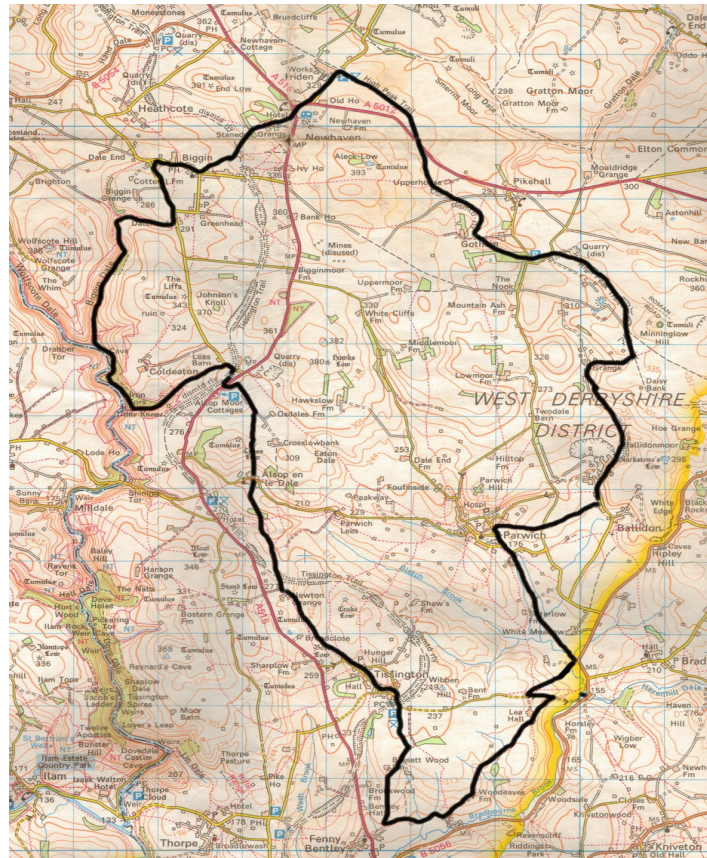


WALK.50.
PARWICH 50.
22 miles 6 hours .
Map White Peak.



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Start at Parwich (188543). Leave on the S side where a stile goes off the road at 190542 and where the sign directs to a football pitch. Walk SE, stream on L, to a footbridge in 30 metres, then go 10 metres through rough ground to a stile on the R and thus into a field, stream still on L and a hedge in 100 metres. Two old limestone uprights form a stile; step over a tiny streamlet and make for a small official building ahead to thread the way between it and the stream to emerge through a slot between two more uprights on to a lane to cross to another stile and enter a field. Now walk S over a flat alluvial land which will be very wet in bad weather.

Cross over the stream and make for a gate, then level going through a large field to another gate, no stile, only mud, and a large field in the basin between the low hills on either side, Parwich behind now, the hall (a dull building), in a prominent position. The distant gate offers no stile; this is a barren section! Plod through yet another gateway, no gate or stile, the land flooded here in bad weather. Up on the R, Sitterlow

Farm stands on high ground; cross a drive to a hedge, a gate, no stile only more mud. But a little variety is added by a footbridge in the next field, a bit dilapidated, and yonder, the battlements on the Norman tower of Bradbourne church stand up into the sky. Push on to a limestone slab across a minute stream, and two limestone uprights, then rise from the usually flat land, White Meadow Farm away to the L. In the far corner this field has a pocket of ground, go L through a slot in a fence and keep the hedge on the R so as to go over another limestone slab over a streamlet. Keep to the hedge on the R and arrive at a slot, and so out on to a farm drive at 199526.

Turn R, go over a stream, then leave the drive to walk S; Gorsehill Farm is away to the R: brick built, three storeys. Walk SW uphill, climbing the ridge now, hedge on L, farm on R, up to a gate, no stile. A wall now appears on the L and down below there is the tiny valley of the Bradbourne Brook where the road fords the stream and where Bradbourne mill still stands. Your track levels out as a gate is approached, again no stile to enter a field through which two footpaths go: do not go W to Bent Dumble; instead walk SW to a sign at the road which comes up from the Ford; cross the road and go S to Lea Cottage Farm, a brick building among outbuildings of Limestone with the fine finishes of older buildings: strong quoins, good dressings, rather worn but still good for many years to come. Pass Lea Hall on the same site: a limestone building with mullioned windows of two three and five lights, an interesting place with an history according to the farmer. Bear R and walk SW; go uphill into the next field gate no stile where the path levels out. Go through a gate, wall on R, and pass a small building; there is a stile in the corner, and, a little further on, a step stile attached to a wall. Make for the far corner to trees and a tiny stream on the R. Enter the area of trees, stream on R, and, in 30 metres, go R through a small gate and there is a stream again to cross, then climb a bank up into a field and continue SW, descending the other side of this field to trees at its far end where two small streams join in a muddy area among the trees; cross just below this point and climb up another bank in a field. Bear L and walk S through an open gateway, and make for Woodleaves Farm and more evidence of the care taken years ago to provide a simple building like this with interesting dressings of gritstone around the windows and doors.

