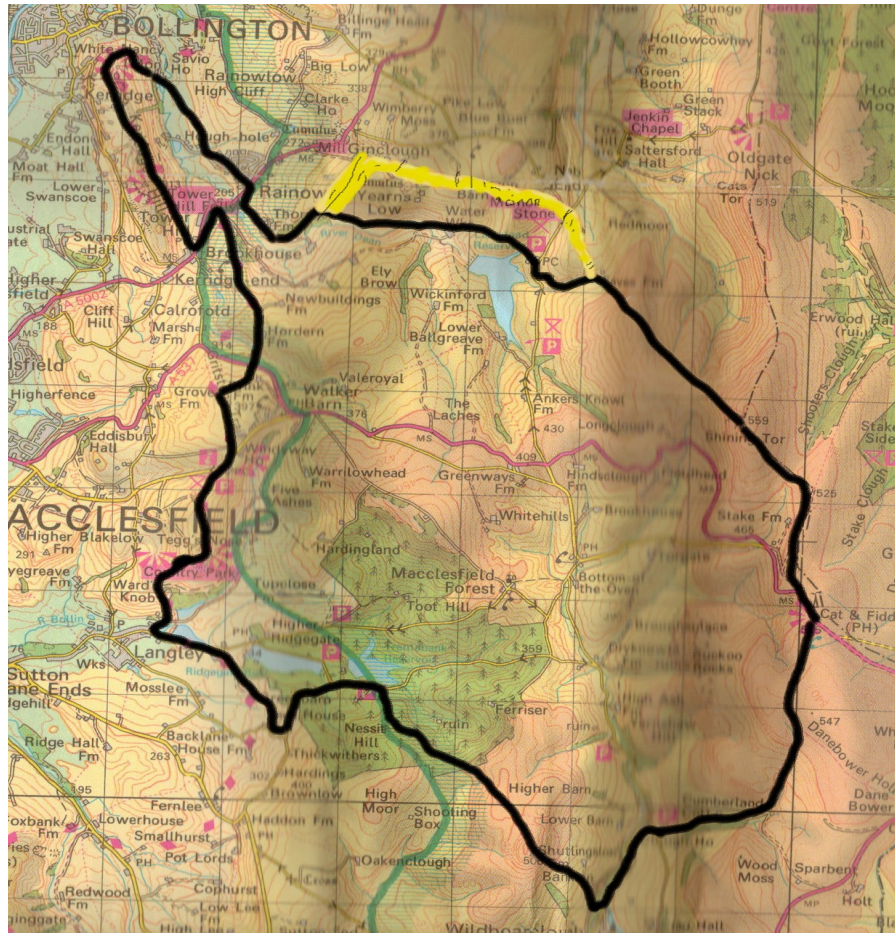


Walk 60.
Cat and Fiddle. 20.5 miles
Map White Peak.



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Start at the Cat and Fiddle Inn (001718). Walk S on a wide and level track to a gate, then continue on level ground surrounded by wide views in this high, forbidding spot. In about 1300 metres come to one of those invaluable signs erected long ago by the Peak District and Northern Counties Footpath Preservation Society Number 105, erected in 1962 F.P. to Wildboarclough via Cumberland Brook. Bear R Follow the valley down and come to junction of paths; take the one on the R: a gate, no stile, and walk on a wide track, stream on the L. lose height; an old farm cottage stands on the R, trees begins to fill the valley on the L. A gate has a stile on its L. follow the track down to a gate and a road at 988697.

Bear R and walk through the farm yard to Clough House, a well kept farm, then in the same direction through a field to a foot bridge and out on to a road. Another metal sign stands here No156 erected in 1970, directs to Langley via Shutlingslow; and on the side is a tall ladder stile to take and enter a farm drive to climb S. The valley L goes to Wildboarclough; in fact get a glimpse of Crag Hall in its superb setting on the hill. In several hundred metres, come to stone steps over a wall and cross a brook, climbing gently. This good track comes to a stone step in a wall and continue with trees on the L, a field on the R and Shutlingsloe looking more and more fierce up on the R. Pass Bank Top Cottage and note a tablet over the door on which is carved; ETET 1690. It has hood moulds. Presume it has been rebuilt. At a cattle grid at 982691 where stands another metal sign number 83 erected in 1935. But do not follow this and bear R to walk uphill NW on a hard path towards Shutlingsloe Farm.

