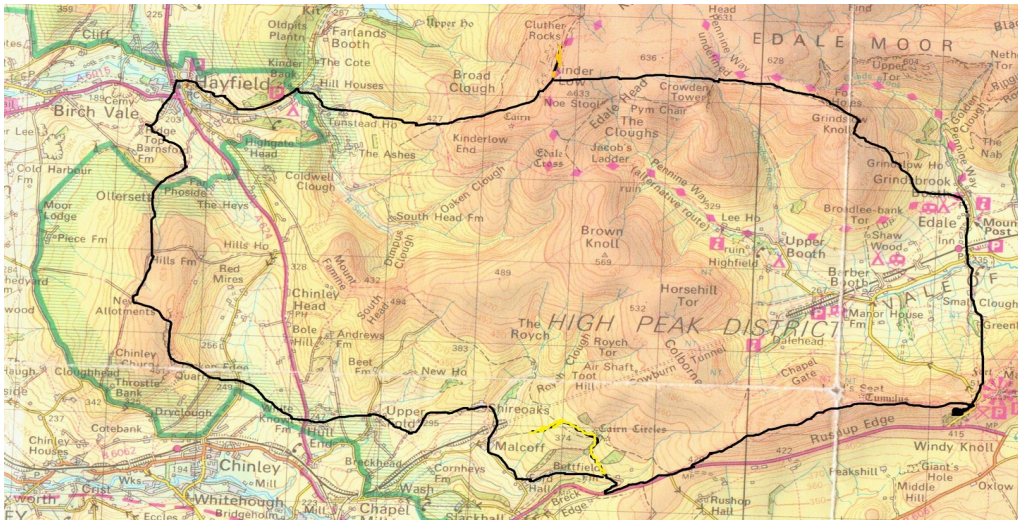


WALK 88.
KINDER 88.
22.1 miles. 6 hours 24 minutes.
Map Dark Peak.



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Start at N. T. car park near Mam Tor (123832). Take the steps at the back of the car park, cross the road, go over a wooden stile and walk W along Ruship Edge, going over three stiles, then arriving at a metal sign by the P.D. and N.C. footpath Society, No 124 erected in 1958; another sign points to Edale. Carry on the same direction and go through a farm gate then proceed down the road via a step stile at 093825.

Walk WSW along the road, the views broaden ing out to the W and S, Chapel lies in front and the huge quarries on the L. in half a mile, go R down a farm drive, walking NE with the road shored up on the R by an embankment; on the L a stream runs down a shallow clough. Cross it by an old, single arched bridge, then, following the drive, turn L and walk uphill past an old cottage. Pass between two walls and approach Bettfield Farm; Tom Moor Plantation lies to the R. Bear R through a gate into a field; the farm is then on the L, walk NW near wall on the L and admire the view where the stream flows between trees, and the foreground is marked by a small hillock. In the corner, do not go L through a gateway, but straight ahead over a stile in the wall; the plantation lies near too the R.

Continue NW through a field near the wall on the L. a line of trees marches on the R to the next wall. Go over a stile in a fence and enter an area where a stream flows on the L down Bolehill Clough. Cross the stream, in a few metres, at a gate, go through a stile and enter a field, walking close to the wall on the L; level going through a line of trees.

Take a ladder stile then walk down Peat Lane through trees, the Clough descends through trees. At the bottom, a wall blocks the way; go R through a gate into a drive and arrive at a minor road at 076822: The building is Ford Hall. Bear R and walk NW to Malcoff Farm. Follow the road as it turns and begins to drop past Kinder Farm which has a date 1792 over the door. Take a farm gate on the R and walk through the first field below the farm, descending to the large bridge over the railway line at 072829.

Two gates in front: take the one on the R and begin to climb steeply N to Shireoaks Farm. The tunnel that the railway emerges from can now be seen. Go over steps in a wall and continue, wall on L, up to a farm where to go through the farmyard and walk directly in front of the house

which has mullioned windows. Go through a gate in the farm drive and walk W. the view down to Chapel shows the factory Chimneys. It is level going now, wall on L, passing an old, well-built stone farm building.

Keep going on level ground through one or two walls until the path begins to drop and on the R is a sign indicating private land. Go through a gate, no stile, then a second gate and in 80 metres, go R over stone steps in wall and walk NW through a field, wall on L. Go through a gateway, no stile, and continue on a sunken track that drops to a wall and trees. Enter a lane, pass a fine step and slot stile in the wall on the L and come to Upper Fold farm buildings. Follow the drive to a minor road at 059831.

Bear L and walk several hundred metres to a metal gate on the R; go R here up to a farm cottage. Go R over a metal gate, and begin to climb steeply, passing a gritstone water trough now the walk is on the lower flanks of South Head. At the top, bear L and follow the wall on the L to a corner to go over a wall and drop steeply, wall on L down to a drive. Go L through a gate and walk S. in front, lies, Craken Edge marked by quarrying. Go over a cattle grid and gateway, then sharply R down a drive to Higher Hollow Shaw Farm and walk through someone's garden. Go R and squeeze between the house and a wall, then drop down a grassy bank, wall on R, to a wooden slot which leads into a small muddy area. Climb up from this, wall on the R, farm on the R, and get over a broken wall in a corner and climb again to a lane between stone walls, then level going to a road at 052831.

