratory. Keep smiling as you are no doubt on camera.

Continue past the buildings down to their private road, which used to be a railway line. Turn right, passing the traffic lights, then right again through a cutting to follow the footpath to Grid ref. 053693. Turn right here up the field to the road. On reaching the road turn left towards High Edge Raceway. Just after the cattle grid turn right along the lane passing the directions to Booth Farm. Turn right (Grid ref. 065683) towards Stoop Farm. Do not go as far as the farm but turn left prior to going down hill and use the concessionary path that follows the fence. Turn right at the footpath post heading downhill and go left over the stile.

The clear onward footpath climbs up to Chrome Hill with views all the way. Take care as in wet conditions limestone can be very slippery. Continue along the spine of Chrome Hill dropping down the steep side to reach a farm lane (Grid ref. 077671). Parkhouse Hill ahead has no right of way for walkers although a quick ascent might be tempting! Instead turn right along the lane in the direction of Glutton Bridge and right again at the next lane. This heads back across the River Dove and leads you west. Stay on this track to reach a road. Turn right and you are soon back at the start in Hollinsclough.

Tideswell, Miller's & Cressbrook Dales from Litton



Start Point Details
Ordnance Survey Grid Ref SK165751
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Postcode SK17 8QP
what3words start poet.hooked.treatment

This easy Peak District walk in the Derbyshire dales visits three dales south of the charming village of Litton. There is always something of interest in these limestone dales, Trout in the rivers, Orchids in July and climbers on the crags throughout the year. In general paths are very clear but a little care is required to pick up the correct road from the village.

From Litton Village (Grid ref. SK165751), leave on the minor road in a south westerly direction passing Dale House to the road junction (Grid ref. 155748). Turn left and continue down hill, passing the sewage works on the right to reach a car park and picnic area, which is at the head of Tideswell Dale. Take the path to the right of the toilet block to follow the river down to a lane. Turn left to follow the River Wye downstream through Miller's Dale.

Reaching a collection of cottages note how clear the river is and you should be able to see the large trout. They are quite tame and will react quickly if you flick a small piece of bread into the river. The path now passes through the large derelict building of Litton Mill, notorious for its child labour. Still following the north bank of the river you will notice the river widens to form large pools. You are now in the rather quaintly named Water-cum-Jolly Dale surrounded by high cliffs. The sheer faces on your left are the playground for climbers. All the climbs have been graded and there are many sport climbs, which can be identified by the pre-fixed bolts in the rock face. At the cave you will see many of these bolts.

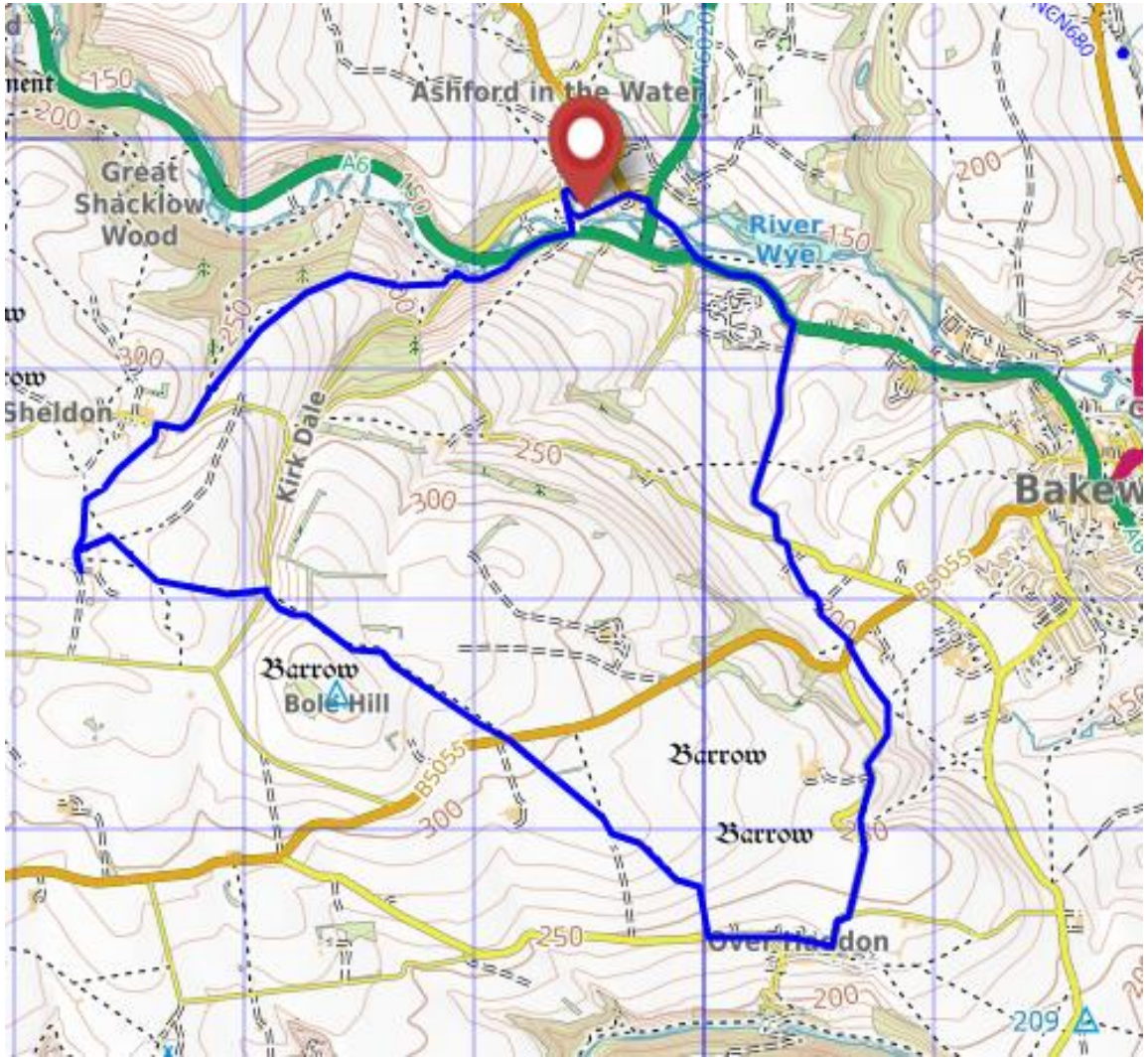
Just after the cave do not cross over the weir but keep to the north bank to pass another old mill (Grid ref. 173728). Turn left up the lane, keeping to the right hand lane to pass some cottages to enter Cressbrook Dale at a bend in the lane. There used to be a thriving watercress industry in this dale and this is the place to see the Common Spotted Orchid (when in flower the dale is covered with them).

