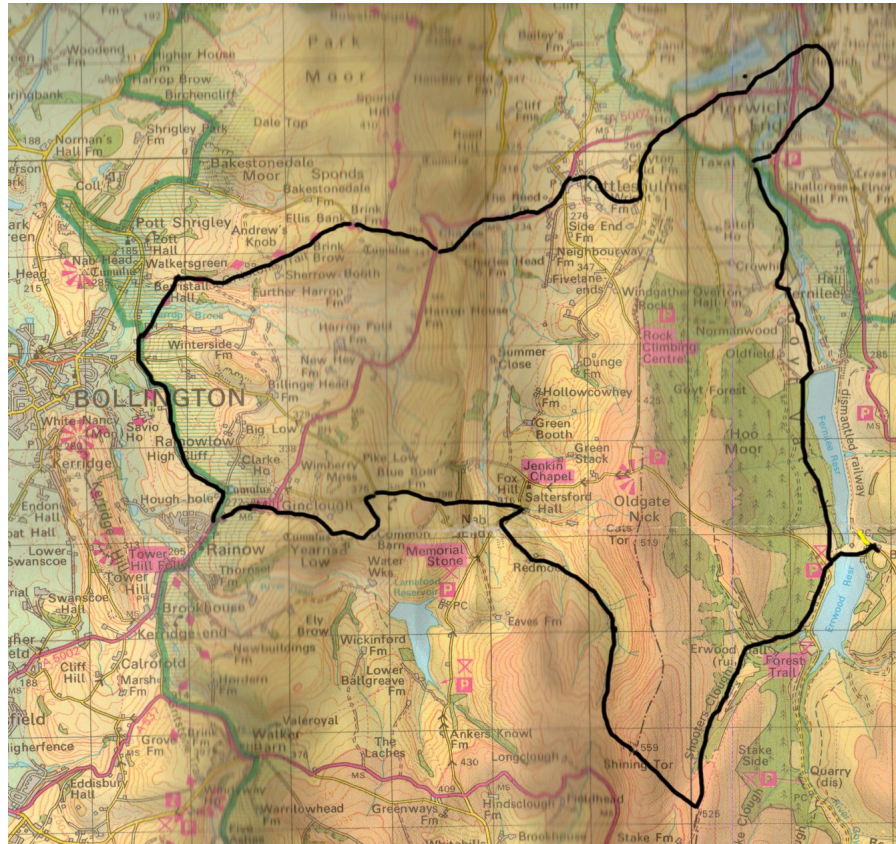


WALK 61.
ERRWOOD. 61.
19 miles. 5 hours 10 minutes.
Map White Peak. Dark Peak.



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Start at Errwood Reservoir (018758). Walk W across the Dam, up the hill to a road junction, turn L and walk downhill SSW TO Shooters Bridge. Just before the bridge, go R uphill into then rhododendrons and follow a good path to a point near the top to go L off the path and walk on the contour, level going through a field to enter woods and lose height. This comes down to some steps with a wooden handrail down top a stream which is crossed by a well made wooden footbridge. Helpful steps take you up a bank walk with back to the stream and bear to the L, woods and Errwood Hall to the L to walk SE towards a deeply-cut, wooded valley in front..

Enter the valley and walk SSW uphill with the stream on the L. However, soon cross a tiny stream and continue on a well defined path through trees, climbing gently to the head of the valley which is Shooters Clough. The stream reduces to a trickle; the valley levels out into open moorland, and walk through heather up to a wall where, to the S the bulk of Shutlingsloe is seen. Bear R and walk NW with the wall on the L, climbing up a bank to a corner at the top where the wall bears R to go N. On the L is a ladder stile and a trig point on the other side off the wall (995737). This is Shinning Tor.

