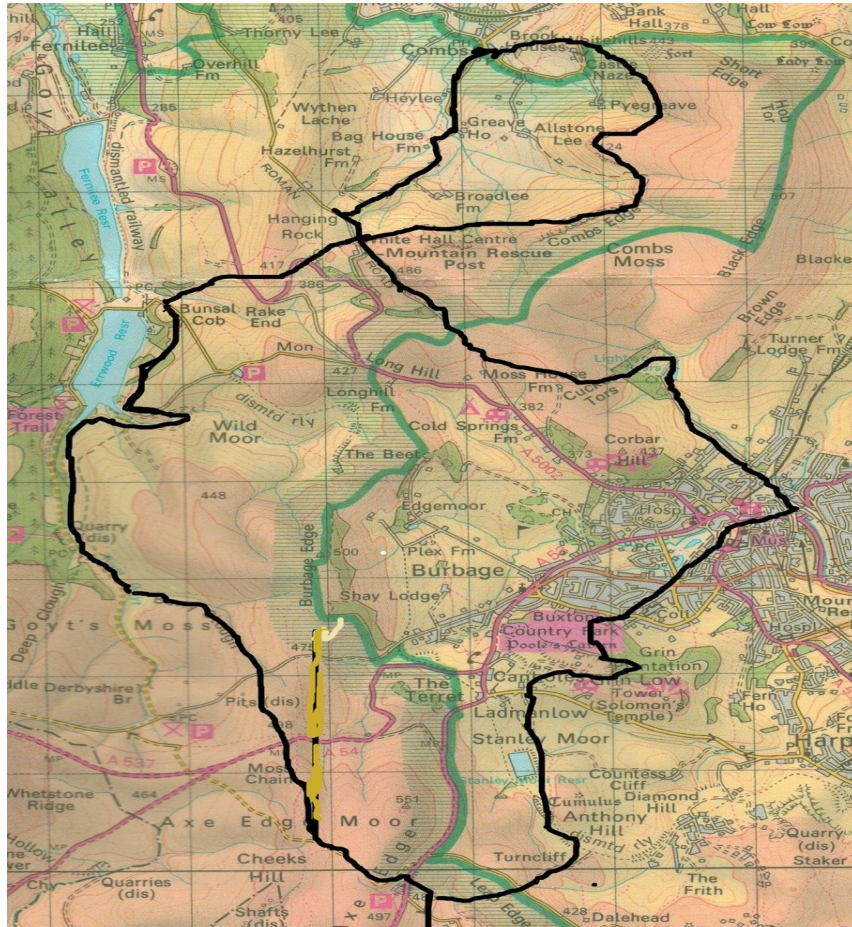


WALK 62.
BUXTON 62.
22.2 miles. 6 hours 15 minutes.
Map White Peak.



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Start at Buxton (063734). Walk N to Lightwood Reservoir to then cut up a steep bank to the L of a stream in woods going NW up to a wall at the top where a wire fence ends in a three bar stile o the rock edge (053754). Turn L and walk SE through open country with wall near on L. this is not a public footpath.

The walk proceeds on the edge of Coombs Moss on a worn path through long grass, reeds and heather. The views are superb to the W; the mast on Ladder Hill is a helpful marker on the long slog that goes around blunt headlands and into little valleys cut deep into the hillside; the scenery is typical Gritstone countryside.

At Castle Naze, drop down near an ancient fort to a three bar stile then another in a wall to enter a lane. Turn L and walk downhill W for a few hundred metres to then go R opposite the drive to Castle Naze Farm through a gate, no stile, into a rough area, then on a worn path down to a wall with a gap to go through, then turn L and walk only 20 metres with wall on L to a slot with stone steps. This then enters a field to walk SW, level going, to a wall ahead where there is a poor stone step to the R of a gate. Drop down through the next field with views of a gaunt headland on the L, Coombs Village below. Go through a gap in a wall then drop down, wall on L, to the far corner below where there is another gap to then enter a narrow area, fence on L, flagstones laid to walk

onto. Surmount a stile of two large wooden bars where to find a sign erected by the P.D. and N.C. Footpath Presentation Society: this one is 185 dated 1976 and points the way to Chapel Station. It is a smaller and later one than the older ones. This leads on to a tarmac drive at 044782 (Rye Flat Farm).

