

## Friday May 19th

## WIN HILL

Start Time 9.30am at Hope Car Park SK171835

Length 6.25 miles

Ascent 450m

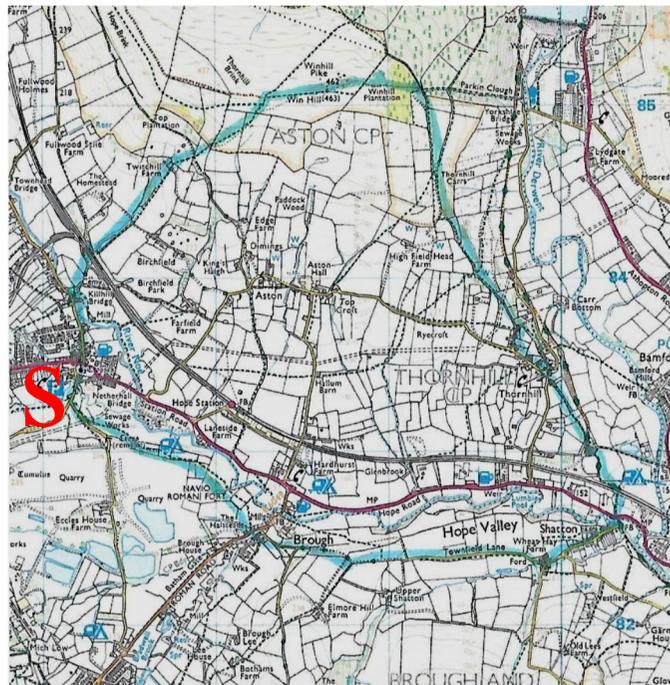
The last walk of the week will be to the summit of Win Hill with its wonderful views of the Ladybower reservoirs, the Hope valley and the peaks and valleys which will have been walked during the week.

Starting in Hope, we follow the river to Shatton passing the site of the Navio Roman Fort. Then, ascending to the hamlet of Thornhill we carry on up to the vista at Win Hill. From there

it is an easy descent to Hope for a lunchtime drink at the pub or café before the journey home.



*Losehill and Mam Tor viewed from Win Hill*



The car park is located on the right as you approach Hope from Castleton.

## IVW CASTLETON HOLIDAY 2017 Sunday May 14th to Friday May 19th



Welcome to the Ivel Valley Walkers holiday in Castleton. This week we will walk through the valleys, along the Edges and up the hills of the Dark Peak area of the Derbyshire Peak District.

This booklet gives an overview of the walks (including starting points) and information on the villages and sights that we shall see during the week.

All walks (except Thursday's) are on the 'OS Explorer Map OL1—Dark Peak'. The Edges walk on Thursday is on 'OS Explorer Map OL24—White Peak'.

The walks (including the shorter ones) start at 9.30am with the exception of Sunday's walk which starts at 1.00pm.

If anyone has difficulty in getting to the start points or is delayed please try and contact us on 07474303545 (Three). Reception can be patchy in certain areas so 07710768282 (O2) is an alternate number. If you will not be coming on any of the walks, it would be appreciated if you could let us know.

Enjoy

Celia and Bob

## Sunday May 14th

Start Time 1.00pm at the Visitor Centre in Castleton (SK148830)  
Length 6.5 miles

## LOSE HILL

Ascent 400m



Market Place, Castleton

The walk starts from the Visitor Centre in Castleton where there are toilets and ample parking space (charge).

We will walk through the village of Castleton and then along the river valley to the village of Hope. From there we gradually climb up to Lose Hill with views along the Edale and Hope valleys and Kinder Scout in the distance. The walk continues along the ridge to Hollins Cross via Back Tor.

From Hollins Cross we descend to the valley and walk through the fields (probably full of lambs) back to Castleton. We should be back between 4.30 pm and 5.00pm

