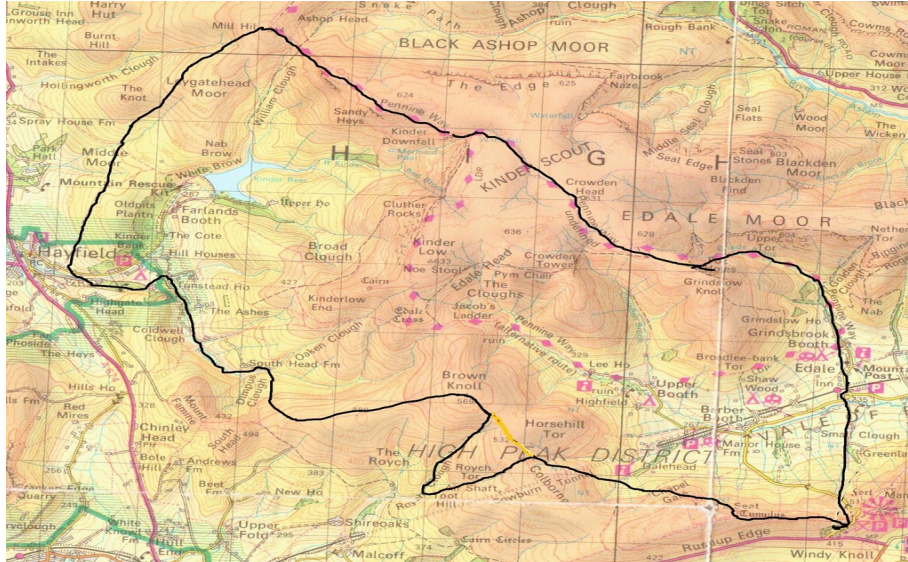


WALK 89.
KINDER SCOUT 89.
22.6 miles. 6 hours 40 minutes.
Map Dark Peak.



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Start at the N.T car park at Mam Tor (123832). Take the steps at the back of the car park, go up the road then L over a wooden stile at a gate, then proceed along Ruship Edge, passing two stiles. The view either side is tremendous. Go to a third stile, bear R and walk along a fence for a short distance, then cut off L. NW on a good path that drops to Chapel Gate where there is a sign by the P.D. and N.C. footpath Society Number 98 erected in 1938. Walk NW on a worn path over moorland in the direction of Brown Knoll; underneath lies Cowburn Tunnel and nearby stands a prominent ventilation tower neatly capped with battlements. In just over half a mile at Brown Knoll, go L (W.) The aim is to explore Cloughs so that few in this wide area remain unvisited. Soon come to one in the Toot Hill area (087839). Descend on its N flanks but before it opens out widely, go R along the hillside so to enter Roych Clough, then proceed N up Roych Clough on its E flanks, passing an outcrop known as Roych Tor. The Clough is simple but interesting. Eventually, on level ground, come back to the path to the trig point at 084851 Brown Knoll.

Walk NW to the boundary fence erected by the N.T., then go over a wooden stile, bear L and walk SE with fence and broken wall on L. in less than two miles arrive at the base of South Head (062846) where stands another stile erected by the P.D and N.C. F.P society. This time, forgo the pleasures of ascending South Head and strike off N downhill with Dimple Clough on the L and the great scoop of Mount Famine beyond that.

A good narrow path goes down the hillside to a sold footbridge over the Sett, then 40 metres to a step stile and sign. Go L along a farm drive to South Head Farm, then it is level going, walk over a cattle grid along the drive with interesting views. Come to another cattle grid and a sign stating this is a N.T. footpath. Go L over a bridge with neat arch then continue to enter Coldwell Clough and walk down a drive to pass an interesting building built with fine ashlar gritstone with E B 1804 carved over the door. Over a side door, a neatly carved stone has been

inserted bearing a flower and the initials E B.; altogether a superior building, as are the well-kept outhouses.

Go steeply down the road with the stream close on the L and enter a flat area; the scenery is interesting. Go through a farm gate with a N.T. sign and continue on the road that crosses the river which has spent considerable energy carving out Coldwell Clough and meanders quietly through trees. Come to a junction of ways at 052867 where a bridge crosses the river: to the R lies open country and Tunstead House; straight on is the reservoir; go L down the road that reaches Kinder River and bears L. do not cross the river but enter the Peak National Camping area and walk past the office, the river close on the R, and continue to come to the first cottages. Go R down a jitty that crosses the river, then climb steeply up to the road at 042867 in Hayfield.

In about 50 metres go R at a metal sign erected by the P.D. and N.C. footpath society in 1908, number 30. "It states that this F.P. to the Snake Inn via William Clough and the Ashop Valley dedicated for ever. May 29th 1897". One cannot but be moved by this simple but powerful message of this sign erected by those who have done so much for the rest of us who have come later to enjoy what others have done for us. Go generally N uphill quite steeply along a stony path to a metal gate, then continue steeply up to a second metal gate. This gives access to the path that now goes through fields with good views.

On the L stands a group of tall trees to come up to another pair of gates, through them and keep the wall on the L for a while until the path goes off to the R to another pair of gates to proceed with wall on L, level going to another pair of gates and emerge at a sign to open country. A Clough falls away to the W, the land in front rises to The Knott; Kinder looms large to the E.

Walk NE on level ground through open moorland, rising gently towards the two prominent white shooting cabins. Come to another P.N. and N.C. footpath society, erected in 1905. From this point the footpath descends SE to the reservoir, but, instead continue straight up the hillside from the white cabins on a path that soon peters out. Proceed over Leygatehead Moor looking for scraps of paths that exist here and there, and eventually coming out at a sign at Mill Hill where the Snake Path crosses the Pennine Way (063904).

Bear R and go SE, climbing the steep face of Kinder Edge, then take the edge path to Kinder Downfall (083889). From here take the Pennine Way to Grinsbrook, using a compass following the course of the stream from the downfall and ending at the head of the Clough into Grinsbrook. Proceed down the Clough into Edale.

Go down the road passing the church, then going under the railway bridge to then turn R on the road. In 80 metres go L up Harden Clough. At first the going is easy. Where the road curves sharply to the L among trees, and where the footpath from Barbers Booth to Hollins Cross crosses the road, leave the road and continue in the same direction close to the hedge on the R up to a ladder stile, and the hard work begins. Climb steeply to a stile and out and out onto the road to follow up for a hundred metres or so, then go R over a stile, then up the road to Mam Nick and back to the start.