The path wanders through the bushes and trees never far away from the brook before it climbs steeply up the east bank (Grid ref 176745) only to drop back down again into the dale. Keep to the dale passing the impressive Peter's Stone on your right, which is thought to be the place of the last public hanging in this country from the gibbet. The path ends at a road. Turn left and then left again to follow the footpath up the fields to Mires Lane and back to the start.

Length - 7.0 miles / 11.4 km Ascent - 1200 feet / 364 metres
Time - 4 hours 40 minutes Grade - easy

Magpie Mine & Over Haddon from Ashford-in-the Water

Length - 7.1 miles / 11.5 km Ascent - 850 feet / 258 metres
Time - 4 hours 20 minutes Grade - easy/mod



Start Point Details
Ordnance Survey Grid Ref SK195697
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Postcode DE45 1QB
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This Peak District walk explores the limestone country to the south of the River Wye. The start is the pretty village of Ashford-in-the-Water (grid ref. SK196697). There is a pay and display car park (grid ref. SK195697) in the centre of the village. After parking walk west along Church Street (with the church on your right) and turn left across the River Wye at the southern end of Fennel Street.

Reaching the A6, turn right for 200 metres and take minor road to Sheldon on your left. Reaching a sharp left bend, take the signed footpath to the right to a gate by the riverside. Here bear left and take path to Sheldon which slants uphill to a broken wall on skyline. Just before wall, turn left and continue uphill to near the crest of a spur overlooking Kirk Dale. Head through the dip in the hillside to a wood keeping continuation of wall on your right.

Walk up the side of the wood and over a stile. Continue parallel to the wood heading for a gap in next wall. The path continues to another wall. Continue straight onwards through a squeeze stile towards house in dip ahead and the village of Sheldon. Turn right and follow road towards village. After 70 metres go through the stile on your left. Go through the gate following the wall on your right. Pass a small stone barn and go over two stone stiles up through old strip fields. The wall on your right then ends and you bear slightly to the left to another stone stile. Climb this and again walk with a wall on your left, before bearing left at a signposted stone stile to head for the buildings of Magpie Mine.

After exploring the remains of Magpie Mine, return along the approach path just used but pass just right of the small, circular, roofless, stone building and into the right hand corner of this enclosure, to a stile. Cross this and turn right to follow the wall 200 metres to a squeeze stile. Once through the squeeze stile go left to a right angle of wall protruding into this field. Walk around the angle (waymarked) keeping this wall close on your left. Go through a small wooden gate and into Trueblue Lane. This walled green path leads down to the road in Kirk Dale (grid ref. SK180680).

Across the road, almost opposite, a stile can be seen beside a gate. Go straight up the field and between a gap at the right end of the hill top plantation, to climb a stile beside a gate. Turn right here and continue in a few metres to another stile. Turn left here on to Magshaw Rake (field). The path crosses the field diagonally to the left (SE) to a stile in the boundary fence.

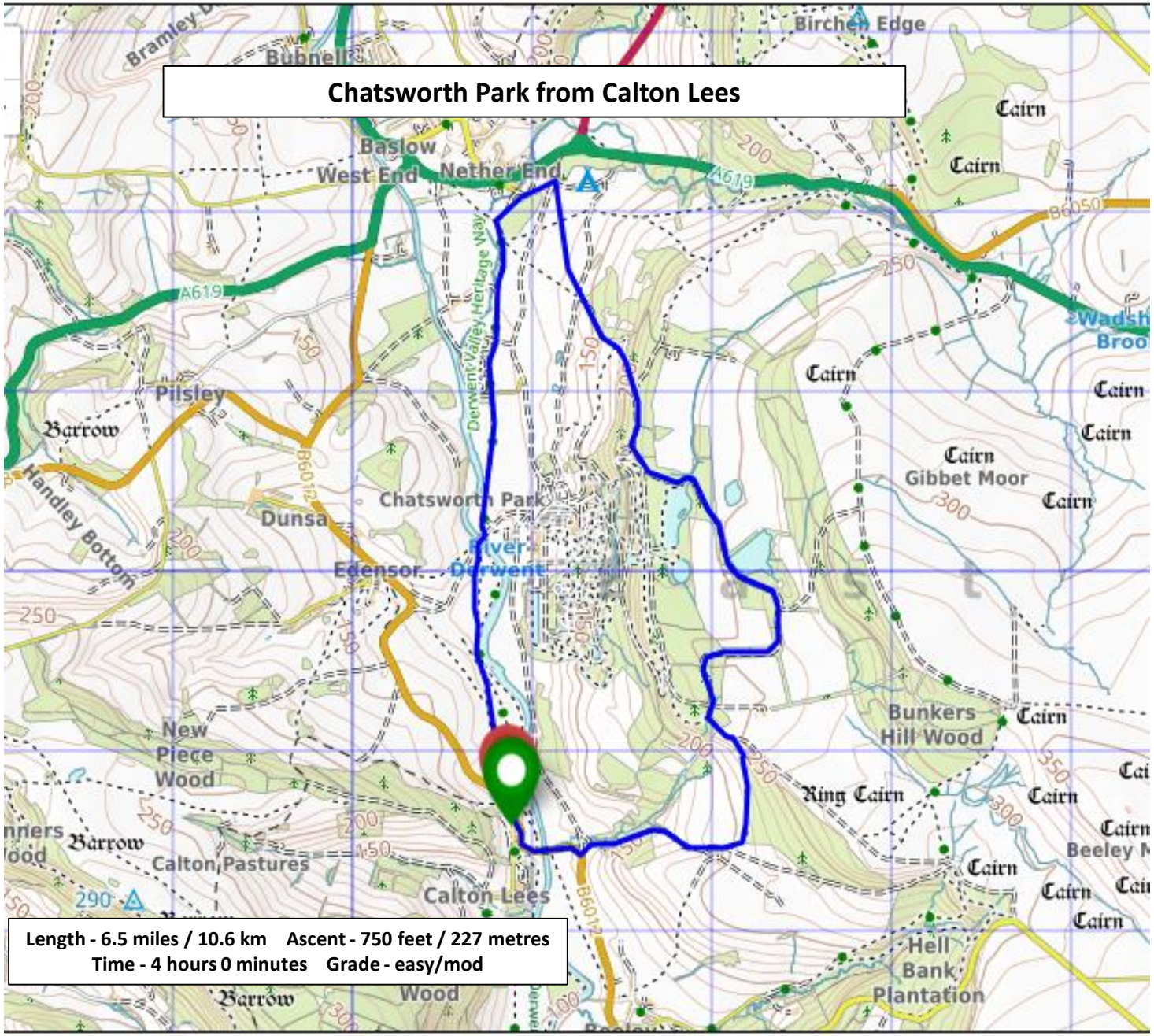
Having climbed the stile turn left, the village of Stanton-in-the-Peak is beyond, and on the horizon, just right of the village, you can see Stanton Moor TV repeater mast. Keeping the fence on the left, follow the edge of the field round to a stile in the corner by a hawthorn tree (the path is waymarked at this point). Now turn right and head towards the stile in the wall ahead and continue diagonally across the next fields (passing left of the building) in the same direction to the Bakewell to Monyash road, at a stile by an ash tree, right of the gate in the corner (grid ref. SK191673).