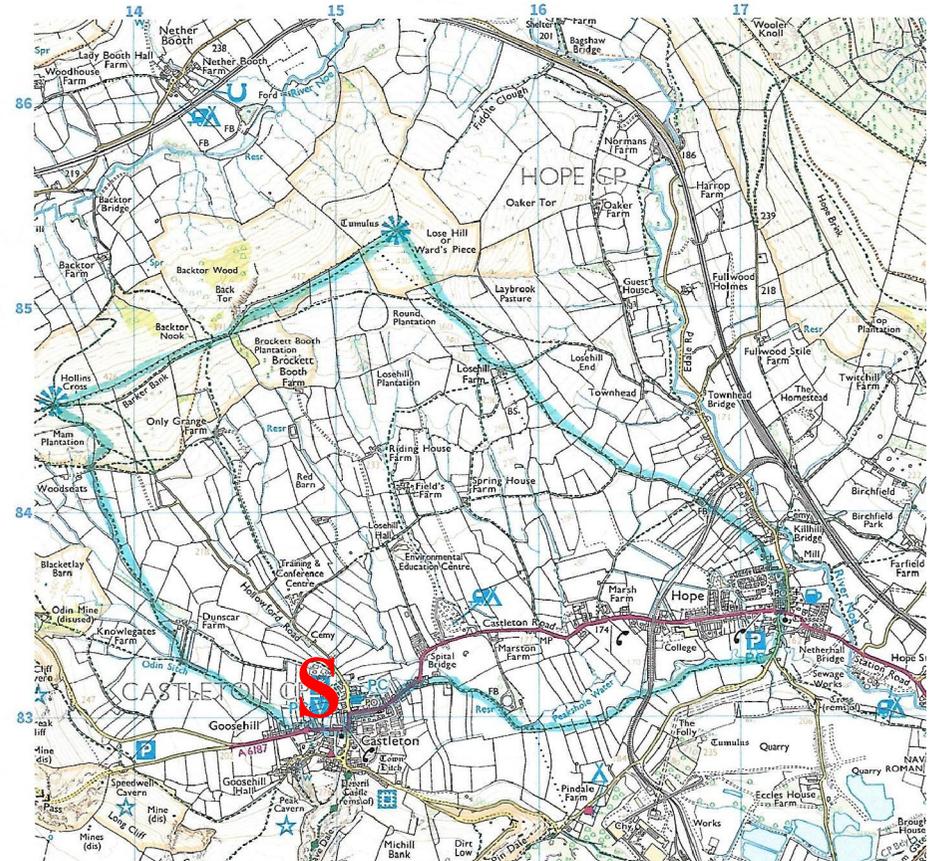


St Peter's church, Hope



Lose Hill

**Castleton Visitor Centre is located on the west side of the village.** Approaching from the east (from Hope) drive through the village and it is located on the right just past the Bulls Head. It is currently being refurbished but is due to reopen in May. The exhibitions at the centre are well worth a visit.



Peveril Castle

Guarding the village of Castleton is the prominent Norman keep of **Peveril Castle**. Located halfway up the cliff above the village, it was built in 1088 by William I's illegitimate son William Peveril.

**Blue John** is a semi-precious mineral, a form of fluorite with bands of a purple-blue or yellowish colour. It is unique to Castleton being found at the Blue John Cavern and the Treak Cliff Cavern. During the 19th century it was mined for its ornamental value and mining continues on a small scale. Visits can be made to the caverns and there are many shops selling Blue John objects.

## Monday May 15th

## THE EDALE HORSESHOE

Start Time 9.30am at Edale Car Park (SK124853)

Length 11 miles (9 mile option)

Ascent 700m

Shorter Walk 6 miles

Ascent 400m

Edale (about 15 minutes by car from Castleton) is a small village at the start/end of the UK's first and most famous long distance walking path - the Pennine Way. The car park (charge and toilets) is on the right (as you drive from Hope) just before the turning to the main village centre of Edale.



Edale Village

From the car park we walk

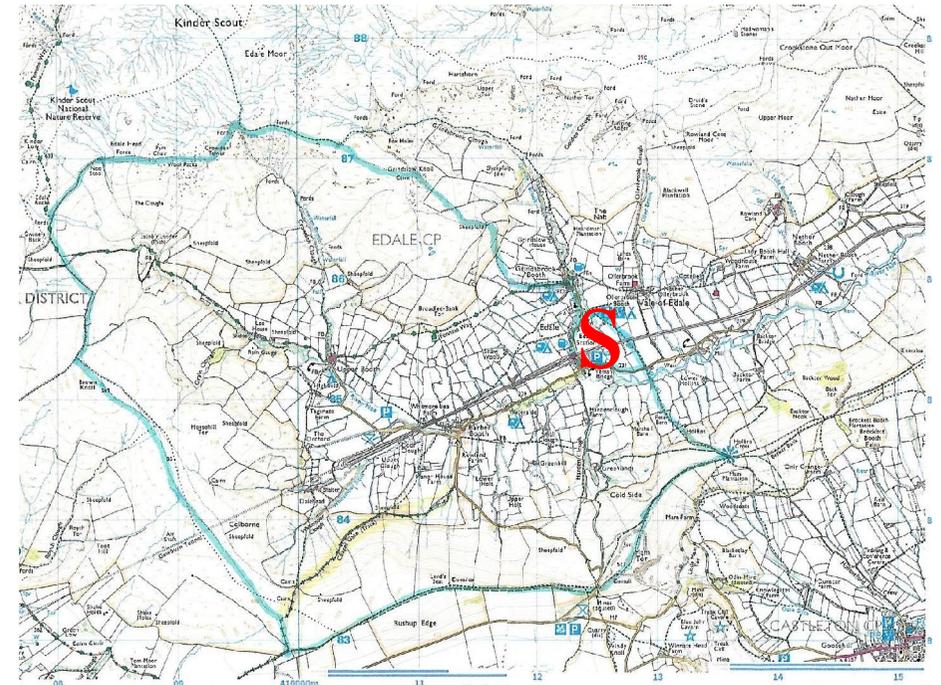
along the road and then climb up to Hollins Cross. From there we follow an easy paved path up to Mam Tor with magnificent views over the surrounding Derbyshire countryside. After a short descent we follow Rushup Edge with views of Kinder Scout, the Edale valley and the Cheshire plains.