Do not go over the ladder stile, but walk N close to the wall on the L for 100 metres to a sign erected by the Peak and Northern Footpath Preservation Society. Go L over a poor stile and walk NWN, wall on R, level going to then drop steeply down, the views to the W changing rapidly. The stream that has cut the valley in front flows down to Lamaload Reservoir. Walk up to the corner ahead. Go through a slot in the walls and enter moorland. Bear R and walk NNE downhill, dropping all the time into the valley of the Todd, a pronounced valley where, on the E, the land climbs steeply up to the tors, and on the W, a spur juts out and blocks the view. Come down to a corner at the bottom;

there is no stile, so over into the next stretch of moorland and go N along the contour, the stream away to the R, cutting down into the valley bottom. Notice, ahead on the E side of the valley, that many streams are busy cutting their way down the hillside parallel to one another

Now join a wall that has come from the R, and follow it down to a tongue of land to walk between two streams to when they meet at Thursbitch. Cross over to walk with stream on the R; pass a fragment of a building, fence on L, go through a gate and continue, wall on R, to a wall in front where to find the simplest stone steps that enter the next area of moorland, level going, the land on the L rising steeply to the W, and the great wall of the valley to the E scooping up to Cats Tor. Ahead, the River Todd cuts itself N. soon come too King's Clough on the L: where a stream has cut itself a deep bed down to the Todd. Cross the stream and come to a point, where, on the L, the wall has some bars across and a stone step. Climb over this into a field, better walking though climbing a little NW. The higher obtained the better the views. The valley of the Todd becomes flatter. Ahead to the W, see a farm silhouetted against the horizon on the top of a high ridge, very exposed. Proceed around Redmoor Brow to Redmoor Farm go over a very rough stile into a small field next to farm buildings. Follow the wall to the right to some bars across, then, in 20 metres more bars making a rudimentary stile, then go R through a gateway, farm close to the L. go out on the farm drive.

Walk NW down the drive; a ridge of hills on the L has a distinct saddle on it. Come down to a road at 980761. Turn R and walk NE until the road crosses Todd Brook just below Saltersford Hall. It is worthwhile proceeding a little further up the hill just to see Jenking's Chapel, now St John's Church, Salterford, consecrated in 1733. But a plaque above the door in the tower states that this was once a free chapel. This lonely place (984765) stands where the Jenkin's Cross once stood, a landmark on an ancient route.

Return down to the bridge over the Todd, 50 metres before there, go R over a good wooden step stile; walk NW. In 50 metres, there is another step stile; it is level going, the Todd away to the R, cutting its way down. In 400 metres, cross a stream by a footbridge pass a farm building in 25 metres, then start climbing SW steeply up to the woods above, following a hedge and ditch on the L to reach a bar stile. Then on to another similar stile and so into the woods. It is a short walk on a good path through a narrow and of trees up to a fence where in 20 metres go L to a wooden bar and step stile leading into a field to climb uphill, broken wall on the R. on reaching level ground, the views show the Todd valley stretching to the n, the ridge being stood upon goes N; Jenkins Chapel stands on its ancient spot.

Continue W, dropping down to a wall with three bars at a slot; then climb up through the next field, bearing L to a wall above to a sign and a very good stone steps (974764). Go L along a road now, walking SSE over Wagonshaw Brow with its long views. In 200 metres, go R at a sign to Rainow through two gates, Buxton Stoops Farm to the L, walking SW on a farm drive. Soon, a view of Lamaload reservoir is gained, and the route goes E past a cottage on the L, the path not dropping but climbing a little up to a wall with a stile in it. Continue E to a wall in front and a poor stile to go into a field, broken wall on the R and Common Bank Farm in front. In 200 metres come to a slot in a wall, then 20 metres to steps down into a farmyard, walking between the buildings to a bar stile into a muddy and rough area of grass to go with wall on L, to the corner and poor steps in a wall. The next field is clean walking, wall on R, to a corner where there is a step stile to enter a field to climb a little, a hillock ahead (marked tumulus on the map), and a pond on the R. go through a gateway in a wall ahead, then proceed along a lane, climbing a little, then dropping. On the L White Nancy can be seen; note the capping's on the walls are simple stones laid on end. Come down then to a road at 955763.

Turn L and walk towards Rainow. In 200 metres, come to a church to go then R at a sign down a narrow jitty and so NW down to the road. Bear R and walk NNE for 300 metres to a fork to then go L along a lane, walking NW, a neat stone wall on either side, the capping's carefully carved. Eventually pass Ingersley Hall Farm, a stone house built in the 1770's for John Gaskell, a local squire. Members of his family erected White Nancy in the early C.19. The walk is now on the Gritstone Trail pass through Oakenbank to arrive at a road junction at 945779.

