

Castleton 07 June 2015



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at the heart of walking

Today we have two coaches for our trip to the Hope Valley on the edge of The High and White Peak. The Blackburn and Burnley coaches will each have a brief stop in Glossop but will not meet until the start-point for the A walk to the south of Glossop.

With the A57 being closed for "essential maintenance" we will have to get to Castleton via Chapel-en-le-Frith and Bradwell; this will unfortunately increase the journey time. As to why they close Snake Pass in June when people want to use it rather than winter when no-one goes near the place remains a mystery.

Today's Walks

A Walk Robert Eccles Off First 14 miles Fairly Strenuous

Starting from just south of Glossop we get our running shoes on and head east to our first trig point of Harry Hut and on to pick up the Pennine Way at Mill Hill. We follow this to the top of Kinder but then break off to follow the northern edge of the massif for fantastic views of the Woodlands Valley. At Blackden Edge we turn south across the plateau for our second trig point at 590m and then on to the southern edge of the massif. West by Ringing Rodger and Nether Tor we reach the original Pennine Way and follow this to Edale. Across a few fields and we climb to the view point at Hollins Cross; continuing on we reach Mam Tor before dropping to the melted road. Now it's just easy field paths to Castleton.

A great three ridge walk on paths that are safe but do need care in places; 953m of ascent over the whole walk.

B Walk Trevor Whittaker Off Second 9½ miles Fairly Strenuous

Off at Brough in the Hope Valley we head north to Aston Hall and then it's across fields for the start of the climb to our first top of the day, Win Hill at 463m. Dropping off to the south west finds us near Hope where we climb again to Lose Hill (476m) at the eastern end of The Great Ridge. Now we traverse the length of the Ridge, via Hollins Cross, to Mam Tor at the western end and our highest point of the day at 517m. Dropping off Mam Tor sees all the hard-work over with and it's just a leisurely stroll to Castleton.

Fantastic views of the Derwent Valley, Hope Valley, Woodlands Valley and Edale with 800m of ascent over the whole walk.

C Walk Sue Baxendale Off Second 8 miles Strenuous

Leave coach at Travellers Rest Inn at junction of B6049 and A6187. Take minor road up to village of Aston. Then paths and minor roads to cross railway line at Killhill Bridge and take fields paths to make the ascent to Crimea Farm. This is a long climb but taken steadily with a good view at lunchtime down the valley. The path then (eventually) levels off round the back of the farm and we continue through Brockett Booth Plantation, along Barker Bank to reach the viewpoint of Hollins Cross. The final climb as we then take the paved path to the trig point on Mam Tor.

Fantastic views along Rushop Edge and the entire Hope Valley. Descend to the Blue John Cavern and take the abandoned road down into Castleton. Quite a few stiles and long climbs but well worth the effort for the views.

D Walk Carol and Derrick Fielding Off Third 6 miles Moderate

Alight in Hope village. We take field paths CLIMBING at an easy pace through pastoral scenery, past Losehill Farm & through Brockett Plantation. Continue along Barker Bank, enjoying views over to Edale, to Hollins Cross.

Descend past Mam Farm and Odin Mine and then we pass Treak Cliff Cavern and Speedwell Cavern (which you may wish to visit), then more field paths to Goosehill Farm and Castleton.

Fantastic views all the way weather permitting!!

E Walk No Leader Off Third 2 miles Easy

There is no leader for this stroller walk; it's a suggestion from Carol and Derrick for those that don't fancy 6 miles or want a short walk and then be able to explore Castleton: Alight in Hope Village. Turn right at Woodruff Arms onto Pindale Road. Take path on right at metal footpath sign - through fields following Peakshole Water to Castleton.

Pick-Up Times and The Return Journey

Today we have just one pick-up point:

18:00 Castleton Visitor Centre Car Park Walks: A, B, C, D

Any additional stops on the return journey are at the discretion of our drivers and couriers but need to take into account everyone's desire to get home quickly.