**The shorter walk** (self guided with map) follows the Chapel Gate track for a mile down to a road. From there it is a further mile along this small road through Barber Booth back to the car park. It is a further 300m (passing the Edale Visitor Centre) up to the Old Nags Head pub or Coopers Café.

**The main walk** will continue across the boggy moor to Brown Knoll – luckily this path was paved in 2015 – and on to join the Pennine Way just above Jacob's Ladder. Lunch will be taken at a suitable place on the moor (no pub!!). There is a 9 mile option of walking back to Edale along the clearly marked Pennine Way down Jacobs Ladder (a good footpath!) and through Upper Booth. Weather and ground conditions permitting we will continue to complete the Horseshoe of the Edale valley by walking along the edge of Kinder Scout, passing spectacular rock structures including Noe Stool, Pym Chair and Crowden Tower, to Grindslow Knoll. From here there is a steep, but reasonably easy descent back to Edale.

Here there will be time to visit Coopers Café to enjoy a well deserved coffee and delicious cake.

This walk will not be attempted in poor weather conditions. It may be moved to a later day in the week or another substituted.



### Kinder Mass Trespass

As we walk across the edge of Kinder Scout remember April 1932 when over 400 people participated in a mass trespass onto Kinder Scout, this bleak moorland plateau, the highest terrain in the Peak District.



Rocks on Kinder Scout

The event was organised by the Manchester branch of the British Workers Sports Federation. They chose to notify the local press in advance, and as a result, Derbyshire Constabulary turned out in force. A smaller group of ramblers from Sheffield set off from Edale and met up with the main party on the Kinder edge path. Five men from Manchester, including the leader, Benny Rothman, were subsequently jailed.

This trespass has been described as 'the most successful direct action in British history'.

**Tuesday May 16th**

## STANAGE EDGE

**Start Time 9.30am at Hathersage Car Park (SK232815)**

**Length 12 miles**

**Ascent 600m**

**Shorter Walk 7 miles**

**Ascent 450m**

From the car park in Hathersage (about 15 minutes by car from Castleton) we will walk up past the church (where Robin Hood's Little John is buried) to Hathersage Moor. Walking over Higger Tor we reach Upper Burbage Bridge (morning coffee stop). There is an option to walk along a small road directly to the bridge avoiding the Tor. From the bridge we follow Stanage Edge to almost the highest point at High Neb (lunch stop) before descending to the Hathersage Road.



