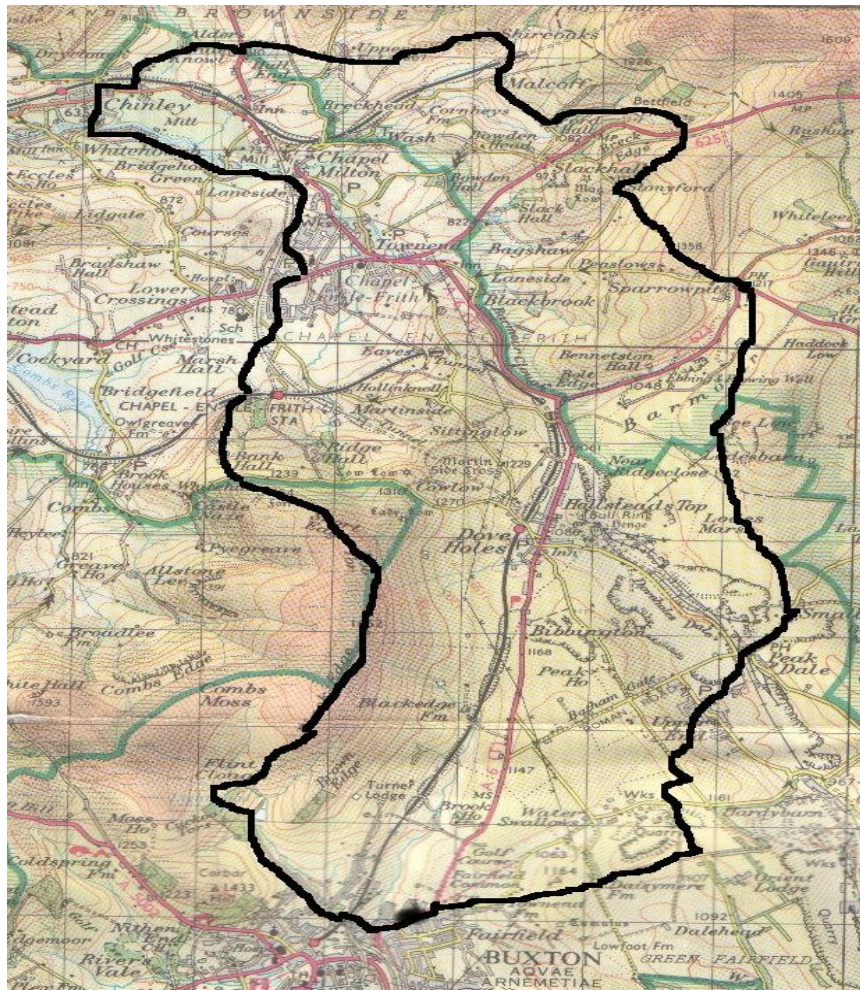


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Buxton. 38.
21.6 Miles.
Map White Peak. Dark Peak.



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Start at Buxton around a lane at 071739. The lane leads down SE to Cuning Dale with allotments on the L. At the entrance to Cuning Dale go L along a path close to allotments on the L and small limestone outcrops on the R. In 200 metres or so enter a field, no wall, and turn L, walking N of W, wall on L, to a gate in 40 metres. Walk NW up this lane which is overgrown with long grass. There is a slot on the R of a gate, then continue along a lane for 400 metres, then go R up another lane trees on the L,. At the top, join another lane go L, again trees on the L, level going to a poor metal gate. Turn R, walk N of E through a narrow area up to a metal wicket gate on the R, Quarry on the R. The path brings you down to a wooden gate with a wooden swing on its R. Daisymere Farm lies to the R looking gloomy.

Go straight over the farm drive and continue in the same direction as before along a lane. Waterswallows Quarry is on the L; spoil heaps can be seen. There are many more that desecrate this once lovely area. Come to an industrial road; go on it, walking to the N, towards the spoil heaps. Bear R on to a road at 087750 and walk W of N; notice the huge grassed over tip on the R. In 300 metres come to a road junction at Handybarn Farm (086752). Cross the road going N; go through a gate and enter an area of rough grass with a disused farm buildings on the R silently

bearing their history. In 30 metres, there is a gate in the wall in front, and an old wooden step thrust through the wall on its R. By its means enter a field of poor quality, bearing thistles and reeds; notice a works on the L. Come to two gates in front take the one on the R and go into a field then turn R and walk at the right angles to the previous direction, going NE through a field to a road at a sign, at 087755. Turn L and walk W of n for 200metres to a sign in the R where there is another stile where an old piece of wood has been thrust through the wall to allow you to walk NE through a field to a far corner where there is an old piece of wood through the wall (20 metres before the corner). In the next field, cut the right corner and go 20 metres to a good stile with bars across, a wooden step and two railway sleepers for uprights. Make, now, for Upper End which you see spread out before you. Not far away are Quarries now out of use. In the far corner is a sign, then wooden bars across that give out to a jitty that passes the War Memorial which is decently enclosed by a wall in a garden of its own where memories are still fragrant. You come to a road at 089761.

