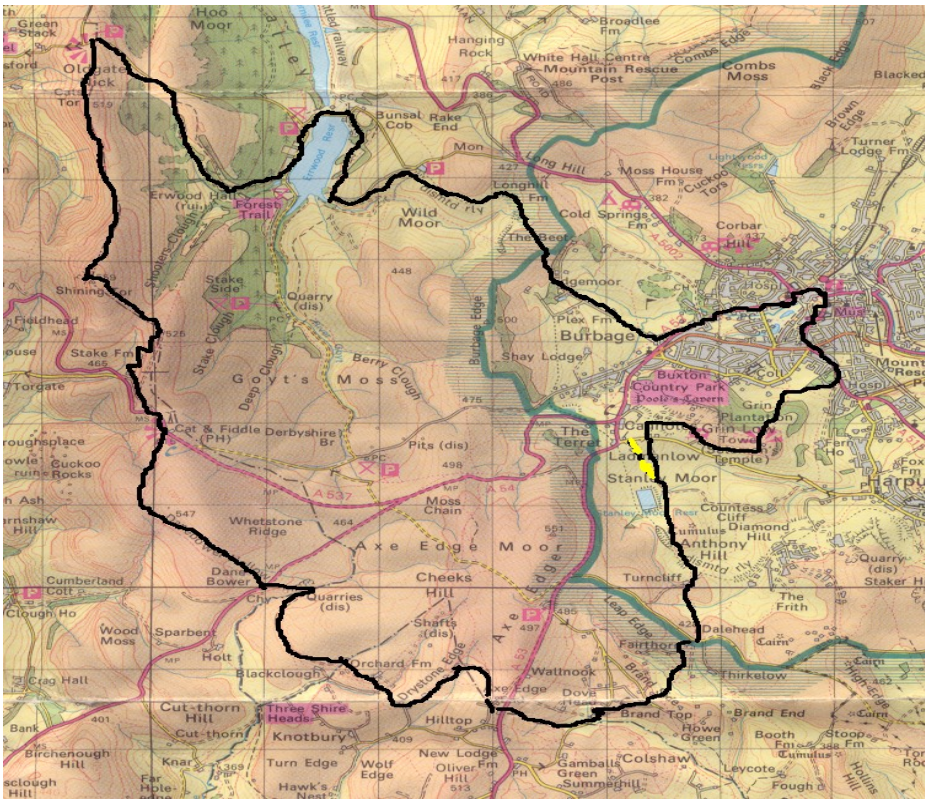
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Buxton.34.
21.7 Miles.
Map White Peak.



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Start at Buxton and find the way to 044730, which is where Bishops Lane and Nursery Lane meet. Turn R and go up a long straight lane, walking NW, passing Bridge Farm on the L and the Golf Course on the R. Burbage Edge rises up in front. Go through the two gate piers of Plex Lodge, and soon the lane curves to the R. In 100 yards after passing the large house on the L corner, there is a signpost indicating a footpath to Goyt Valley. Go through a slot in the wall on the L and start climbing a steep bank through trees up to a ladder stile over a wall. Pause to look back over Buxton, then walk downhill with a broken wall on the R to reach a dismantled railway which enters a tunnel to the L. Walk N on the level and easy path with views over the rounded spurs of the hillsides where streams have cut their way down to the reservoirs. The railway reaches a pond near to a car park and access to a road at 023751.

A signpost mentions Bonsal Cob and Wildmoorstone Brook. Follow the latter instruction and walk SW downhill steeply to the brook at the bottom where you join a path that comes down from the initial path taken from the top. Pass a post with a yellow top; do not cross the stream, but take the farm track, going E, halfway up the hillside; the stream on the L. As the path curves around NW, the reservoir comes into view. Shooters Clough Bridge is on the other side, and beyond it the hillside climbing up to the Tors. Come to a sign to Bonsal Cob, then cross an old lane that climbs up to the E. Walk now with trees on the L. Cut up the hillside, passing a post to guide one through a broken wall to another post with a yellow top bearing the number 4 on it, then into a ditch and out the other side to meet a fine

view over the reservoir, and to walk with trees on the R, level going. Continue NNE with trees on the L then, leave them behind and arrive at a sign and a road at 020756.

Walk downhill, Bonsal Cob is on the L as the walk goes on a road built in 1967, (as a metal sign indicates), on which the Bonsal Incline of the Cromford and High Peak Railway was constructed in 1831 and abandoned in 1892. The wagons were hauled up the incline by a steam engine, and the water needed was provided by a small reservoir passed earlier. Continue along the road and over the dam to a sign that tells that the reservoir was inaugurated in 1968 by H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent. Walk uphill with the reservoir on the L soon to come to a junction: go to the L and walk S alongside the water to the Shooters Clough Bridge and admire in season the view to the R where the water is still, and the glorious colours crown in from both sides. In 100 yards beyond the bridge, enter a car park on the R and make for the wall above where there is a wide slot through which the grounds of the former Errwood Hall are entered, still beautiful, and walk on a good wide path that goes uphill past the ruins of the hall to a gateway where the grounds are left, and a field is entered. At this point, 006747, go downhill; around the boundary of Errwood Hall, to steps down to a brook, over the footbridge, then cut off to the L on a path going NNW uphill, the stream now close on the L, trees to the R, the scene quite pleasant with fields to the L. The path continues to climb up through the valley; for much of the way, a fence on the L with trees to its L. Foxlow Edge is up above on the R. Pass the remains of an old stone building, then, to the L is an interesting small circular building, a small chapel. The valley broadens out at its head and the road is attained at 001761.