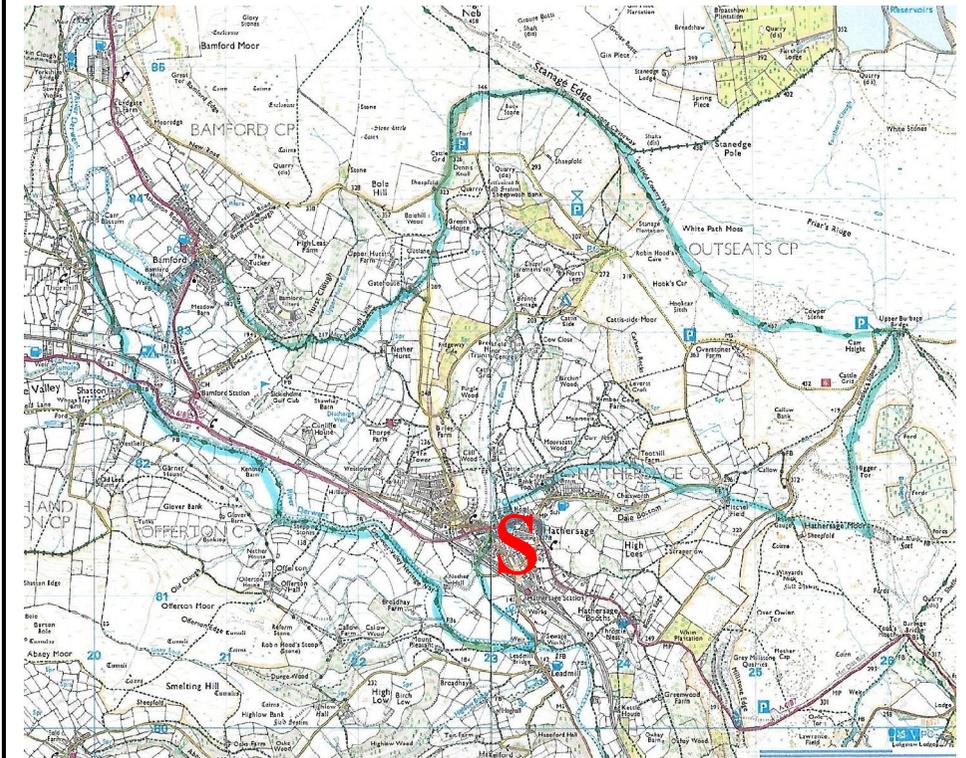
Hathersage Church

The **shorter walk** (self guided with map) follows the road gently downhill to reach Hathersage by early afternoon.

The **main walk** continues along Hurstclough Lane to Bamford. Here we pass over the weir at Bamford Mill and continue down to cross the River Derwent at Shatton. From there we walk along the river back to Hathersage.

**Stanage Edge** is the largest and most impressive of the gritstone edges. Situated on the moors north of Hathersage, it is visible from miles away down in the Hope Valley. The edge is made of one of the finer gritstones and is therefore ideal for rock-climbing. The climbers have given the sections of the edge colourful names - Marble Wall, Crow Chin, Goliath's Groove, The Tower, The Unconquerables, Mississippi Buttress, Robin Hood's Cave. There are over 800 recorded climbs.

Stanage Edge



**Bamford** has an interesting history. It was included in the Domesday Book and remained a small agricultural village until the corn mill, which was burned down and then sold in about 1780, was converted to a water powered cotton spinning mill. The Moore family, who owned similar properties near to Manchester, developed the mill and thus the industrial revolution came to the village. The mill is now converted to residential use.



Bamford Mill

### NOTE - CAR PARKING in HATHERSAGE

The car park can be difficult to find. On entering Hathersage from the Castleton direction, turn right on the B6001 towards Grindleford. After 300 yards turn left towards the car park and swimming pool.

**Wednesday May 17th**

## DERWENT EDGE

Start Time 9.30am by Ladybower reservoir (SK196864)

Length 11 miles

Ascent 700m

Short Walk (linear) 7.5 miles (Ascent 400m) or 6 miles (300m Ascent) pm

Ladybower reservoir is located about 15 minutes by car from Castleton. From the road bridge by the reservoir we climb up to Derwent Edge and along to the view point at Lost Lad, passing the Salt Cellar and Cakes of Bread!! After viewing the moorland scenery, we descend to the top of Derwent reservoir and walk back along the track to reach the Visitor Centre at the northern end of Ladybower reservoir about 1.30pm. Lunch will be taken here where there is an outdoor café.