About 10 metres along the road to the right look for a footpath sign and stile before the entrance to Melbourne Farm. Cross the stile and go diagonally across the field (SE) to the right end of the shelter plantation and continue in the same direction to the far corner of the next field. Over the stile, follow the wall to your left, and look for a stile in it nearly two thirds of the way down the field. Cross the stile and revert to the original direction, towards Stanton Moor mast, heading towards a trough in the wall. The stile is to the left of the gateway. Continue beside the wall on your right toward the farm ahead and on to the road at the edge of Over Haddon (grid ref. SK200665).

Turn left through the village of Over Haddon to a T-junction. Turn left on the Bakewell Road. Continue following this road (ignoring a turn to Youlgreave) going slightly uphill to the highest point of the road. The road bends left but continue straight ahead through the squeeze stile down into a valley, then up the other side to rejoin the road by a stile to the right of the gate. Turning right follow the road for about 250 metres around the right hand bend and just before the left hand bend there is a stone squeeze stile on the right. Go through this and go half left, down steeply, crossing a broken wall, to a wall running across the foot of the slope. Follow this wall to your left and continue straight ahead at gateway. Continue ahead with the hedge on right thro couple of fields to Bakewell-Monyash Road (grid ref. SK206678).

Turn right and after 20 metres take a footpath over a stone stile on the opposite side of the road. Follow footpath past some small buildings and over 3 stiles to another small stone barn. Go to the right around this barn and follow stiles towards large ash tree at the side of the Sheldon Road. Turn left here then after 30 metres take road signposted to Ashford. Continue to A6 and cross it taking path into Ashford-in-the -Water.

Chatsworth Park from Calton Lees



Length - 6.5 miles / 10.6 km Ascent - 750 feet / 227 metres
Time - 4 hours 0 minutes Grade - easy/mod





Start Point Details
Ordnance Survey Grid Ref SK258685
Latitude 53.212939 Longitude -1.615123
Postcode DE4 2NX
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This Peak District walk takes in some of the highlights of the Chatsworth Estate and also provides an opportunity to visit this great Stately Home if required. The start is the Calton Lees car park (Grid ref. SK258685) on the west side of the B6012 road from Baslow to Rowsley.

Exit the car park onto the B6012 and turn right towards Rowsley. Cross this busy main road as soon as is safe and continue along the grass verge towards the bridge across the River Derwent. Cross the bridge and continue along the main road to the first road junction where you turn left along a narrow lane. There is far less traffic now and you gradually ascend with improving views across pastures on your left. Reaching Beeley Hilltop Farm (Grid ref. SK270684), turn left off the lane to follow a well-trodden path northeast across fields to reach a wall with steps. Cross this and continue on the clear path that climbs gently across the gritstone edge.