Turn R and walk a short distance to some cottages, then bear L up a road that deteriorates to a lane, where it turns L to approach the farm, go straight on, going R off the drive to a bar stile then enter a field. The route goes down an old lane which turns out to be wet. It goes down to a good, strong, stone footbridge with a handrail; in 30 metres there is another, this time of wood. Walk uphill through a field for 30 metres to a wall and a step stile. From this point, walk with wall on the R; Coombes Moss on the L. come to a gate, then enter another field, walking on grass, climbing up past a farm on the L to a wall with wooden bars across a rough gap. Cross the farm drive and continue climbing up through a field, a good slog, wall on L, to the far L corner and a good stile. Then enter open country and walk uphill, wall on R, to a gate on the R with a good stile. Enter a dry field, good walking near the wall on the L which goes up to a gate with stile on L and another metal sign, P.D. and NC footpath society number 95 dated 1938 indicating the way to Chapel via Coombs. Now walk on a road near Whitehall at 032764.

Turn R and walk around Whitehall keeping close to the boundary wall on the L to come to ladder stile over a wall. Bear R and keep near to the wall on the R, walking W to another ladder stile into a field to bear L and climb uphill to the top to walk alongside a wall on the R, good level walking then drop down the other side; views of the Goyt Valley. Come down to the road at 024762 and a step stile at a gate.

Cross the road to a gate with stile on its L, then descend the valley side, going over good stone steps, and following a path that has been hollowed out by use until it reaches a stream that has cut out the small valley. Cross the stream by a single plank, then go upwards via a ladder stile near a brook to another leading to a road at 018758.

Cross the road and walk S around Bonsal Cob, fence and plantation on R to walk to open countryside, the land dropping on the R towards the reservoir and sailing club. Follow the fence to go through some trees, then start climbing on the other side through open moorland on a worn path that goes through a band of trees for 30 metres then go out into open land again, walking S with wall and trees on L. pass small posts with yellow circle on them then two signs, one to Goyt's Clough, the other for fishermen. Do not take the wide track going up to the L, but cross it and walk on a good path that eventually goes round into a tongue of the reservoir that fills a small valley in the SE direction. The path is quite high above the stream below on the R; the bank is cut away in parts by falls of shale, arrive at a precarious bridge of metal girders for vehicles over the Wildmoorstone Brook.

Cross the brook by the bridge and continue on a wide track on the other side of the valley. In a few hundred metres, a sign indicates that there is no path to the L, so, keep to the same track to curve to the R and cross a small brook. At this point, a footpath goes steeply off uphill to the L; but advisedly keep to the same track and walk W with the steep valley dropping to the R. the track is now narrow but worn; a wall is near on the R. in several hundred metres, the track goes through a gap in the wall on the R and continue with the wall now on the L until it disappears to then walk across open country, going S with the river Goyt below on the R.

Look for a path that curves to the L and walk SSE up a very young valley down which a stream flows. Eventually cross it and continue climbing SE to a stake with a 6 painted on a yellow circle; it is here to branch off the track so bear R to walk S, the path levelling out. The Cat and Fiddle can be clearly seen to the W on a fine day. This area was extensively mined for coal at one time, some signs of which remain. Cross the road at 029713; go through a gate, no stile and walk S on a good track through open country over Axe Edge Moor where the river Dane rises and flows W. Pass Thatch Marsh (the site of an old mine) and arrive at a sign back to Goyt Valley and a road at 027703. This is Dale Head.

Bear L and walk SE along this road for half a mile to go R down a lane to a car park at 034698. Continue in the same direction, cross a road and go down a minor road: Chrome and

Parkhouse to the SE Reef limestone hills. In 400 metres come downhill to a house on the R; the road goes off to the Brandside. Here, go through a gate on the L and bear L to a stone bridge in 40 metres. Cross this; do not go off to the R, but go uphill, then walk NE over Leap Edge which is open country with no visible path. Eventually come to a poor bar stile and road at 043698.

Go L for 40 metres, then through a wicket gate and enter the Health and Safety Property. Walk down on a stone track that leads between some buildings and down to a crossroads of tarmac roads. Go, L; the sign directs to Ladmanlow. In 200 metres, go R at another sign to Ladmanlow then 100 metres through grass to a metal gate, walking N now through a rough small field, down then up to a fence and stile. Bear L and walk NNW past Anthony Hill, walk over smooth grass towards Stanley Reservoir to then pass on its L and take a good track that leads up to Ladmanlow on the Land onto the road at 044718.

Go straight across the road and walk up into the Grin Low Country Park. Walk through the park up to Solomon's Temple, then go to a stile that leads into woods and so down to a car park near Pool's Cavern. Then proceed along the road to the start.

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