Turn L and walk NW where there is a view down into Kettleshulme Valley. In 800 yards pass a ladder stile on the R and come to a sign on the L at 996768. This area is known as Pym's Chair. Jenkins Chapel is to the W. Go L off the road and walk S on a notable high level walk in a straight line with views on both sides, passing Cats Tor and arriving at Shining Tor and a trig. Point at 995737. There is a ladder stile over the wall to the R, but do not take it; bear to the L with the wall, walking SE now to another ladder stile over a fence at a point where Shooters' Clough begins on the L. Go R at 001731 with the wall on your R, level going S on a good smooth track. In 200 yards, come to a gate with a stile on its L; and in 50 yards pass a sign to Goyts Clough. Continue on the good track with fence on the R and come to a road at 000721. Turn L and walk up to the Cat and Fiddle Inn, landmark at 001719. Cross the road at the Inn and go S on a good grassy track over moorland to arrive at a fence with a gate across the way. Go through this, and continue S with fence on the L down to a metal sign P.D.N.C.F. Preservation Society No 105, 1962: it directs to Wildboar Clough via Cumberland Brook. From this point Shutlingsloe 1650 feet can be seen; one of the few pointed hills in the area. Keep going SE with a fence on the L and come down to a road at 700010 by a stile. Cross the road and go down a steep bank on the other side. An industrial chimney stands below where there is an old track going to the L through a gate; walk E to Danebower Quarries which fall steeply to the infant River Dane. Find the way down the stony screes and cross the stream, then up the other side to go through more quarries to reach a wall. Continue on a good path with the wall on the R to go round the spur of a hill S then SE. The path curves NE into a Clough that has eaten into the hillside. Cross it through a gate at 017691, then walk S on the other side of the valley. The path goes E, then NE to reach Orchard Farm; walk through it and out the other side, then down a farm drive to a junction with another drive in 100 yards. Go R at this point, which comes to a small bridge; cross it and go uphill then down to a farm at 022685 where there is a choice of ways. Go to the L up a lane NE eventually to pass a farm building. A little further on is a white building: pass close to it to a wooden gate which leads out of the garden into open countryside. Drystone Edge is on the L. Go R going E down to a stream and enter an area of peat and heather, the path only

intermittently visible to go uphill to a step stile. Continue walking uphill to the E through long grass to come up to a good track.

Turn R and walk uphill; the top is not far away with its remarkable views; this is Axe Edge End. The road turns to the NE; walk down to a road at 033689. Cross the road and go through Wallnook Farm into a field, going downhill to a gate, no stile, then down through what seems to be a sunken lane between walls about 20 feet apart. A wire fence blocks the way but there is a slot on its L. Pass a small breeze block construction on the way down to the final fence at the bottom and another slot on its L, then out on to a hard track at 038687. This is Dove Head; the source of the famous river is in this area. Continue in the same direction E uphill on the track to a road above at 040687. Go straight across the road into a grassy lane, a wall either side; in 100 yards, the lane turns sharply R; follow it down to an old school (1851) at 043685 and come out on to a road. What a lonely area! How isolated was this little school to which children came from scattered homes. A signboard nearby tells of the surprisingly active Village Hall Committee. A little further on there is the War Memorial. It is pleasing to see what respect was shown here: the choice of site which commands good views; the well kept walls which enclose this sacred spot where each name refers to someone who knew this spot well.

Continue down the road to a gate in 150 yards, which gives into an open area, an old ruined farm building away to the R. Several footpaths cross here; it is not easy to follow. However, in 100 yards from the gate, go L to the wall where there is a slot stile, a massive piece of stone nearly covering it on its side. Across the other side of the valley, there are two farms: the walk will soon pass through the further of the two. Drop down the hillside but keep to the R so as not to miss a bar stile that leads to a small field, the stile is at the far end. Go R with the stream close to the R to another bar stile in 30 yards. The path then goes nearer to the stream for a short walk of 70 yards to a stile in front. From this point, go NE uphill close to the wall on the L, and where, at the top, the wall goes off to the L, follow it round, walking NW with a wall on the L and the hill on the R outcropping in various places. This is Thirkelow Hall. Soon to arrive at the farm previously seen from the other side of the valley, you now pass close to the farm buildings and out on the other side on a good farm drive, walking N to the road at 048693.

Turn L and walk W over a cattle grid, then immediately R to a stile. The route now lies on property owned by the Health and Safety Executive. Leave the road to walk N to the L of buildings, then over a wall to walk through field with wall on the L; over a stile then N to cross a stream keeping to the L of a hall, then W to pass near buildings, walking with a wall on the R to reach a road at 048702. Turn L and walk on road for 150 yards look for a stile on the R to enter a field. Walk N with road on the left then NNW to pass between Anthony Hill on the R and the road on the L, then slowly leave the road to the L to pass to the R of Stanley Moor Reservoir. Continue on a farm track N and so out onto a road at 043718.

Cross the road to follow a road to pass on the left Grin Low Caravan Club Site in an old quarry. Continue past a picnic site and toilets to go uphill and head for Solomon's Temple ahead. Go N from the Temple to go downhill through High Plantation Woods. After leaving the woods in150 yards a path is met from the L, go R on this to walk E to eventually come to a road at 061725.

Turn L on the A515 to walk into Buxton and back to the start.

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