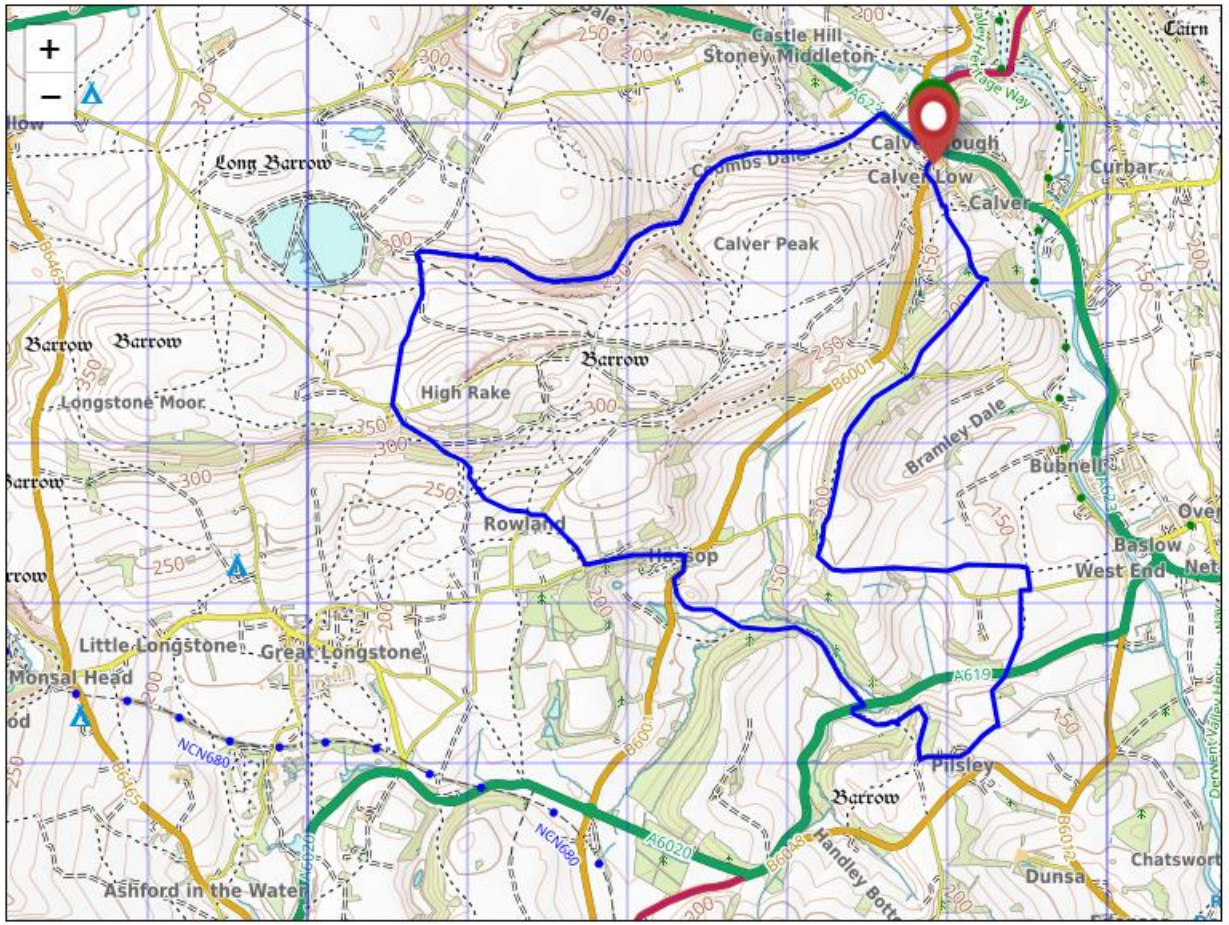
Joining a track keep straight ahead into the woodland. Keep right at the first junction (grid ref. SK269691) and continue ahead on this main track. It turns sharp right, offering glimpses of fields and Park Farm through the trees on your right, before swinging left to continue in a northerly direction. Passing Swiss Lake with Swiss Cottage on the far shore, the track reaches the outflow of Emperor Lake on your left. Stay on the main track. When you see the Hunting Lodge through the trees avoid the temptation of taking the direct path through the trees, instead staying on the track to reach a junction (grid ref. SK265707). A short way to the left from here will take you to the Hunting Lodge.

Return to this junction after enjoying the extensive views from the Hunting Lodge and walk north from the junction on the clear track. Look out for a signed footpath on the left of the track at grid ref. SK265710. Take this path, descending to enter open parkland. You need to cross the grass taking a north-westerly line crossing two access tracks to reach a path a rather fine rotary gate at grid ref. SK260721. Do not go through the gate, instead turn south on the path. This will take you past the cricket ground and then alongside the River Derwent. Reaching the main access road to Chatsworth House (Grid ref. SK257701), cross the bridge and once on the other side bear left to follow the river downstream. The path gradually climbs to reach the main road opposite Calton Lees car park. Take care crossing this busy road and return to the start.

Coombs Dale, Longstone Edge & Pilsley Walk







Length - 10.0 miles / 16.3 km Ascent - 1800 feet / 545 metres
Time - 6 hours 50 minutes Grade - moderate

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Start Point Details
Ordnance Survey Grid Ref SK239748
Latitude 53.269656 Longitude -1.643103
Postcode BD24 0HF
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Even though the Peak District is a national park, a good deal of industrial activity still takes place within its boundaries. However nature has reclaimed a number of areas which were once extensively worked, often to the benefit of the local ecology. This walk visits one of those areas and concludes by going through part of the estate of one of our finest stately homes.

This Peak District walk starts at Calver crossroads (Grid ref. SK239748). Go west along the A623 for 400m before turning left on to the broad track which leads into Coombs Dale, a typical Peakland limestone valley which was once a centre of lead mining. Now its return to nature has made it a wildlife habitat of national importance which is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna and has been awarded SSSI status as a result. Continue up the dale for 3.5K as it gently rises to reach a lane (Grid ref. SK206742) where the modern economy in the form of quarrying temporarily returns.

Go left across the lane through a small gate signposted to Longstone Edge. The route gently climbs to arrive at a quarry access road at the top of the edge (Grid ref. SK205732). Cross the road and bear left over a stile to start the descent of the edge as industry is left behind. The path descends a grassy bank which makes an ideal location for a refreshment stop while to the right, extensive views open out southwards towards Bakewell.

The route continues downhill to reach a stile at the boundary of pasture land. Cross the stile and continue across the pasture for about 500m to arrive at a quiet lane near the hamlet of Rowland. Go left along the lane for 100m towards the houses and at a left hand bend, go right through a stile into a field following a clear path across the fields to reach a road after 400m (Grid ref. SK217722).

Turn left and walk along the road for 600m to Hassop. The wall to your right is the boundary of Hassop Hall, a 17thC house built by the Eyres, a family of local landowners and which is now a hotel. On the opposite side of the road, the classical pile of the Catholic All Saints church dominates the scene. Built for the Eyres in the early 19thC, it is totally out of proportion to the tiny community it serves!