Go SW down the farm drive to the priory, but before getting there, obey a sign which directs to turn R and walk N uphill through a field, hedge on L. in this hedge, almost hidden, there is a sign to Tissington with a yellow arrow. Follow its direction to the top where, on the L of a gate, there is a stile. Go N to the next stile, then keep to the hedge on the L as it curves around to the L and comes to a gate with stile on its L. now walk NW to a slot in a fence, a copse on the R, then proceed on a farm drive to a gate with a slot on its R, to enter a small area where a tarmac drive comes up from Bassett Wood Farm away to the L. go forward on path, hedge on R to come to a road to Tissington (180520). It is a model village with stone houses old Hall; Church; Village pond and tree lined roads: some state it is the prettiest village in Derbyshire. The Hall was built in 1609 on the site of a previous hall, and has been in the Fitzherberts family for 400 years.

Go through the village to see much that interests the visitor: then walk NW to a point at 172526 where the road curves to the L and a lane goes straight on to (Parwich).

In between is a farm gate with a slot near a sign. Enter a field and walk NW to a wall where, 40 metres up from the R corner, there are good stone steps. Walking in the same direction through the next field there are stone steps in a wall to then climb gently to the ridge above. Note, in a field away to the R strongly marked lynchettes which men worked in strips many years ago. At the top, go through a slot in the wall, Broadclose Farm away to the L, then only a short distance to a wall and a slot. Walk down through a long field to a gap in a fence in the L corner and make for the wall in front where there is a slot and get a close view of Newton Grange Farm. Drop down in a hollow then up to a slot in a wall and walk close to the farm on the L, ploughing through wet ground to the far corner up to the L where there is a slot that leads into a lane at 165536.

Turn R and walk NNW under the trail to a gate where a wooden stile is hidden on the R. continue with wall on the R until it goes off to the R, then go straight on to a slot in a wall and meet the first of several electric fences. Go downhill then steeply uphill, with wall eventually on the L, to come to a railway sleeper thrust in a wall to make a stile. Cut the R corner and make for a stile that is difficult to see. Then go NW across the field to a copse ahead making for a curve in the boundary wall where there is a stile. Continue NW down through the woods to a stone wall broken on top. A little further down, there are stone steps, though they look little used. So over and make for a slot ahead on the L. Notice away to the R, more Lynchettes or strips from former ploughing methods, and to the L the C.17 Hall (renewed). This slot has two fine gritstone uprights in a limestone wall. Go forward to the farm where there is a slot on the R of a gate, then another slot on the L of a gate and so out on to the road in Alsop-en-le-Dale (160551). The church dedicated to St Michael was originally built in Norman times, restored in the 19C. The nave still retains some Norman features and a Norman window remains in the South Wall. The Hall opposite the church was built in the late 16C; for the Alsop family, whose ancestors held the estate from the 12C. The Hall consists of two central three story gables, and single bay story wings. The farm which has been passed has several features of interest: a huge external chimney; good dressings around the windows. Walk along side this farm to a slot at the R of a gate, then another in 15 metres, then stone steps to the R of a gate in 20 metres, and then a steep climb up through a field to a slot in a wall at the top. Climb up past Cross Low to a wall, then turn L and walk with wall on R, following it as it goes around to the R and down to the corner. On the L is a slot, then go forward to a gateway with drinking trough to the L. Go downhill to the L to a good slot in a wall; cut the R corner in the next field and come to a huge stepping stone which assists up to a slot on top. Continue N to a gate; squeeze through a slot on its L and come out on to a road at 161561.