100 metres before the farm, turn L at a gateway and sign then start climbing WNW up to Shutlingsloe. Go through the first stile and come to a bar stile, then up to a wooden gate and stile, then pass

a two finger sign, and continue the slog up to the summit (1659ft) which wide views all around and a feeling of achievement. Go down to the S, a broken wall on the L, to a low ladder stile, then continue with wall on L to arrive at an area where reclamation of eroded land is under way. Go L over a bar stile and another metal sign Number 142 directing to Langley. Walk on a wooden path for a few metres, then descend NW through the moorland to enter the woodland at another metal sign, number 143 with the same directions as before; follow this going over a bar stile. Walk W on a wide track on level ground through woods belonging to the North West Water board, then bear R and go downhill to a road at 963711 which is gained through a slot stile in a fence.

Walk W along a road; on the R is Trentsbank Reservoir; on the L a new amenities centre. In 200 metres, go L where the road curves to the R, walk W then S uphill to a road junction at 955705 where you go downhill, Tegg's Nose now becoming prominent to the N and the land dropping to level ground to the W. Just below Lees House Farm, go R at a high sign that leads to expect a better stile with pieces of wood to get through. Enter a field and walk N, level going to a step stile in the hedge, together with a gritstone way Sign. The next stile is in a short section of wall in a hedge, climb over and walk in the same direction on good grass to cross a small stream in the corner to then enter a field, no stile. The fence in front has a wooden bar stile, to then approach a farmyard. In a few metres go through a strong metal gate and note the holes for pigeons high up in the wall. Leave by a similar metal gate with a sign and walk along the farm drive, pleasant walking with good views, down to a road at 949714.

Bear L and walk W towards Langley, reservoir on the R. go through a gap in the wall on the R and walk alongside the water, then cross the dam, going up steps to a lane. Go L 10 metres, then R and walk N through Tegg's Nose Country Park to enter by a wicket gate, then climb steps steeply up a bank and then slog up the hill to a bar stile near the top which to take and enter a level tarmac drive; impressive views. Walk around the quarry; look at the display of the quarry industry and then walk N and almost at once on the R a stupendous view over a pattern of fields. Then come round to a gate with a stile on its L. Go over, walk down, close to fence on R and come to a wooden gate on the R. Go through this and walk NE up to a Country Park sign and swing gate. Continue walking NE, level going, a stone wall on the L, then 100 metres to a road at 949732.

Continue in the same direction along the road for a few hundred metres, then go R to look at the Park Buildings. Back on the road, go NE as before, noticing on the R an interesting building: Windyway House. It is Square with three bays in front, the first story windows having arches, the doorway recessed with columns. Opposite the house, go L off the road down a lane for a few metres, then R over good steps in a wall and so into a field, walking WNW up to a gathering of broken walls at a metal gate to go through on the L a poor stile. In the next field, go uphill to a broken wall and a slot. Level going now with views of Macclesfield to the L. In the far corner there is a gate of mesh, go to a slot in the corner. The path snakes on, easily seen in the grass to make for a ladder stile then enter a field with views. Descend a little now with wall close on the L to a bar stile in it in 50 metres, then diagonally downhill through a field to a bar stile over a wall into a field and so down to a wall with a fine slot and so out on to the road at 947744.