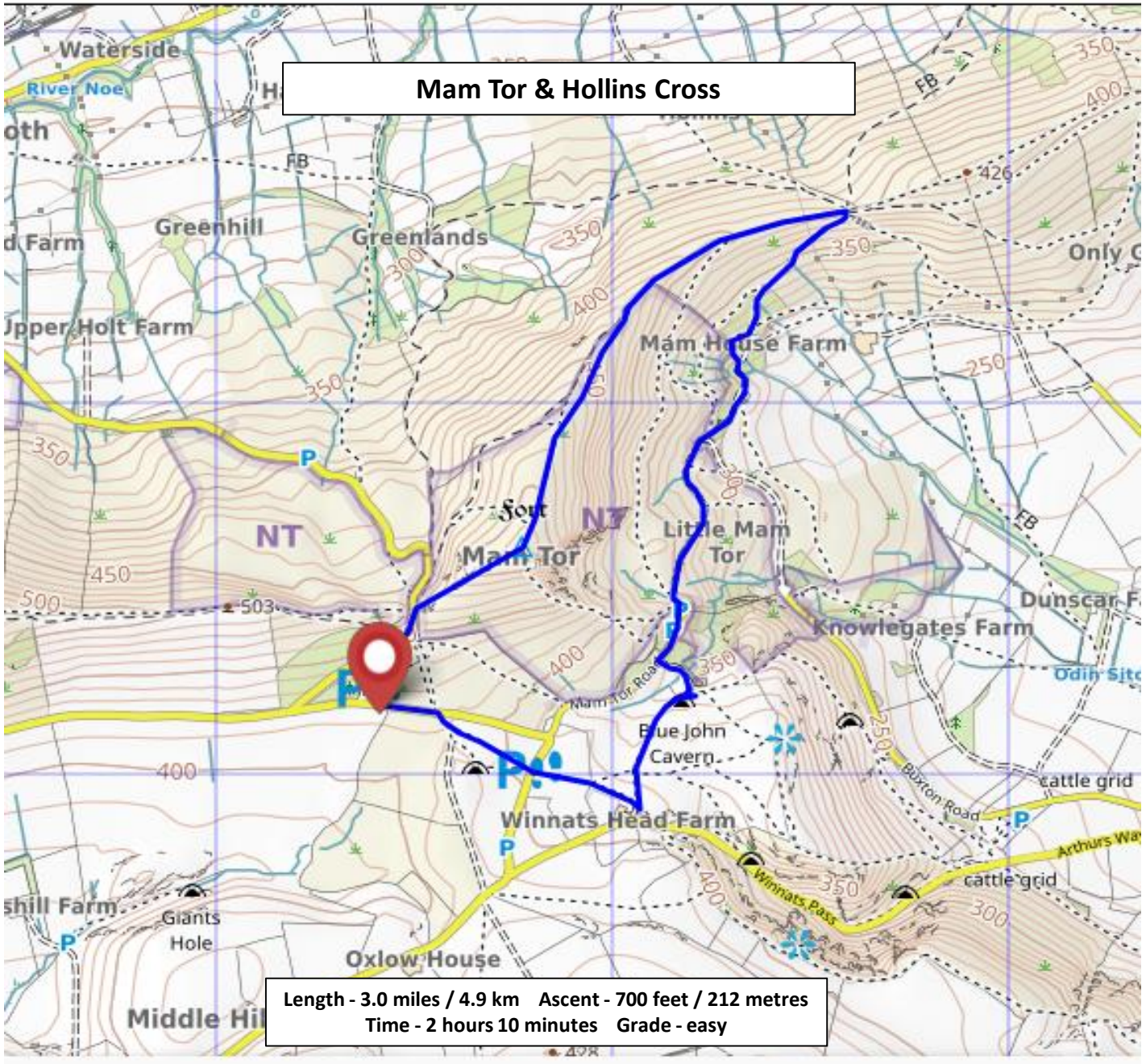
Go right on to the B6001 for 200m to just beyond Home Farm. Turn left along a bridleway which descends to a ford and after crossing the stream, go left at a junction and follow the track as it gently climbs through the woods. The trees are left behind as it levels out to meet the A619 road at GR234713. Turn right along the road for 75m before turning left on to a sometimes muddy track which climbs up the hillside towards woodland above to arrive at a minor road on the edge of Pilsley. Go left along the road into the village to reach a road junction at the "Devonshire Arms".

This area is the Chatsworth Estate and Pilsley is a typical estate village. Both the village school and some of the houses were built around 1840 by Sir Joseph Paxton during his tenure as head gardener at Chatsworth, although other houses in the village date back to more than a century earlier. The village is well worth exploring should time permit.

To continue, go straight on down the minor road towards Baslow as views open out over the Derwent valley with Baslow Edge prominent. After 300m, go left over a stile and cross a pasture before descending steeply to reach the A619. Cross the road and climb steeply up the other side to a lane. Go right along the lane and after 100m, left over a stile. Follow the path for 150m to a wall but do not cross it. Instead, go left parallel to the wall as the path gently climbs over a couple of stiles and Chatsworth House comes into view to the left. Meanwhile on a hillside to the right, a royal "ER" cipher is somewhat oddly picked out in the trees.

The path crosses a field to reach a lane. Go right along the lane for 1.1K and as it starts to descend steeply, go right over a stile into a field and then another one into Bank Wood (Grid ref. SK231722). There is no problem route finding as the path continues along the ridge and further fine views of Chatsworth appear to the right. To the left, the sight of the Back Dale Quarry workings is not quite as appealing!

The route crosses over a lane to continue through Bramley Wood. There are views both up and down the Derwent valley, while Calver lies immediately below. At a path junction (Grid ref. SK242740), go left and descend steeply, crossing a field to arrive in Calver village. Go left and immediately right to the B6001. The crossroads and the start of the walk is just 150m to the right.