Go straight across the road to a few houses. On your left is a jitty between a house and building. Go through a slot stile into a field and along a narrow footpath which is tarred over. The wall you come to has a good slot in it; enter a field and continue walking to the N to the far corner and a slot at a gate. Go R, wall on the L and walk NE down towards the railway line that runs into Great Rocks Dale. Where the wall turns to the L follow it round and walk with the railway cutting on the R. go through slot stile then over a footbridge, and down to the L to a sign and road at 091768. The area is a desolate one; quarries all around have torn all the beauty to pieces. Will it be restored as coalmine tips have been carefully landscaped and planted? Go R past the huge building on the L (Buxted Lime Firm 1913), then over the railway bridge; the old station is to the R. Walk NE to Smalldale and gate, here, a faint memory of the rural charm of years gone by. Go L off the road at 095773 and proceed through a farm yard, again with echoes of the past in the buildings. At a choice of gate, go R and continue N up a muddy lane. Newline Quarry is to the L. at the end of the third field on the R there is a once noble farm building, still having character. Three fields beyond this go R into a field and walk NNW until Lodes Marsh 091783 which is a right angle corner in a wall enclosing a powned with a metal gate. In a fence ahead there is a stile which leads to a narrow field. Walk NW to the right hand corner and a metal gate, no stile, and so out onto an industrial road at 088789.

Go straight across the road and continue NE on a lane for 300 metres where the lane turns slightly to the L. On the R, two fields join. Go through a gate on the R in the further of the two fields and walk N diagonally through the field to the far wall and a line of trees. Go over a wall here, no stile, into a field, still going N with a wall and trees close on the L. Bee Low Quarry is now on the R. at a corner, go L through a huge gap, then turn L and find yourself being tunnelled into a corner which turns out to be an open way into the next field, good level walking with wall on L to the corner where there is stone steps and a slot on top. Go sharp L, cutting the L corner, going down to the L in order to squeeze round a painted wooden bar feature, then to a gate, no stile. In the lane, turn R and walk with fence on R, and wall on L. Barmoor Farm is to the L. Go NE passing Middle Barmoor Farm, then, where the lane turns to the R, go straight on through a poor metal gate. Turn now to the Dark Peak map at 091800.

Get onto the Farm Drive and walk through the farm and out the other side through a gate near a building made of breeze blocks, in this field, make for the far L corner to a gate; note the little dale down to the L a breath of fresh air after the industrial dereliction. Go across the middle of the next field to a slot stile in a wall and a line of trees ahead. In the next field walk with wall on L for 300 metres to a small slot stile in the L corner. Go downhill then uphill through the next field to a slot stile. Go across the next small field to farm buildings ahead and then out on to the road at 092805.

Turn L and walk through Sparrow Pit, going N uphill on the road to Blackbrook, passing interesting cottages and a Methodist Chapel on the R. fork R in 200 metres and walk uphill past a large stone building on the L. When the road levels out, there is a wide view of Chapel with a prominent hillock among houses. In about 1200 metres from the large stone building passed not

so long ago, a minor road goes off to the L at 081816 to Bagshaw. In 50 metres, come to a cottage at Stonyford; go R so that you are walking very close to a garden wall of the cottage which will then be on the L. the path is much overgrown. Go uphill into a field and walk NNE diagonally across the field to the far L corner where, on the R, is a gritstone stile over a wall. Go diagonally through the next field to a corner and another gritstone stile. Keep close to the wall on the L, level going on good grass; pass a farm building on your L, go through a gap in the wall into a lane, cross straight over the lane and enter a field, no gate, no stile and go downhill to a road at 084822.

The view takes in a pleasant valley, another welcome relief from the dry, acrid industrial landscape. There is a clear view of the Kinder Edges. Go straight across the road and go downhill steeply NE to the bottom where the track curves around sharply to go up to the L (NW) passing a building on the R and arriving at Bettfield Farm and continue through a gate, no stiles into a field, level going NW towards a copse ahead, a pleasant little valley to the L. In the wall you come to, there is an excellent, large well cut gritstone steps, over and into the next field, wall on L and a line of trees on the R. soon to come to a broken wall and a good step stile over a fence into a delightful little wooden glen through which runs a stream. This is Bolehill Clough. Go somewhat to the R, cross a stream which tumbles over stones. Climb the bank, going to the L and in 50 metres come to a gate on the L of this is stone steps that lead into a field; fence on the L and another line of trees. Walk to the corner and a ladder stile. Walk downhill SW on Peat Lane to a gate at the bottom and notice how, on top of a wall, there are two layers of stones laid flat like a sandwich. Go down a short distance near houses, then turn R at 076823 and walk NW on a lane to a hamlet at Malcoff where one notices that the stones in the farm are honey coloured, a date in a lintel over a door seems to be 1792.

