

Bakewell Club Site - Robin Hood's Stride

Camping and Caravanning



Route Summary



A circular walk with fabulous views winding it's way through the beautiful White Peak scenery. Points of interest include Bradford Dale's Sites of Meaning (engravings done as part of a local millennium project) and Robin Hood's Stride - a spectacular tor of gritstone boulders near Elton village.

Route Overview



Category: Walking

Length: 9.970 km / 6.23 mi

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Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Moderate

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Description



This is a three-hour walk from Bakewell Club Site on lanes, paths and tracks. There are some steep inclines and the route can be muddy in places. There are a few options along the way for a pub stop.

1. Start

Leave Bakewell Club Site through the main entrance and turn left.



Turn right through a stone gateway past a farmhouse and go straight ahead through a small swing gate in the wall. Follow the path over a stile into the next field. Take another stile into a meadow. Curve left descending into trees with the wood on the hill ahead of you. Bear left of the trees on the hill, going down a narrow path. Keep the stream on your left. Follow the stony path (don't cross the bridge). Turn left down some metal steps and start looking out for the 'Sites of Meaning'. Take the path to the right, crossing the bridge over the River Bradford.



Bear right on the path. At the junction of paths turn right. Follow the path with the River Bradford on your left, going through a gate (to Bradford Dams). Turn left at the end of the path, heading through a metal gate and across a stone bridge. Turn right through another gate and follow the path for 1.4km, past several weirs, to a wooden gate. Cross the stream and on Mawstone Lane turn right and continue to the first small stone barn on the left, signposted Limestone Way.

2. 2km/1.74 miles

Cross the field diagonally to a gate, then head left moving away from the wall on the left. Go through a gap in the wall and head down and right to the field corner. With the wall on your left go ahead to the next field boundary. Head diagonally right towards the hedge and keep going in the same direction, past a stile, and on towards two large trees and three small stone posts. At these posts take the track left and skirt the hill. Shortly after passing a telegraph pole, you arrive at a metal gate on the left.

3. 4km/2.5 miles



Go through the gate by the waymark and bear right (don't follow Limestone Way) ascending diagonally uphill. Again go through the gate keeping the farm buildings on the right. Head over the stile and turn left on a track at Harthill Moor farmhouse. Turn right along the track towards a lane. Cross the lane and follow the footpath sign (rejoining Limestone Way) to Robin Hood's Stride. Go through the gap in the wall and head diagonally across the field, over a stile. Follow the track with Robin Hood's Stride visible ahead and to the right, then in 200m pass through a stile on to access land, with Robin Hood's Stride immediately above you to the right.



4. 4.8km/3 miles

Follow the path east to reach a track between a wall and fence. Divert here to explore Hermit's Cave on the left or continue along a track to the south to reach a crossroads of tracks and roads.

Go ahead along quiet Dudwood Lane on the Limestone Way. Walk uphill for 500m and shortly after a small barn on the left, turn right over a stile on the footpath towards Elton.

5. 6.1km/3.8 miles

Follow the path across the field and then follow the line of telegraph poles towards the village. Go through a swing gate and follow the path to the right of a new house. Cross the drive into All Saints Churchyard, following it round to Main Street.



6. 6.9km/4.3 miles

Go right, walking past the Duke of York pub on the left. Turn right down Well Street to the left of the church. In 50m, take the left fork on the footpath signed to 'Youlgreave'. Ignore the track as it turns sharply right, and instead go straight ahead through the gate. Turn left and walk 20m heading towards the corner of the hedge. Bear left following the waymarker diagonally across the field. Walk through a gap in the field boundary, continuing diagonally towards the lane. Cross the stile and turn right on the lane, proceeding uphill for 150m. Go through a five-bar gate by a finger post, and ascend into woods following the path. Cross a stile and follow the grassy path north as it curves right past Anthony Hill, initially following a signpost for Youlgreave via Marston Farm. Cross a stile keeping the distant wood on your left and the boundary on your right. Cross another stile heading straight across the field through a gap in the boundary. Follow the path to the right (north west) towards a gap in the wall. Go straight through the gap towards the corner of the field. Turn left, crossing the stile and following the path, keeping the wall on your right. Follow the path northwesterly over six more stiles for 650m. Cross a stile at the southwest corner of Bleakley Plantation.

7. 9.2km/5.7 miles

Bear left at the fingerpost in a northwesterly direction through another stile. Continue on the path uphill towards a stile in the wall, keeping the farm and woodland on your right. Go over the stile following the fingerpost downhill to the left corner of field. Go through a stone stile and across Mawstone Lane. Past a gate, descend left through the gap. Follow the path to a gap in the wall and back into Bakewell Club Site.

Waypoints