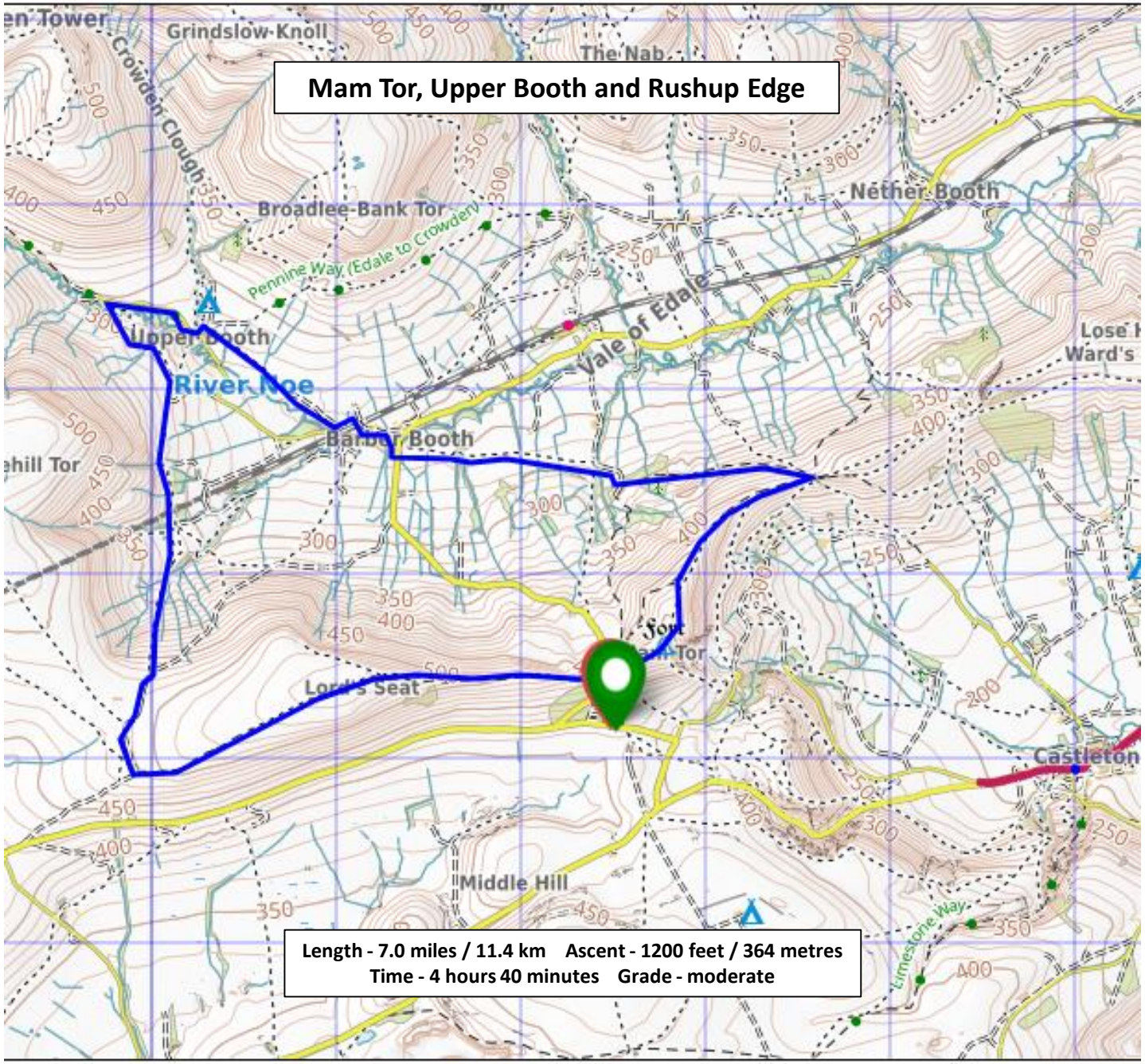
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This short Peak District walk includes the most dramatic section of Castleton's Great Ridge with expansive views to the north and south across a wide area of the National Park. The route follows well used paths throughout although appropriate footwear is still recommended.

The start is the pay and display car park (grid ref. SK123832) below Mam Nick. After parking exit on the northern side of the car park climbing up to the road below Mam Nick. Continue by taking the path off to the right which climbs, steeply in places to reach the summit of Mam Tor. To the north the view covers with wide valley of Edale with the Kinder Plateau beyond. Ahead is the Great Ridge which terminates at Lose Hill. To the south lies Castleton with the hills and dales of the White Peak forming a scenic background.

To continue descend on the flagged path walking east towards Lose Hill. The path descends gently reaching a crossroads of paths at Hollins Cross in just under a mile (grid ref. SK136845). From Hollins Cross the onward path descends to your right, doubling back down towards Mam Farm (grid ref. SK133841). Continue down to reach a track and bear right past Mam Farm, which is to your left. Stay on the track and continue ahead to reach the remaining section of the old road (grid ref. SK132838). Go straight ahead on the old road which was destroyed during a major landslip when a large section of the southern face of Mam Tor slid into the valley.

Reaching the access road for Blue John Cavern (grid ref. SK131832), turn left and continue towards this famous show cave. At the end of the access road, turn right onto a signed footpath which leads to Winnats Head Farm (grid ref. SK130829). Here bear right with the farm to your left and continue across fields to reach a road (grid ref. SK127829). Cross the road and take the footpath opposite. This leads northwest across rough ground to reach another road. Turn left along the road and the car park is on your right.



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This Peak District walk explores some of the highlights of Edale and its surrounding hills. The walk includes the well known viewpoint of Mam Tor and the adjoining Castleton Ridge. The walk then descends into Edale and explores some less walked paths before climbing onto Rushup Edge at the end of the route.