Bear L and walk S. Coombs Moss is straight in front. In only a few hundred metres, just around a corner, go R up a drive to White Knowl Farm, wall on L. Where the wall ends, there is a gate on the L and a foot path that goes down to Chinley. Do not take it but go round to the R and in the farm yard, go L down a lane between walls to enter a square field. Go diagonally across it to the R corner to a stile. Proceed through the next field wall on R until it goes off N and come to a hedge no stile so step over a low wall between holly trees which act as a good marker.

Walk with hedge on L to a slot stile adjacent to a house. Go R along a drive to Alders Farm: go L down a grassy bank to a bridge over Otter Brook, then go L over a stile and walk through a field. Climb steeply up to the road at 044833 to a sign. Bear R and walk N for a few hundred metres on the L and an old metal post bearing the date 1915. Climb up this high stile and turn R to a gate, then climb up a hillside under the frowning edge above, taking a gate, then steeply to a wall. Eventually, hit the old road and continue up to the quarry.

The panoramic scene is quite exiting; it can be traced round from Combs Moss to the S, and the wide sweep on Kinder. Walk N on a good level path for 600 metres, then cut up L on a narrow path, going W over the moor for a short distance to a wall with steps at 036843 then continue on a worn track down to a wall at 032844 where a post stands berift of its sign. Go N at the cross roads on a good track, wall on L

Proceed on through a gateway into a lane, wall on either side. The track k eventually drops and Hayfield can be seen. Come down to a wall; bear R, dropping fast to come to a gate and continue through trees, stream on R, passing below on the R an old roofless building possibly would have been a mill; a pond just above it. A four finger sign stands at a stile and come to Phoside Farm, a building of character bearing the date 1784 over the door.

Go forward, walking NW, to a bar stile, then on through a field for 40 metres to a stile then level going through a field that drops L to R. take a stile with door and walk to next stile with metal bar. Drop down to the R on to a lane where a footpath comes down from Moor Lodge, and proceed down into Hayfield (036368).

Go a few metres on to the Glossop Road, then cross it into Church Lane; the church is to the L. walk E along Valley Road, making for the route up Kinder, then walk along the River Kinder to come to the Peak Park Information Centre at 049868. Go forward, leaving the wide gateway and come out onto a minor road. Do not cross the river to the main road up to the reservoir, but walk with river on the L. soon curve to the R going SSE to a point where the bridge crosses the stream on the R. go straight on up a drive signed to open country and to Tunstead

House, then walk E along this drive that climbs gently, going past Tunstead Clough Farm in a double curve, then proceeding up a lane, wall on either side to a gate where a N.T. sign indicates Kinder Estate.

Squeeze through a slot on the R and climb through a field, wall on the L, up to a gate with stone steps on its R. go up to another gate with steps on the R; here stands a sign to Kinder Dale and Edale Cross. Take the directions: turn R and walk SE and face Mount Famine. Not long ago the walk was at the other side of these interesting hills. Go through a swing gate and walk SE upwards through a field to another swing gate and then the next field to go uphill in the same direction: now going around the lower flanks of Kinderlow End. Then take a third swing gate.

Now come to a ladder stile and a sign to open country, so continue uphill on a worn path until Stony Ford can be seen. At this point, turn L and go straight uphill, walking NE up Kinderlow End; there is no worn path but going is easy, though steep. This leads to the edge to turn and walk to the top with marvellous views to the W and N. walk NE; the ground levels out to come to a Trig. Point at 079871. This is Kinder Low on the alternative Pennine Way. Walk E over good ground, always accepting that this type of walking is always easier in frosty weather and a dry summer. Make for a post supported by a ring of stones, then a second untill Crowden Clough is reached, then follow the track E to Grindslow Knoll (110868) 1971ft.

Drop down to the SE on a worn path that comes to a sign to open country and a step stile; then it is downhill on soft grass to a wall with a fine step stile. Follow the hedge down to a sign, and the Pennine way goes off W on its alternative route. Walk down a lane with a stream on the R, the path shored up against erosion, then emerge in the busy village of Edale.

Walk down past the church and under the railway bridge, turn R and go 80 metres along the road then turn L and walk S up Harden Clough. At first the going is easy. Where the road turns sharply to the L, go straight ahead close to the hedge on the R to a ladder stile; this is where the hard work begins. Continue in the same direction, climbing a bank; Mam Tor ahead. Eventually, reach a stile on the roadside. Walk uphill on the road for a short distance to a stile on the opposite side of the road and climb up to Mam Nick to get back onto the road and walk back to the car park and the start.