Go L a few metres up to the road junction, then go R at a footpath sign to a bar stile in a fence. Pass a farm building and continue downhill to a brook, following a wall down to a step stile, then down to the brook which is crossed by a stone bridge to then climb up steeply to a wall on top. Go R to the far corner where there are stone steps in a wall. Go to the far R corner, go through a gate into a field and bear L to walk with wall close on L. Hordern Farm is away to the R. level walking, Bollington is to the N. follow the electric fence on the L to a short lane. 10 metres on the L there is a ladder stile. Follow the wall NW close on the through the next field; views of Rainlow ahead. Come to a meal gate and enter a lane, grassed over with wall either side, walking up to the top where there are several gates and steps in front. In the next field, walk close to a wall on the L, level going but on the R, the ground falls away very sharply into the valley of the Dean; ahead a wide panorama of views. Before the L corner, go L over a step stile and walk with wall on the R down through a narrow field. At a walkers gate, enter a narrow area, descending all the time, the flanks of Kerridge Hill now alongside. Go over a wall by stone steps then continue down on rough grass to a water board road then out on to the main road in Rainlow 948758.

Bear L and walk SW. On the R is a house dated 1779. In 100 metres, come to a sign to Kerridge Hill; bear R down a lane to a slot on the R of a gate. The wall has good stone cappings. Straight in front is the steep side of Kerridge Hill. Nearby are the remains of industrial workings where once a silk mill stood. Rainlow once had 24 mills: now none. Coal, too, was once mined here in mines where girls dragged tubs by a chain around their waist. Walk N on the hillside, the stream down below, until a slot in a wall, then continue to climb with hedge close on the L. in about 150 metres come to a gate with stile on its L, then climb steeply up the far wall and slot stile. Continue to climb but less steeply to a wall where it levels out, then now walk on level ground with wall on the R: a view W over quarries still in use. Proceed over the

Saddle of Kerridge. At one point, there is a neatly carved stone low in the wall: GT 1830; just beyond that, there is a ladder stile on the R which is ignored to go straight on through a poor slot in a corner until White Nancy is reached. It is said that it was built in 1820 by the Gaskells of Ingersley to commemorate a relative who fell at Waterloo. The views are wide and long (939770).

Drop steeply down, wall close on R, to a farm drive, then go R, level going to the S. in a few hundred metres, the drive goes off downhill to the L. go straight ahead alongside a building, at the other side walk for 400 metres on a level path along the contour, the ground falling away to the L, then cut down to the L to a house alongside a stream. The map indicates that the path goes through a garden: two fierce dogs suggest not. So go around the house and down to a bridge over a stream and now walk on a hard track that becomes a road, going SE to the road at 951760 where Rainlow Church stands.

Turn R and walk SW downhill for 100 metres, then go L along a lane, walking S, passing a few cottages, the River Dean down among trees on the R. the lane eventually crosses the Dean and bears sharp R, climbing up to an unnamed farm through which go L to stone steps at a gate, then climb quite steeply up through a field E to Snipe House where there is a step stile. Bear L and walk ENE along an excellent road constructed by the water board to the processing plant near the dam. G straight ahead through a metal gate; go L for a few metres then R, walking E uphill to rise above the waters of Lamaload Reservoir and come to a broken wall. Bear R; level going to a gate with stile on its L. make for the car park and picnic area, first going through another step stile then eventually out on to a road at 976752.

Bear R. Walk S then round the corner for 300 metres then go L off the road at a sign and stile with a large stone for a helpful step, then walk E in rough moorland on a worn path, fence on R and a small stream on R. Get over a bar stile walk through open country to a bar stile in a fence and keep going up through rough ground, a steep climb up to a broken wall; then further slogging uphill up to level ground to then bear R; broken wall on R, walking S, the ground falling away to the L down to Todd Brook, and steeply to the other side to the Tors Ridge. Eventually arrive at a wooden bars and rough stone steps, then bear L and walk with wall on the L, climbing uphill again, the last pull now. On reaching level ground, come to a stile and sign to Pym's Chair. Go R, wall on R and soon pass, on the R, a ladder stile and trig point (995737) on Shinning Tor. Do not take the stile, but bear to the L and walk SE, wall on R, level going, good views. Soon come to a ladder stile. From this, go R on level ground, walking S. take a ladder stile on the L of a gate, continue down to the road then walk up the road to the start. (Cat and Fiddle).

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