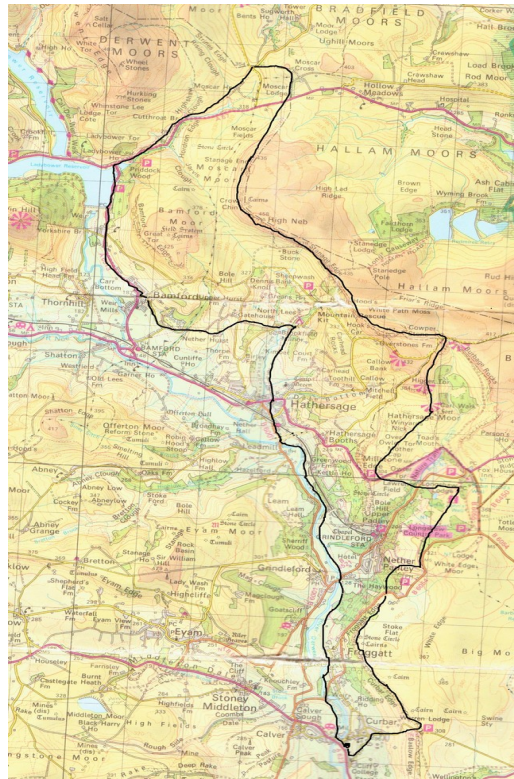


WALK. 129.
CALVER. 129
30-3 Miles. 8 hours 10.
Map White Peak. SK28/38.



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Start at Calver (248743). Over the bridge then go R up a lane with the famous old mill on the R; legend states that the building was used in the film *The Colditz Story*. Go through Stocking Farm with its Caravan site. Go through a stile and into a field, walk through this to a stile and enter a track with woods and a water leat (the Goit) on the R. the track leads to a farm building, through this and go out onto the road at New bridge (244753).

Cross the road to go through a stile, down steps the walk N with river on the L, through trees to cross a wooden footbridge, another footbridge, then through several gaps in hedges. Soon come to Froggatt Bridge at 244761. Walk through this small village, leaving by a lane which leaves the road to go straight on a lane which becomes paved for part of the way. Enter a field to leave the wall on the R to walk R up to the start of a wall facing. Walk then with wall on the L; paved for part of the way to enter Froggatt Wood at a N.T. Sign. Carry on in same direction over a stone bridge with a good wide well used track to leave the wood by a stile. Follow a wall on the L to get to a swing gate; take this and walk through field to get to a stile and B.6521 road at 245778 near Grindleford Bridge. Just here is one of those large green metal signs of the P.D and N.C. footpath society, erected in 1908 Number 34. This sign, like others of its kind, is a piece of walking history.

Walk N past a house on the L, to a footpath sign and stile on the L. walk through field with hedge on the R to a concrete bridge. Go L to the river and continue with the river on the L; pleasant walking to a stile then enter, Coppice Wood. A short walk leads to a stile and exits the

wood to a field. Continue to pass Harper Lee's House then along a hard road at the side of the river to get to Leadmill Bridge at 233806.

Go R uphill on the road to enter Hathersage, a fine old Derbyshire town of considerable interest. Bear R at the road junction and walk WNW to the Hathersage Inn to turn L and walk up Baulk Lane, going N out of the town into a fine valley where the River Hood flows. (Notice the church on the R where Little John is buried. The lane becomes a farm track through fields; pass through several gates and come to a footpath sign. Go L here and walk down a jitty close to Brookfield Manor on the L. come to a swing gate, a sign and enter a road at 232831.

Other side of the road is Bronte Cottage which reminds one of Charlotte Bronte who brought fame to Hathersage by associating it with her novel "Jane Eyre". North Lees which is not far up the hill features in the story as Marsh End or Moor House.

Cross the road with grit steps in a wall. A footpath sign directs to a field, going N with Brook on the L and a wooded bank beyond that. Level going now but the hills around seem to be closing in as progressing. Come to a wall with a swing stile, then proceed through trees, a charming scene when the sun shines. Cross a wooden bridge and climb gently up a field to a wall and a weighted gate.

