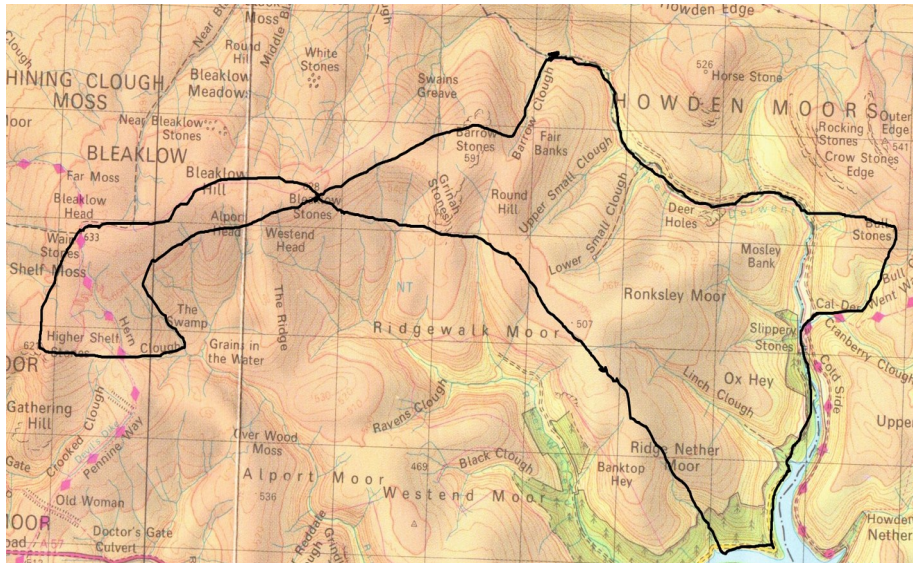


**WALK 78.**  
**RESERVOIRS 78.**  
**21 miles. 6 hours 10 minutes.**  
**Map Dark Peak.**



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Start at King’s Tree (168939); a car park mid -week and bus stop weekends. Walk S down the road, turn the corner, and almost at once go R up a bank on an old track that enters the trees of Nether Wood Plantation and continues in the same direction steadily uphill to a far wall to go through a gateway, and leave the trees. Continue in the same direction now climbing the hillside fairly steeply; see Ridge Clough on the L. come to a broken wall and a few metres of path. Walk NW with the Clough on the L until it virtually disappears. On the L a grassy channel goes NW and offers a path for a while. Westend is now quite close on the L. A few stakes appear, make the way to Black Dike Drain. Push upon a fair path that passes shooting butts at the head of Lower Small Clough; a good view of local landmarks here.

The path going NW becomes wider; in front, Round Hill stands out. Just before this the path divides: one going up Round Hill the other to Grinah; take the L towards Grinah, the path though narrow is well defined and soon crosses the upper reaches of Grinah Grain and ascend the hillside towards Grinah. Climb up the steep slope to the rocks at 130962.

The views here are Stupendous, stretching own to Banford. Take a good path from Grinah that follows the contour of the bowl, (the hillside that is drained by Deep Grain into Westend). Bleaklow Stones are in front but higher than this point, so climb in and out of little groughs following a clear path that leads to the stones.

Leave Bleaklow Stones under the main path and leave the stones with a view of Grains Stones ahead, going WSW, along Alport Head. Now walking through the heads of Near and Far Fork Grain, look down the shallow basin on the L where these waters drain into the Alport at Grain in the Water (106947); there is a faint and elusive path, but keep just under the rocks that lie strewn around at Fork Stones, dipping into and scrambling out of the heads of Cloughs to reach Hern Clough to turn R and walk up through this Clough on a good path, the Pennine Way following on the L.

Where the path dips down to the stream, cross over and walk W through rough land, extensive peat to pass the remains of a crashed plane although the remains are getting lesser and lesser with people taking trophies; it crashed in bad weather killing several of the airmen; one of several in these moors: in fact there is a book on the subject. Then head for High Shelf Stones (089948). On a fine day the view is breath-taking, extending over Glossop to the towers of Stockport and Manchester. Just below is White Clough carving its way down into the valley, through which runs the presumed site of the Roman Road known as Doctors Gate.

Turn to walk N to Bleaklow Head, a rough scramble uphill, attain the Pennine Way just before Wain Stones, then cut off R, going E, passing a huge cairn and visiting Near Bleaklow Stones (if wished), then look for the poles that help navigation over the never ending groughs where the path goes up and down (hard work). Eventually reach Bleaklow Stones again, after a short uphill stretch. Take the high path going E, marked by stakes, and walk for about half a mile to where the path turns N; here leave the path and make for Barrow Stones where the going is even worse: no path at all through deep groughs where the people in front constantly rise up into view then descend out of it like some pantomime of fate, the stones of Barrow are eventually reached (134970).

Proceed around Barrow Stones, then drop down into the head of Barrow Clough; no path so it is heather hopping again until the stream is reached; it is sometimes invisible in the grass where it snakes through a flat area. Eventually the River Derwent is reached and crossed, and the path on the other side found and followed.

Turn R on this path which has much interest as it follows the river, but beware, in bad weather of deep mud which can catch the walker unawares! Pass Hoar Clough, Coldwell Clough, Upper Small Clough, Lands Clough and reach Lower Small Clough where the ruins of a hut stand on a narrow spit of land. Here, go L up a path that climbs the bank to a wide track that gets wider as the walk proceeds along Land Side. In front, the ground rises steeply up from the Derwent to Crow Stones which give it a sharp edge; soon drop down to the confluence of waters at the foot of Stainery Clough. (164965). Cross over and walk along this fine wide track for 300 metres where it drops somewhat after climbing up from the crossing: here, go L, off the track on a narrow path that climbs Oaken Bank.

The way up is steady, go round the shoulder of the hill and come to the ruins of what must have been a fine stone hut; there is a second also. Here is Broadhead Clough and the walk passes Lord Edward Howard's spring to make for the shooting Butt above. Make, now, for Bull Stones: how powerful they look when approached from underneath. (179962); the view here is impressive; kinder and Lose and Win Hill.

Drop down into bull Clough through heather, with no path, it is steep sided, cross a stream and keep to the L bank descending at one point, to a pleasant spot near the stream where there is some flat ground; no path so climb up the bank to soon find a narrow path, at last, high above the water, follow it to come down to the stream again, to enter Cranberry Clough where Cut Gate starts to climb directly up the nose of the bank (173953). It is marked on the map as a ford. Bear R on a fine path and soon to come to a N.T. sign and a Peak District and Northern Footpath Society sign.

Cross the fine, old Packhorse Bridge built in the middle ages and repaired in 1682. Even in those far off days, this area was busy, a meeting place for ancient tracks and granges owned by Welbeck Abbey. When the Derwent was submerged with the dam the bridge was brought here and erected in 1959 as a memorial to John Derry, who fought for access to these hills; it was referred to in a C.14 charter. A pleasant walk through the woods with the river on the L to obtain the start.