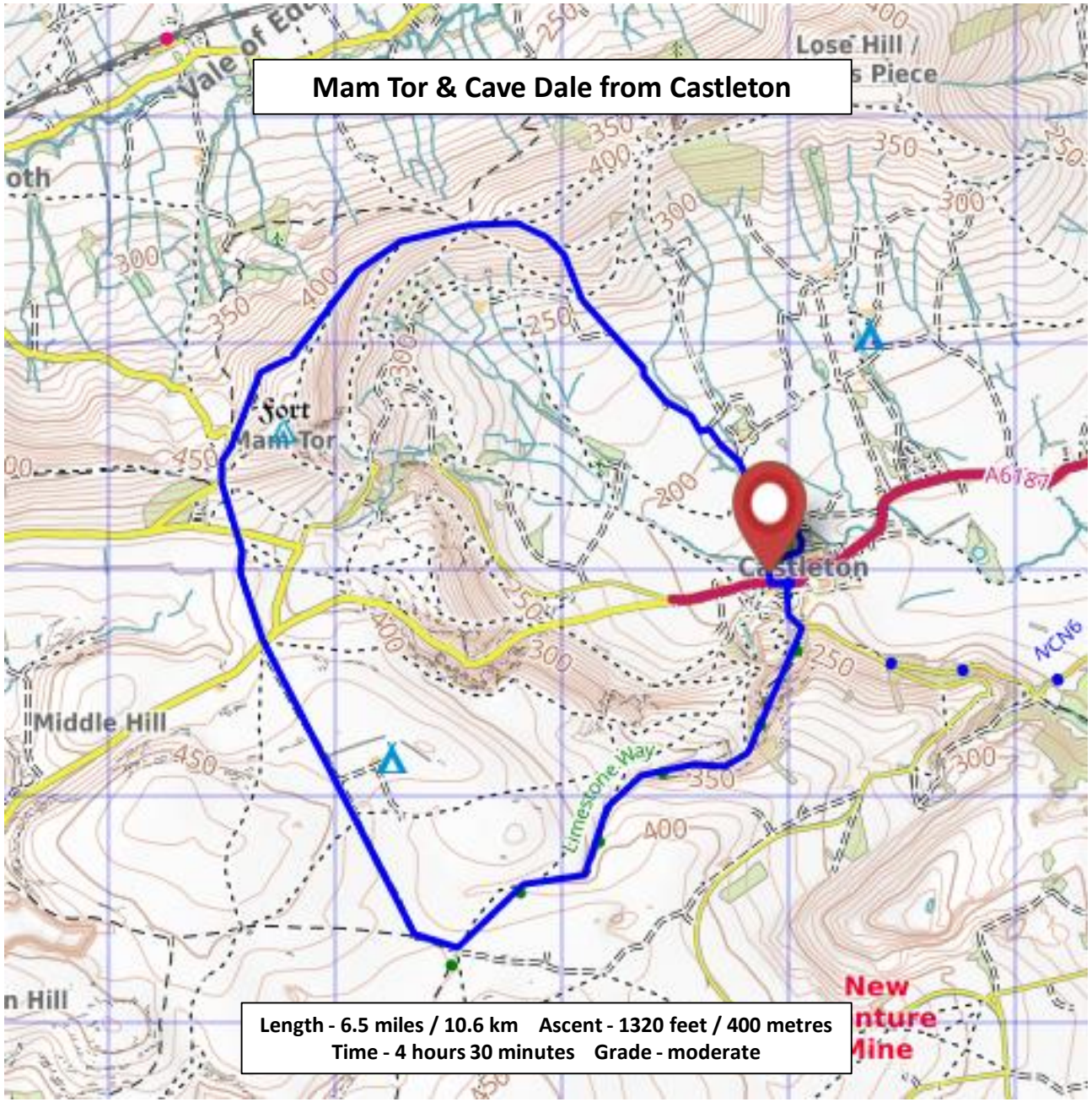
The walk starts in the large pay and display car park (grid ref. SK123832) just south of Man Nick, near Castleton. There is also some on-road parking in the vicinity if you want to avoid the parking charge. Exit the car park to the north climbing the steps and follow the clear path up to Mam Nick to reach the road.

Bear right and continue to climb the steps and path leading to the summit of Mam Tor from where there are substantial views across the surrounding area. The view north towards Edale and the Kinder Plateau is of particular interest as you will be traversing some of this area as the walk proceeds. Continue along the Castleton Ridge descending along the clear path to reach Hollin's Cross (grid ref. SK135845).

Turn left here, taking the left hand path downwards and following the sign to Barber Booth. Initially the path descends quite quickly but becomes less steep as you lose height. The route runs to the north of Greenlands to join a lane. Turn right and walk north towards Edale. The lane bears right and just afterwards take the stile on the left (grid ref. SK123846). The path crosses a number of fields using stiles and gates, eventually reaching a road (grid ref. SK113846).

At the road, go right. This leads you to the hamlet of Barber Booth. Take the first track on the left and follow this over the railway (grid ref. SK111848). The track bears left over the railway and follow the sometimes feint route, Where the path is unclear head for the farm buildings ahead to reach Upper Booth (grid ref. SK102853). Turn left in the hamlet and then right onto the Pennine Way following in towards Jacob's ladder. Just before Lee House, look for gate below a grassy area on left hand side (grid ref. SK097854). Follow the path towards Highfield heading south at grid ref. SK101850 towards Dale Head.

From Dale Head continue in a southerly direction following the sign to Whitemoor Clough. A steep climb lies ahead onto Rushup Edge. When the path flattens out (grid ref. SK099829), turn left and follow the edge eastwards to Reach Mam Nick. Follow the path and steps down to the car park.







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Postcode S33 8WN
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Interesting walks containing both the White and Dark Peaks are limited to the areas where the Limestone and Gritstone meet. The following Peak District walk covers an area that has much to offer the walker including those of a less adventurous disposition. It is an ideal introduction for those making their first visit to the Peak District offering a taste of the two essential ingredients of the National Park.