Proceed up through the next field on good grass and the view improves. At the next wooden gate, step up into a field and find a wooden fence on the L and Green's House near at hand. Then come to a slot in a grit wall, no gate and enter a grassed lane. Go L through a gate and continue in the same direction for about 25 metres between the buildings of Green's House to a gate on R and a footpath sign. Go up a lane to a double wooden step stile and then proceed through rough grass, following the wall on the R to a gateway, no gate or stile. Go through this, then walk close to wall on the L, going N. The views back down the Derwent Valley in the morning mists reveal the hills rising from the valley bottom where the river has cut its way down, leaving several prominent shoulders, a fine Derbyshire landscape.

Reach a corner of two grit walls with good steps and a hand hold, then continue with wall on the L. To the R, the fine hillside topped with the gritstone edge, beloved by climbers makes a dramatic sight. Look back and see how the Green's House is beautifully situated in the hillside. Pass Dennis Knoll on the L and come to a road at 229843.

Bear L, go over a cattle grid, then go R off the road, walking N uphill over rough ground until a wide, hard track is reached which leads to Stannage Pole (usually referred to as a Roman Road). Cross this to a wooden step stile with a plaque stating that this is a concessionary path then climb uphill on a track that meets a wider track above close under the rock-face. Bear L and walk, following the line of rocks; then pass several completed millstones that bear silent-testimony to the sudden decay of the market and employment, a feature of more recent markets and redundancies.

Now follow a long slog W then N, following the line of rocks. Win Hill can be seen quite clearly with the ridge to Mam Tor; the W end of Kinder Scout is there too. Eventually, join the path that comes down off the top of the edge and walk down towards Moscar where the white gables of the lodge may be seen. Go over a wooden step-stile and come to the A.57 at 231879. Bear L and walk WSW.

In about 500 metres, go R along a road (that goes N past Strines Reservoir to Bradfield). In about 200 metres, come to another of the metal signs by the P.D. and N.C. footpath society number 8 erected in 1935. Bear L here and go down to a cottage. Just beyond this, a sign directs L off the track to a narrow worn path. Cross a stream and follow a wall on the R until it brings one to a farm gate. On the other side of a wall is another metal sign erected by the P.D. and N. C. footpath society No 75 in 1933 indicating the route to Derwent Edge.

Do not take this route and do not go through the gate, but bear L and walk SW close to the wall on the R. Stannage Edge is now away to the L; this is now pleasant walking on short grass; what a variety of surfaces are encountered in the course of a long walk. Come to a corner where steps help over a wall and go forward past a sheepfold down to Highshaw Clough to then cross.

The road is now quite close on the L. Further walking leads to a wooden gate, then to a stream that flows over great gritstone slabs. Then drop down to a gate then down to the road at the Ladybower Inn at 205865.

Turn L and cross the viaduct to then walk down to Banford. At the Angler's Rest, go L off the road and go up Joan Lane. Beyond the houses, go R at a fork. On the R, Offerton Moor makes a strong skyline on which is perched the TV mast. Further back see the cement works. Soon, pass the golf course, and follow the road into Hurst Clough where on the R, go off the road and climb the bank, keeping to the L so as to go through a slot stile and enter a field. The route then lies near the L hedge on the other side of this is a sunken lane. It is amazing how deep it is. How did this come about?

Come to a gap in the wall and continue to a slot stile on the L into Hurstclough Lane. Go forward, bearing to the L, with the curve of the lane and passing Gatehouse Farm. Keep to the lane up to the road junction at 225832 to bear L and walk N up the road 400 metres to Outlane to bear R off the road through a farm gate into a field. Go 20 metres to a second gate into a field. On the L; stands fine farm buildings. Immediately, there is a beautiful view across the valley to Stannage Edge. Then drop down on short grass to a gate and soon bear L to walk to Green's House, (passed early on this walk), this view of the hamlet reveals its magnificent site.