Turn L and walk NW along a road past Alsop Moor Cottages; all built to a common pattern, and come out on to the A.515 at 157564. Go straight across it to the Tissington Trail, turn R and walk NE for 300 metres to a bridge to descend to road and walk NW for 300 metres to a stile on the L consisting of different steps. Enter a field and walk SW down to Coldeaton Bridge, the first stile is stone steps leading to a slot. A sign indicates that this is Bradbury's Bank, (National Trust property). The dale deepens out now, pleasant walking; limestone outcrops on the L and trees on the R to approach

Coldeaton Bridge (146561). Go through a slot; there is a small stone building on the L. Walk now on a farm wide path through this lovely dale (Dove Dale), river on L, passing on the R, Iron Tors which was presented to the National Trust by ICI, the first gift by an industrial firm to the Trust. Go through a slot in a wall; there is a cave up to the R; the attention will be caught by a massive limestone outcrop in the surrounding cliffs which dominate this area of the dale. The path is raised a little to a wall and slot to go to a junction of dales; Wolfscote Dale ahead but turn R and walk NE up Biggin Dale.

Walking in this dale starts off very pleasant on firm level path, continue through a wall, then a slot to the R of a gate continue upward until a gate and a sign Biggin Dale, on the other side of the gate is a sign National Nature Reserve. Biggin Dale and again it is pleasant walking, wall on L, the dale curving around out of sight to the R. the walk comes to Biggin; instead keep to the path which curves to the R and goes E through a bare, deep dale. At a gate, there are, there are steps on the L up to a stile and at this point the dale is climbed it diminishes, as progress is made until it opens out at the top and a road is reached at 152587.

Turn L and walk N for 100 metres to a house where on the R is a sign and jitty. Go through this and enter a field. Go straight ahead to the wall and slot, then bear L through a field to a wall and slot on the L. then walk N past houses on the L up to Biggin Church (1844 to 1848) at 154593. Bear R and walk E to the village hall where a sign indicates "Friden" to the L. Enter a large field and go sharply L, wall on L corner where a gap admits to another large field. Walk NE to the far corner; go through a slot into a field, wall on R, and make for the Tissington Trail in front; up a sharp embankment and down the other side to a bar stile, then 40 metres to a gap in a wall and continue to the E slightly uphill to a gate with steps on its L. Stanedge Grange lies to the L in a fine position. Make for a stile in the wall on the L and from it go NE to a farm drive, some trees on the R, then go over a cattle grid and come out on to the A.515 at 166599.

Turn L and walk 100 metres to Newhaven House Hotel, a large and prominent building. This spot lay on ancient routs: A packhorse route for the Duke of Devonshire's copper from Ecton; the drovers brought their cattle here; in fact a cattle and sheep fair was held here annually during the C.17 and later. Until 1795, the only Inn along the twenty miles between Buxton and Ashbourne was "a mean public house nearly opposite the nine mile stone". The milestone can still be seen on the R as the Hotel is approached. According to the "Beauties of England Wales" 1802, the Newhaven House Hotel had just been built by the Duke of Devonshire at this turnpike junction, and was a very handsome and commodious inn, where travellers meet with every requisite accommodation". It is believed that King George IV stayed there, and was so pleased with the reception that he granted the inn a free and perpetual licence. It was originally named the "The Devonshire Arms", but the name was changed when the inn became part of the estate of the Duke of Rutland. Newhaven lay on the Derby to Manchester turnpike; in 1759, the Nottingham to Newhaven turnpike was created which meant more trade for the Hotel. Newhaven Hotel once held 100 horses.

Bear R at the junction, then next L and proceed NE down the road to the High Peak Trail at Friden (172607). Turn R and walk two miles SE along the trail to a point at 206568 to then go R off the trail and walk SW down to a broken wall where stand two good old uprights, through this and look for stone steps cemented in the next wall, and walk with wall on the R down to a step stile in a wall bellow Roystone Grange Farm. Bear L and make for a slot in a wall. Turn R and walk S down to a gate. On the R, there is a building; excavations have been carried out, and the foundations of Roystone Grange have been revealed.

Roystone Grange was a monastic sheep farm. From the 12C. to the 14C. Flocks of sheep grazed the surrounding pastures, and their wool was exported to Europe, to Italy and beyond. During the 12C., in the reign of King Henry 11 Adam of Hart hill gave pasture, beasts-appurtenances in the vill of Revestones to the Cistercian Abbey of Carendon, Leicestershire: the Abbey established this Grange Farm because here was the valleys only permanent spring. The chapel like building is 19C. and was originally a pump house. A large water cooled engine pumped compressed air to drive the rock drills in the quarries bellow.

Walk S down through the dale and pass through works to a point on a road at 203547; on the L stands the All Saints Church, restored by the Victorians out of all recognition: it stood there over 800 years ago. Go R at a sign and slot into a field, walking W to a far hedge and a footbridge. Bear L in the next large field and make for a slot between two worn stones. Cut the L corner and go to another little footbridge, then make for the far hedge where, under a tree to good stone uprights, and thus out to a road junction at 196542. Go forward along the road to Parwich and the start.

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