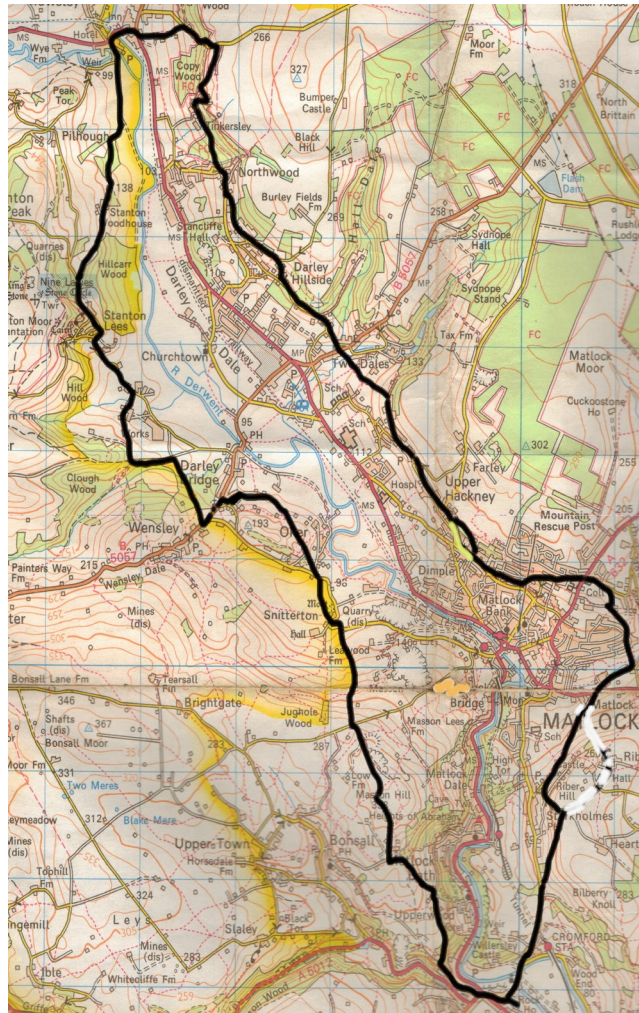


WALK 56.
Cromford 56.
18-6 miles. 5 hours 18 minutes.
Map White Peak done in snow.



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Start at Cromford (299570). Proceed past Arkwright’s Mill on the R then over the traffic lights to the Market Place and walk E with the Greyhound Inn on the L; this was built by Arkwright. Go as far as the old Methodist Chapel, then go R into a jitty and up steeply into woodland (292571). In about 150 metres, turn R and go up a steep bank, then drop down the other side and walk N through the woods, climbing all the time, passing the Victorian Masson Hall, and eventually coming to a low slot stile. Turn L then uphill past houses into a lane; carry on with houses on the L and the lands falling away to the R: this is Upperwood. The lane drops and just past a house at sign, turn L to go up a jitty very steep climbing. Go uphill to the top with woods on the R to a sign at the summit; the sign has three arms. Turn R and walk through Ember Farm (2875830). Go N through a field keeping near to a wall on L, then in 200 metres, cut up a steep bank to a wall on top, then bear R and walk with wall on L, Ember Farm down to the R.

Soon come to a fence with a wide slot, then continue generally N along Masson Hill to a well kept wall in which has a good slot: enter woods; proceed through them and leave by the other side by a slot, then walk with wall on L to another fence and slot. This is an area of extensive quarrying and old mines.

Soon come to a gate with a slot on its R; this area has been restored; at this point, a much used footpath comes up R from Masson Lees Farm on its way to Bonsal: cross it to go down a lane to a road at 282584.

Cross the road to a broken wall with a poor slot in it, then enter an area with some bushes scattered about. Go downhill N to a recessed corner, a broken tree and rusty gate, hidden behind these is a slot between a big upright and one small. Enter a field, pass a fallen tree and walk close to wall on L down to a corner, then 50 metres to the R is a gate and slot; an old farm building stands near on the R. walk down through a wide field, a good view ahead, making for a wooden gate on the R at the bottom, then enter a old lane with trees growing along it at intervals, then enter a road at 281604.

Turn L and walk 150 metres to a road junction; a bull ring is on the green on the L and Snitterton Hall away to the L. but look straight ahead to a metal gate and sign that leads into a jitty close to a house. Go 30 metres to a gate and a sign to Wensley but do not take this and walk ahead through field wall on R, to a gate and slot then through field, hedge on R to a low wall with a slot and road at 278608. Bear L and walk 10 metres to the W, then turn R up a minor road, but in 25 metres go L through a slot and walk uphill towards bushes. When out in then open note Graces Well on the R. bear R and walk passed a ruined farm building on the L then curve around the hill on the R pass two more old buildings then to a gate and stile. Go down a lane to a road at 269615.

