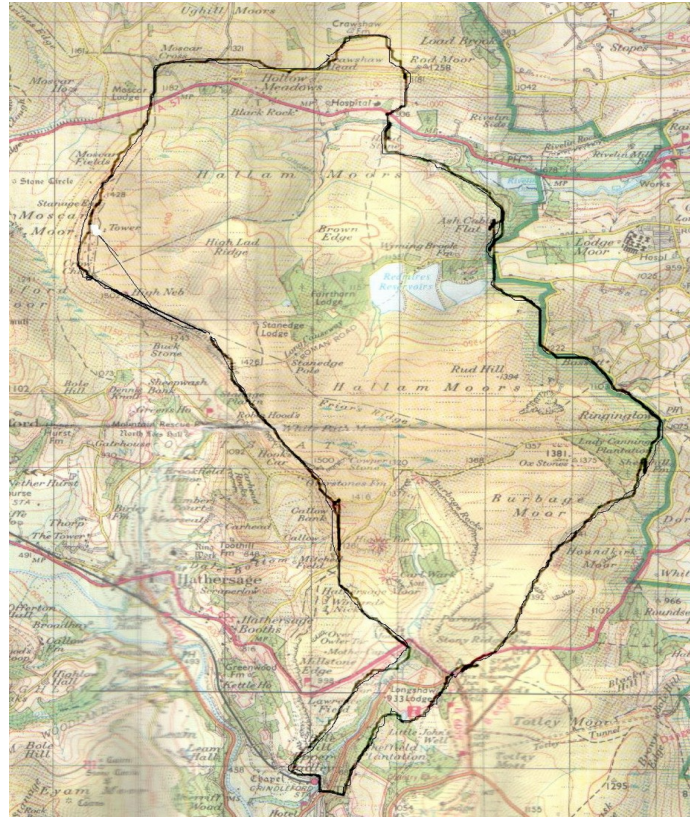




Start at Padley Railway Station, (251787). Walk E through a white gate, then uphill to a road above at 252788. Cross the road and go over a little slot in a low wall, then climb the fairly steep hillside up stone steps then follow the path to the L (NE) getting steeper. At the top turn N fields on the R, go ahead through a swing gate into open land; level going on good track; woods nearby until a fence is reached. Turn R and walk with fence on the L through Rhododendrons, passing a pond and coming to a wooden swing gate in a stone wall which admits you into the grounds of Longshaw Lodge, immediately in front of the Hall, a Ha- Ha on the R. Go through three gates and walk in front of the house which was built in 1827 by the Duke of Rutland as a shooting box.. A tarmac track goes down to a Road Lodge and gate, then out on to a road at 265803 on map sheet SK 28/38.

Walk N for 150 metres to join the B.6055. Turn R and walk SE uphill, passing the Fox Inn on the L; a substantial building of Dark Grit with a mullioned and ransomed bay, chimneys set obliquely, hood moulds, a mock-Tudor arch and massive gritstone lintels to doors in an outhouse. Turn L and walk NE slightly uphill for 500 metres, then go L onto a wide stony track (Houndkirk Road) and walk NE with Houndkirk Moor on the R and Burbage moor on the L. Pass Parson House Farm on the L. over a bridge at Sparkinson's spring, then Lady Canning's plantation on the L to a road at 290835. Continue on the road past Moor Cottage on the L; the stone wall around the garden is quite exquisite. Go forward to Ringinglow; note the Toll House on the L: an octangle building with gothic windows. The Norfolk arms stands securely at the road junction: built in 1840, it has triangular-headed windows and battlements. Turn L on to Ringinglow Road: walk W for 100 metres, then turn R and walk on Fullwood Lane.