Cross the road, go 20 metres to another road, the go R along this for a few hundred metres to a good stile on the R to stone steps in the bank that lead up past a young sapling. Walk NE through a field passing a house on the L and come to a gate and road near the Cheshire Hunt In. bear R up a lane for a short distance then go L through a neat slot in a wall and walk NNE through a field where young saplings have been planted. A wire fence directs down to Harrop Brook in Berristall Dale to then go over a delightful small stone bridge (illustrated in the Gritstone trail booklet). It has been renovated after centuries of use by packhorses and others.

Go a few metres to a slot in a fence, then through some trees to steps in a wall and so up through a field, hedge and ditch on the R. halfway up, go R into the next field and continue climbing uphill, going ENE now up to a farm drive to then cross. To the L is Berristall Hall Farm which was originally a mediaeval home of the Shipley's, the local lords. Their half-timbered hall was replaced by this stone house in the C.19. Continue to a wall ahead, then walk in the same direction with wall on the R into a sharply cut dale, the work of the Harrop Brook, the Mellow Brook and the Black Brook. At the top, come to a metal gate with good stone steps on its R to enter a field; bear R and walk ENE close to the wall on the R up to a gateway in the wall. Go through but do not follow the farm drive: go L to wall in 20 metres where there is a slot stile; then continue on level ground through a few trees, passing a disused quarry below Andrews Knob. This is Klondike Quarry, so called from the colour of the stone. Come to a slot in a wall near to a wooden bar and step in a fence, then continue in the same direction along a farm track to come to a gate and stile and road at 966792.

Bear R and walk E; Brink Farm is on the L; a cottage on the R has a closed window with a mullion; another window has a hood mould. There are good views. In half a mile come to a road junction. Go straight across the road to a sign erected by the P.D. and N.C.S number 158, 1971. At this point go over a step stile on to the brow of the hill and walk E on a worn path that leads downhill. Take a stone track down to a gate, then a second gate and out onto a road at 982793.

Walk E over a narrow bridge controlled by traffic lights, then, in 600 metres, go R up steps to the bank opposite a cottage on the hillside to a gate at a sign and climb up through a field to another gate in the far wall to go out into a lane. Bear L and in 50 metres, come to a road at 988794 to cross in order to go down a lane past some cottages, Kettleshulme away to the L. in 100 metres, get over a section of low wall. In 100 metres, come to another wall where here is a rough step. In 15 metres, there is a wooden stile which then enters a lane, then walk past a former farmhouse, now a residence. Walk E, the house on the L, going through a slot on the L of a gate and keeping to the hedge on the L to come, uphill, to a corner where there are rough stone steps leading into rough ground, Wright's Farm on the R, wall on the L. cross a small stream and go to a broken wall with some bars across forming a stile. Climbing up now through a field, stream and trees on the making a pleasant scene to go to a gateway. Continue climbing with a holly hedge on the L through rough ground; farms ahead, stream on the R. keep close to a hedge on the L all the way to a corner to poor stone steps. Turn L cottage on L, and in 30 metres a step on the L of a gate. Turn L and walk uphill on a firm farm track to a road at the top at 995793.

Cross the road and enter a field at a sign. Climb up through the field to a wall at the top to find a ladder stile that leads to rough ground between a cleft in the ridge. Go through this, come to a fine panoramic view that stretches out in front. This is Taxal Moor and the views embrace the Goyt Valley.

Descend to the NE down to a road (000795). Walk N for 200 metres then go R over a ladder stile and walk E through four fields to Taxal. The parish church has a sun dial on an old pedestal in the churchyard. The tower is C.16 but the rest was rebuilt in 1825. The Royal Oak is a C.17 Inn.

Walk S, the Glebe Farm on the L. in about 400 metres along a lane, rise a little then go off the lane into a field at a sign, standing alone in the grass are two old Gritstone gatepost now not needed. At a bar stile, enter woodland and walk level of the Goyt on a good path to a bar stile only three metres away from a similar stile with a sign to Knipe. Continue in the same direction as before to a footbridge in 30 metres, then climb away from the river to a wall on R to enter a field, still climbing on rough ground past a house on R. just beyond the house, go R between two posts into a field; bear L and walk with wall on L onto a good drive to the first dam. Go over a ladder stile; Hoo Moor on R; Fernilee Reservoir is now on the L. the route is now on a fine hard track through Forestry Commission land to come to the start via a footbridge.

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