Turn R and walk to a main road, then turn L and walk passed the parish church on the R. in 200 metres, go R through a slot between two uprights and a sign to Millclose. The track now walked on is a new development; then go into woods and walk down to a footbridge, then up the other side through woodland planted in the 1990s. Continue to the stile in the far hedge and enter a road at 263619. Turn L and walk W for several hundred metres. Go R at a fork for a few metres level going; Crawley Knoll on the L and works down to the R. look for a stile on the R and walk down a jitty stone flagged in places passed a building on the R then down to a road at 258626. This is Warrencarr.

Turn L and walk NE along the road for about half-a- mile, passing through Stanton Lees. At a point 253636, go R through a wooden gate, and enter a field. Go N, making for Stanton Woodhouse, a C.17 manor house altered considerably but still having original mullioned windows. It is believed to have been built in 1530 by Thomas Alleyne whose family provided a Lord Mayor of London and a Cardinal. The house was later owned by the Duke of Rutland who used it as his chief Derbyshire residence during the period 1909-27 when Haddon Hall was being renovated. Continue N down the drive to Rowsley cross both rivers and proceed up a path from the road junction at 269659. Pass through slot stiles that leads to the private garden of an impressive small estate Woodside 1980), then out onto the road at 264659. Turn R and walk SE uphill, passing on the L an old Toll cottage bearing, over the garage a wooden yoke. Go up and round the prominent zig zags in the road then go R at a sign (Public Bridleway 12 to Northwood at 267657).

Walk S level going through trees to a wooden gate and slot, then 5 metres on to another gate, and so out on to a lane. Turn R and go steeply downhill for several hundred metres, then, where the road swings R, go L, house bon R, to a gate and slot on its L. This is Tinkersley. Walk through a field now, farm on R, to woods which are entered through two slots, and walk to Northwood Carr. Do not bear R in hundred metres or so (down to Northwood), but keep to a higher path which leads to a footbridge with wall either side, and so up to a minor road and sign at 29646. Turn R and walk down to main road; turn L and walk S for half a mile, passing playing fields on the R, then turning up a lane to pass on the L, Darley Hillside Methodist Church. Continue SE to come to the entrance to Halldale on the L at 278632. Do not go L but continue on the road downhill into two dales to a point at 281629 to leave the road at a sign and take a slot and path.

Walk SE close to a wall to a good slot, then another in 20 metres and begin to climb uphill, wall on R, to a gate with a slot on its R, Holt Farm on the L, then up to another gate with a slot on its R. Go through the middle of the next field up to the corner and a good slot stile between gritstones; then comes a step pull up to the far corner, where, on the R, is a slot between gritstones, and so up to a road at 286625.

Walk S, then SE, along this road passing houses, level going, good views. Pass a Mission Church on the L at 288622, then in half a mile, at 290616, where a footpath comes up on the R from Upper Hackney, go L up a steep lane, (Burnet Lane), walking SE to a main road in a few hundred metres. Cross the road to a sign and continue SE up a lane to Mount Pleasant Farm in 100 metres or so. Leave by a slot on the R of a wooden gate; in 20 metres go R into a field, wall on L woods below on R and continue to a metal gate with slot on its L, then level going close to a wall on the L until it goes off to the L. Go SE as before to a gate with a slot on its R and walk alongside a football field on the L. Leave this by a wooden stile and down a drive to a road at 299611 where a sign tells that footpath No 47 from Farley. Go R along Cavendish Road passing College buildings to come to a jitty going down to the R close to the college

building at 303609. Go down the jitty, cross the road and go to another jitty, then bear L along a lane and walk SE to a main road at 306607.

Cross the road to a slot between gritstone uprights, then as before to another stile that is unused and walk around the corner past the Presentation Convent along a lane to some old buildings being restored. Go R then L along a jitty past three interesting metal uprights resembling ancient guns stood on end. Keep in this direction to come to an open area to turn R and walk S, housing estate on the R, Lumsdale below on the L. this comes down to Gordon Fords Garage. Go L along the road at the mill then R, and keep R in 50 metres and walk along the road passing, on the R another mill of considerable size. Go up to Alfreton Road at 308597; go R for 10 metres then cross it and go up lane and walk SW up this as it deteriorates into a rough track and narrow path through woods leaving them through a wooden slot stile into a muddy field, then continuing, level going, with fine views to the R. cross a steep track up to Riber and make for a slot in a stone wall, and a little further on a slot in the L of gate. Go forward past houses to a road at (302589 Wards End).

Walk up a steep road for 300 metres then go R at a sign and a slot stile, then walk S, Starkholmes below. The path then drops down steeply down the hillside through good gritstone stiles to a road at 302579. Turn L and walk down the road back to the start.

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