In just over a mile, go L off the road at 277853 where it goes steeply downhill to the R: it is marked "Roper Hill". On the L of a gate, there are some poor stone steps in a wall and a sign indicates Public Footpath. Go W, fence on the L, level going, good views to the N. this becomes a lane which turns to the R and goes steeply downhill with views over Redmires Reservoir. At a gate, go l through a gap, walk with wall on the r and a fence on the L. This goes to a triangular area: go R and walk E along a good wide grassy track, wall on either side, to a slot on the L at the far end to enter a road at 272856. Turn L and walk N 300 yards to a road junction, go to the L and walk W for 100 metres to a gate on the R. Go through this down into a little dell where flows Wyming Brook on its way to Rivelin Dams. Climb the bank on the other side, then over a wide dirt track and up a bank on to a path which goes N on the edge overlooking Wyming Brook on the R. Soon, however, this path goes N where the brook goes NE; still skirt the edge at Mere Folds with trees growing on the bank down to the R, and open moorland to the L. The reservoir comes into view, splendidly placed, a white house providing the only jarring note. The path enters the woodland on a pleasant section of this walk, then eventually loses height in Reddicar Clough and comes down to Wyming Brook drive, but only for a few metres (264871). Go round the corner, and then cut up a bank and walk W through rough grass, a slow progress with no well worn path to help. Pass Head Stone Bank and soon come to a good well worn path coming from the L. Bear R and walk N down to a good wooden footbridge, then up the other side through trees to excellent stone steps over a wall and into a field, then up to the wall ahead where there are more stone steps to the L of a gate, and a metal sign erected by Bradfield Parish Council with directions to Stannage Pole; and so out on to the road at 259877.

Turn R and go downhill SE for 10 metres, then go L at another helpful sign erected by Bradfield Parish Council, going through a stile between two uprights. Surrey Farm s on the L; go uphill Cranshaw Lodge stands out clearly. Go through a slot stile in the wall ahead and climb yet again uphill to a poor stile and sign. The next field is a rough one; go through it and out onto a road at 260883. Turn R and walk E along the road for about 20 metres. The footpath now goes L off the road into the grounds of Crawshaw Lodge. A sign clearly indicates this. The path climbs the bank SW then goes directly N across Rod Moor down to Crawshaw Farm (254889) where there is a wooden step stile, but do not use this instead go L, farm on the R and walk SW up a bank on a old track you the top, then go S down to the road at 252883 and over a wall by a good ladder stile.

Bear R and walk W along the road, passing Cranshaw Head, a farm on the R with pretensions to style in its massive gate piers, mock battlements, crow stepped gables and other features that in any case relieve the severity of the landscape. In just a half mile. The road turns sharply L; leave the road and go straight on W, fence on R, to a gate, then continue with a wall on the L until you come to and pass Moscar Cross Farm and enter an open area where stands an old guide stone against a wall. On it are carved the names of Bradfield, Sheffield, Hathersage and Hope. It lay on a old Packhorse way; the common way which leads from Sheffield towards Derwent according to a fourteenth century charter. In 1571 the guidestone was known as Humblestone Cross, but the present name came into use in the 17C when the guidestone was still a Mediaeval Cross. The present guidestone was set up to comply with the Act of Parliament on 1702. Bear L and walk S past Moscar Lodge; a fine late Victorian Building which is well kept. Tolls were taken here authorised by Parliament in 1818. The road made by Thomas Telford the great engineer of his day. The turnpike went SW to Cutthroat Bridge which was named after an incident which occurred in 1635, when a man was found there with his throat cut, this road eventually became known as the snake pass; so named because the snake in the crest of the Dukes of Devonshire.

Leaving the drive from Moscar Lodge. Go across the road at 231879 to a footpath sign, then, in 30 metres, surmount a good wooden step and bar stile. Now come to a well-known route along the edge of Stanage; an area familiar to walkers and rock-climbers alike. Several famous climbers have used these rocks for practice. Continue S, then Se for three and a half miles to the trig point at 251830, then drop down to the road at 252827. Go L and walk 250 metres Se along

the road, then go R over a step stile into a field and walk SE to a similar stile at the3 far end, crossing the road at 256823 to a stile, then climbing the bank up to Higger Tor, go S to Carl Walk along impressive gritstone outcrops much loved by walkers. Descend on a well worn path to Burbage Brook then up to and cross the road at 263805. Go through the swing gate then down to the footbridge; there are that many paths on the previous few miles so the trig points on the map should be used. Then walk with stream on the L down through Padley Gorge, a delightful and popular walk through trees until it emerges near a waterworks building and down to a gate. Proceed down the lane between houses, turn L at the bottom, and go across the railway bridge to the start.

A good gritstone walk.