The lane goes L downhill. In 50 metres, go R through a gate into a field and walk NE down to a bridge across the railway line at 072829 near to the entrance to Cowburn Tunnel. Mount Famine and South Head are clearly visible. Once over the bridge, take the gate on the R and climb up a steep field wall on L to the top where there is a wall and good steps over it. Continue to climb in the next field, wall on L, curving round to the R so as to have the farm buildings on the L. this is Shireoaks. Go through a gate and walk in front of the farmhouse where there are massive stones making a pavement, then enter a lane, walking W. Go through the middle of the field; where the footpath goes through a broken wall, keep straight on and make for the little building below, then through a gate and cattle grid. Proceed through a field, then another gate, and in 30 metres, very good stone steps in the wall on the R near a gateway. Walk NW on level ground, wall on L, then in sunken lane to Upper Fold 059831. The first building on the L has a few interesting features. The restored building on the R has immensely high doors. This lane soon joins a minor road; turn L and go S for 200 metres to a building. Go R up a drive into the farmyard, then R through a gate into a field, walking NW steeply uphill passing a water tank chipped out of gritstone, wall on L. at the top the wall goes to the L, level going now to a simple stile in the corner, and so into a field going steeply downhill, wall on L to a farm track below. Go L through a farm gate and walk S on a good, level farm track broken wall on either side for about 100 metres. At this point, turn R and approach Hollow Shaw. Go down the drive to the house. Just before the house, go R to the garden wall and squeeze between the house on the L and the wall on the R, through a stile, through the garden and down to the bottom where there is a step stile in the fence. From this, go steeply uphill, wall on R and enter a lane, no gate, and come down to a road and stone steps to the L of a gate at 052831.

Cross the road, turn l and walk S for 200 metres then turn R up a farm drive to White Know Farm. In 40 metres, there is a gate on the L of a farm gate though which you enter a field, level going SW, wall on L of a farm gate go through a gap in the wall then proceed with a wall on your L until you come to a gate with a good slot stile with a bar across on its L. note a solitary, disused gritstone gatepost with a hole through it. This is a rough field now with views of a nearby railway. Go through gateway with massive gritstone gateposts into a field and keep near to a wall on R descend to a gate and bridge over the railway. Go through the middle of a field down to a

wall in front containing a good slot; a sign stands nearby. Go down steps to the road at 048826. Cross the road: turn R and walk into Chinley for half a mile where you turn L with the road and walk S. When the road turns R in 150 metres, go straight down a road signposted "Whitehough and Chapel" walking to the S. In about 300 metres, go L at a point where there is a disused church on the corner. In 100 metres, go R into a works car park. Proceed through the car park and come out the other side keeping the works on the L. you have now reached a lane: turn L and walk E with works on your L "map shows mill at 046820". After this delightful episode, you walk with sewage works on the L but as recompense here is a good view of the viaduct.

At the time of this walk a new bye pass was being made. Turn R and walk S uphill on Charley Lane for 400 metres. Just past a cottage, go L on a grassy track under trees to a gate, then a good step stile on the R and continue on a good grassy track, possibly a lane, level going to a stile beyond is a rough field. Keep to the R near a fence and, in 200 metres, go over a stile on the R and climb uphill through the next field, passing, improbably, a gas light at the Courses. At the top there is a stile near a gritstone gatepost on the R. Climb a little, then going to a gate, no stile, and suddenly come to a striking view of Ferodo Works below. Descend to a new swing gate, and then out onto a lane. Turn to the L, go under a railway bridge at 055811, then turn R and go down a lane which eventually passes a cemetery and the Parish Church. Bear R along a street passing some old and interesting buildings. Continue SW on the main street passing an infants school of the most striking architecture, fit for a Town Hall. Turn L at a garage, walk down the street and turn R in about 350 metres a road. Turn L. in about 100 metres; turn R at 055800 between two beautifully carved stone gate piers, no gate, and walk SW under a railway bridge, then walk S to go under another railway bridge in 250 metres. Continue uphill now going S, and when the lane forks, keep to the R and proceed through the well-kept Bank Hall Farm leaving by a slot stile and two broken ladder stiles in a steep approach to the road at 052786.

Go straight across the road to a barb stile, then climb up the steep bank of Castle Naze where lie the remains of an old Fort, negotiating a bar stile on the way up. At the top go L and walk with edge on L and wall on R. walk SE on Short Edge passing Hob Tor, then S on Black Edge, with views to the E. it is a long slog but interesting in any weather. When Flint Clough is reached 053753, descend to the stream, then climb the steep bank on the other side to a fence at the top. On the extreme end of the fence, there is a bar stile on a good path to the Lightwood Reservoir, then down hill to the start.

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