Derwent and Howden Reservoirs

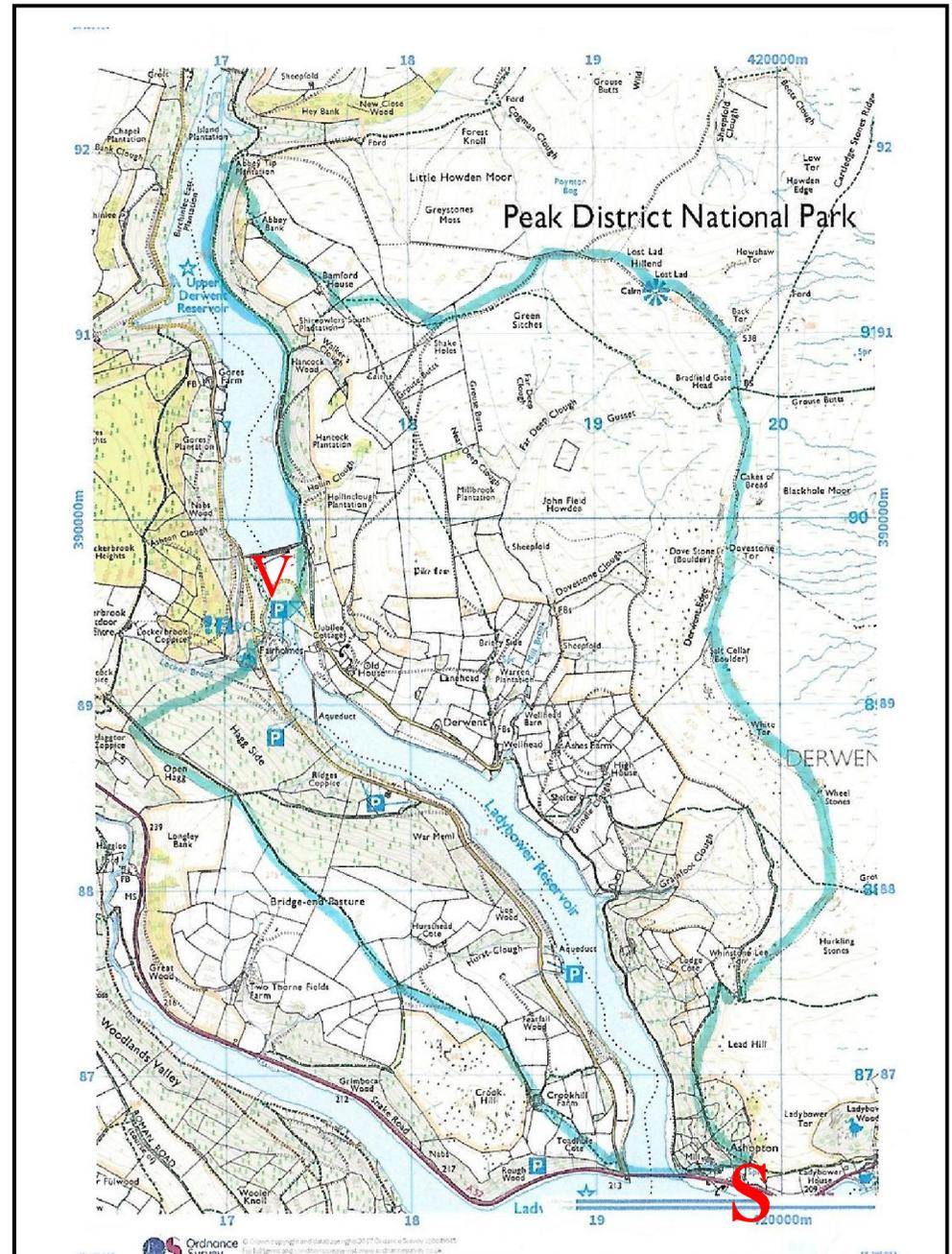
The **linear short walk** finishes here where, hopefully, there will be a bus back to the car park. If not, cars will have been left at the Visitor Centre for transport.

For the **six mile short walk**, park by Ladybower reservoir as above and walk (self guided with map provided) for about 50 minutes along the west side of the reservoir to the Visitor Centre to join the main walk for the afternoon at 2.00pm



Cakes of Bread

The **main walk** will continue by climbing up to Bridge-End Pastures to walk along the ridge with wonderful views of the three reservoirs, peaks and hills. After passing Crook Hill we drop back down to the car park past Crookhill farm. The afternoon walk from the visitor centre is about 3.5 miles.



### NOTE - CAR PARKING at LADYBOWER

Car parking is on the left side of the main road (A57) before crossing the bridge over Ladybower reservoir.

## Thursday May 18th

## THE EDGES

Start Time 9.30am at Baslow Car Park (SK258721)

Length 10.5 miles

Ascent 300m

Linear Shorter Walk 6 miles

Ascent 250m

The walk will start from Baslow car park (on the right side of the road in the east part of the village) which is about 30 minutes by car from Castleton. We walk up to the Wellington Memorial on Baslow Edge and continue along Curbar and Frogatt Edges looking down on the villages below. We descend through the woods to Padley and walk onto Grindleford Station. The lunch stop will be at



On Frogatt Edge

the Station café which hopefully will be open. The **short walk** ends here and some cars will have been left at the station to take people back to Baslow.

The **main walk** will continue to Upper Padley and then down to the Derwent River. From there it is an easy walk back to Baslow following the River Derwent passing through Grindleford and Calver and crossing New Bridge.



Wellington Memorial



New Bridge

## Thursday May 18th

7.00pm for 7.30pm

## Group Dinner at Bulls Head Hotel, Castleton

The hotel is located by the Visitor Centre in Castleton. As parking is limited at the hotel, park at the Visitor Centre.