Enter by a cattle grid and leave down the lane entered earlier. Go straight down to the end where a small gate is operated by a stretch of rubber; now walking ESE. Go through a field and see Hathersage church spire. At the gate, there are good steps in the wall. Drop down towards the brook. Here stands a footpath sign where the water flows around huge grit stones to use to cross. Climb steeply up the hillside, a sign directs the way to a wall where another sign stands and an excellent ladder stile.

From this point, get a charming view of North Lees Hall, where it is thought that Robert Eyre lived, though William was the first of the Eyre's to live there. It is an impressive, small, towering manor house; reminiscent of the border castles. The front is C.16, three storeyed above a basement of sloping ground with mullioned and transomed windows. Newal staircase and perp doorcases. The house is embattled with semi-circular decorative merlons. It is believed that Robert Smythson may have had an influence on the design. The tower was built for William Jessop of Broom Hall in 1594. The small catholic chapel was built later by Robert Eyre in 1685 but was destroyed only three years later by a protestant group.

Pass another sign in only 40 metres to go E to a gate with a stile on its R, and walk up through a delightfully wooded area on a good, wide, hard track. At the top, leave by a gateway and sign Peak National Park North Lees Estate, and come out onto the road at 239836.

Go straight uphill to the top of Stannage Edge, then walk SE along this interesting gritstone edge where climbers are usually active. On reaching the Trig. Point, leave the edge and walk SE across a grassy stretch to another stile whose step is quite high up. Cross the road to another stile, then instead of going straight up the bank, bear R and follow the fence down, going S with Higger Tor, Winyards Nick and Owler Tor way up to the L. Come to a good path to a wooden step stile and Millstone Edge, to now walk with the marvellous vertical faces of the gritstone on the L, reach the road at 248801.

Bear L and walk uphill just around the corner of Surprise View; note the view behind of the Hope Valley a definite surprise. Go R off the road at a wicket gate. From here walk S; again on a gritstone edge favoured by some climbers, a fine area with a delightful long ranging views over the Derwent. In several hundred metres, bear L and go to the wall where there is a mysterious and strange small erection which looks like an isolated fireplace. Go over the wall and walk SE across the rough moorland to woods on the other side to enter by a step stile.

Walk NE through the woods where, the Burbage Brook creates some delightful and picturesque scenery. Cross a footbridge then go up to a swing gate and a N.T. sign then out onto the B.6521 at 258799. Cross the road to another swing gate and another N.T sign, then walk SE up through more delightful woods, but of different character altogether, more staid and dignified.

Go through a swing gate then proceed past a pond and continue to come to a wide, hard track to join and change direction by now walking S.

Walking now through the Longshaw estate; it is very satisfying to reflect on the change of fortune that provides for the many what was once was the preserve of the few. How fortunate we are to have the N.T! Walk S down to a swing gate and a N.T. sign then out on to the road at 259781. Continue S for 100 metres, then before the Grouse Inn go R off the road at a gate with steps in a wall. In this field, cut the L corner and make for a gate in 40 metres where again steps in a wall and a N.T. sign "Jubilee".

Walk W with wall on L and the Grouse Inn not far away on the L, follow the wall when it angles L and leads to a step stile then descend to a brook and climb up the other side to a gate and a road at 255776. Bear R and walk R down to a swing gate on the L and begin the walk along Froggatt Edge.

Very popular with all ages is this route along the gritstone edge and deservedly so; a fine piece of Derbyshire is this. The views over the Derwent are spectacular. Leave Froggatt Edge by a swing gate and go R down to a road past Curber Edge on the L to a stile on the L about 50 metres down the road. Go down through pleasant grass and through gritstone stiles to reach the road again. Go downhill to Curber to go L at the crossroads and walk along Cliffe lane which goes past the well-known Methodist Centre. Go R along the A.623 back to the start; there is a path on the R through the woods alongside the road but owned by the Methodist Centre.