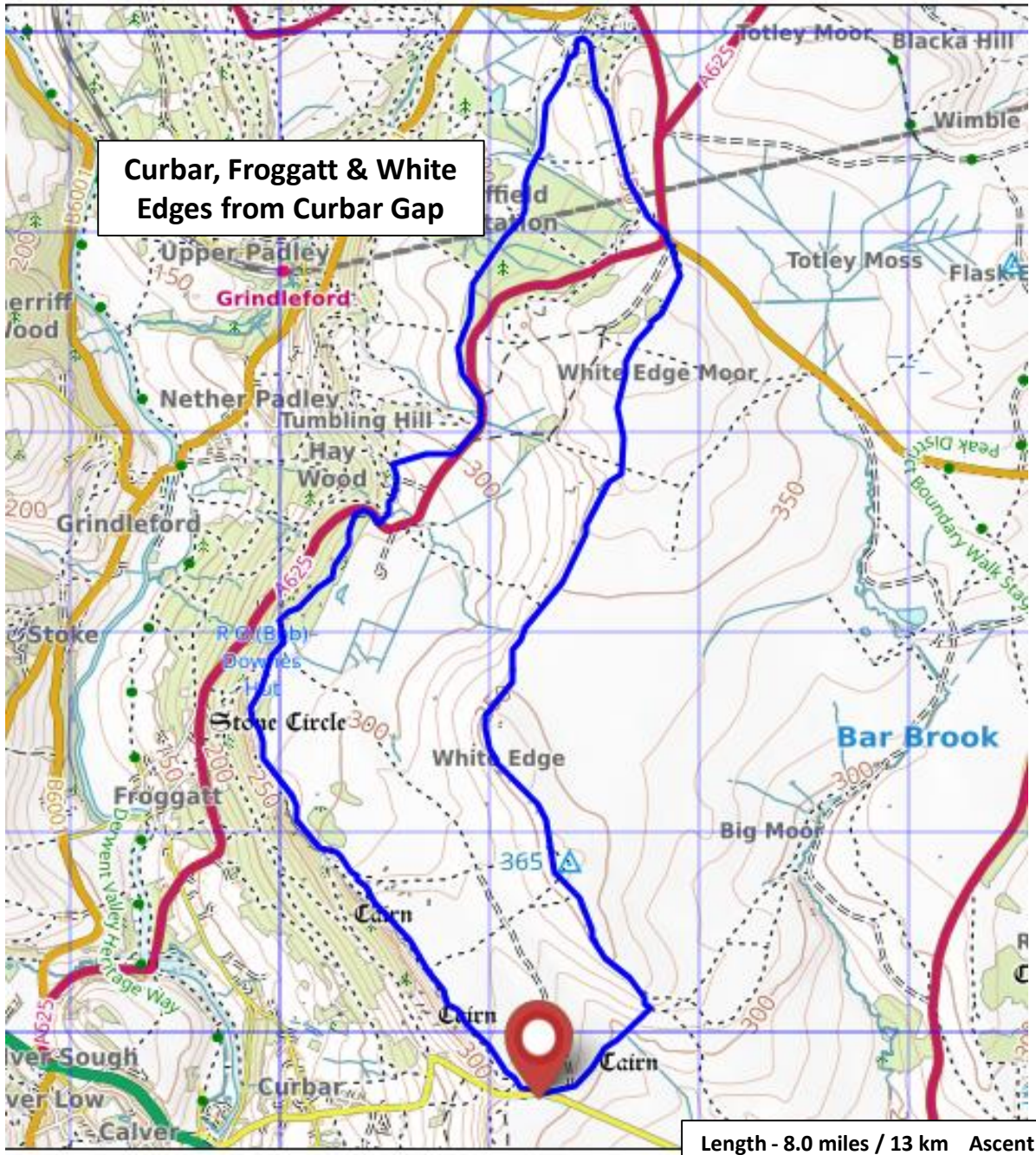
The village of Castleton lies on the northern edge of the White Peak. With a good selection of pubs, cafes and shops it is a popular day trip destination from the surrounding towns and cities. In addition there are the "show" caves which also help attract visitors so an off peak period may be best time to make this walk.

There is a large public car park (grid ref. SK 148829) in Castleton and after paying your dues, follow the main road in the direction of Hope. Where the main road turns sharp right continue north along Hollowford Road which leads gently upwards towards the Castleton ridge ahead. Reaching open country the path steepens. This is the only section of "hard work" and soon you have reached the top of the ridge at Hollins Cross.

The ridge, which links Lose Hill with Mam Tor, is a popular place to promenade. The well-maintained path is easy going and offers excellent views south over the White Peak and to Edale and the Kinder Plateau in the north. With most of the climbing over, continue west along the ridge to the summit of Mam Tor. Notice the huge landslides here and at other places along the ridge. The most recent of these was of such magnitude that it severed the main A625 Castleton to Chapel-en-le-Frith road, which is still closed to traffic.

Dropping down to the col at Mam Nick head down the path on your left which crosses fields and heads up towards the long abandoned spoil tips of Slitherstone Mine. You are now in the White Peak. At the major junction of paths turn east to reach the Limestone Way just short of Hazard Mine. Turning north follow the path down Cave Dale passing the remains of Peveril Castle high on your left to reach the village of Castleton and the end of the walk.

It is possible to shorten the walk by descending Winnats Gorge - a wonderful section of limestone scenery. If you opt to take this route you can reduce road walking by looking for the path which leaves the road on the right shortly after passing the entrance to Speedwell Cavern. This takes you across the fields to reach Castleton near to the entrance to Peak Cavern.







Start Point Details
Ordnance Survey Grid Ref SK149829
Latitude 53.342791 Longitude -1.77767
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This Peak District walk combines three gritstone edges in the eastern sector of the National Park. The start is the small car park (grid ref SK261747) at Curbar Gap with alternative parking available on the roadside. In fine weather parking is at a premium so an early arrival is recommended.

Leave the car park by the gate on the western perimeter of the car park and follow the wide path that runs parallel with Curbar Edge, which should be on your left. To enjoy the view trend left and follow the less distinct path that keeps nearer to the edge. Extensive views are available to the west across the Derwent Valley to much of the central Peak District.

The walking is easy and Curbar Edge becomes Froggatt Edge. You may hear shouts as climbers tackle the wide variety of pitches on the edge. The path descends gently to reach the A6245. Turn right for a short way along this road before crossing to a signed footpath on the opposite side. This path descends to a stream before climbing to a car park.

Continue parallel to the western side of the car park to walk beside a wall on your right. Take the signed footpath heading half left across the field to reach the main road again. Turn left and pass the Grouse Inn. Just after the road bends left you will see a white gate on your left. Go through this and follow the broad track, which is followed for some way, to reach Longshaw Lodge, where refreshments and toilets are available.

Go past the lodge and take the first track right. This goes behind the lodge and heads south back towards the main road. You pass a couple of benches on your left and just before the car park fork left along a green track. This brings you out to the road at a busy junction. Cross the road to a gate. Ignore this and locate a stile a few yards to the east. Cross this and with the fence on your right climb gently onto White Edge Moor.

This path undulates along White Edge for about 4 km and although the edge is not so dramatic as those used earlier in the walk, the surroundings are pleasant and the views as good. Passing a trig column on your left the path descends with walled enclosures on your right. At the end of the wall turn right and follow the clear path across a stream and back to the Curbar Gap car park.

Length - 8.0 miles / 13 km Ascent - 725 feet / 220 metres
Time - 4 hours 40 minutes Grade - easy/mod