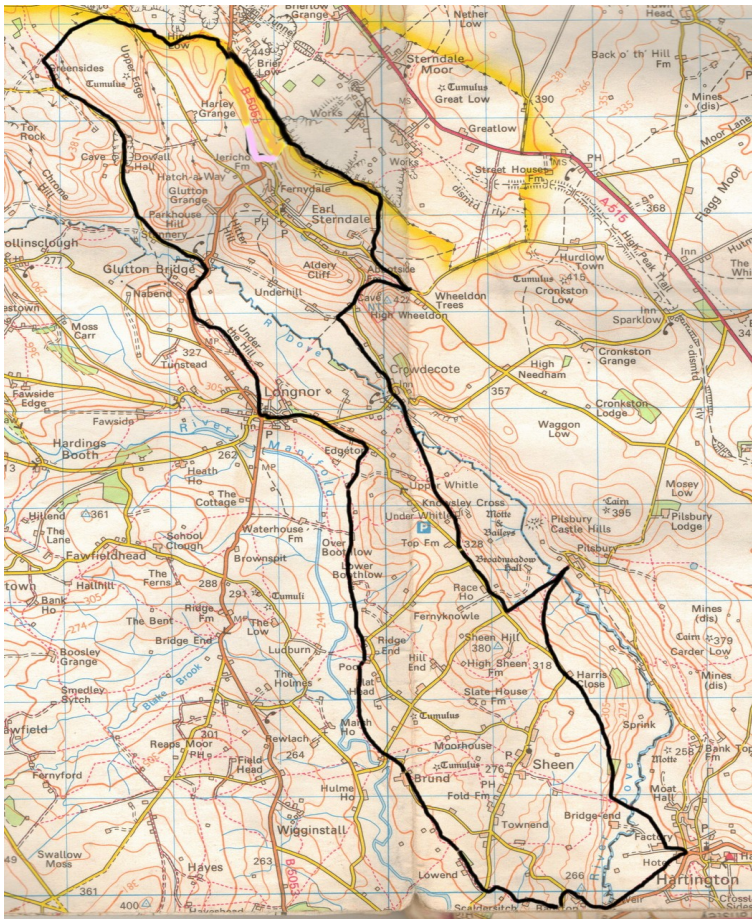
WALK 49.
Hartington 49.
18-9 miles. 5 hours 15 minutes.
Map White Peak.



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Start a Hartington (128604). Walk W opposite the duck pond down a drive through the Cheese Factory and out through a slot stile in its far wall into a field to then walk NNW, first going through a slot in an electric fence, then making for the far wall where there is a stile. Enter a small field and walk 20 metres to a slot in a wall ahead. Go 100 metres NW to a stile in a limestone wall, then 40 metres to a gate with a slot on its R from which drop down to a little footbridge with handrails, then start climbing gently to a gate with a slot on its L. turn R on hard, farm track and walk N for 50 metres, then climb L more steeply up the ridge through sparse bushes to the top. A glance back shows an interesting skyline against the morning sun where Narrow Dale and Wetton Hill provide a dark silhouette and distant background to Hartington which lies below.

Continue to the N for 40 metres to a corner where a fence joins a wall, then go over a step into woodland for a short distance, then out again, the land falling fairly

steeply to the R; Bank Top Farm below and the site of a former motte and bailey castle. To the L, the view is broadening out over Sheen and Brund. Go through a gap in the wall with stile in it, then climb up through a field to a grit wall with steps in it and go forward to another stile. Ahead Wheeldon is seen, a conical hill. Continue walking through a field, level going, wall on L. the gate in front has a slot on its L; the next field is again level, wall on L; farm ahead; and to the L the spire of Sheen Church shows above the trees. The next stile is a slot between two concrete uprights to enter a farm yard; the date 1842 is seen on the farm house (Harris Close) which is rusticated dressings to the windows and door. Go to the road at 117622.

Walk NNW for 100 metres to a gate on the R, on its R is a stile. Enter a field; an old building stands in front as the walk goes N. on its R are two grit uprights leading to a field. The land falls away to the R where the Dove flows. Walk N to a wall ahead; go through a gateway, no gate or stile, then make for a prominent slot in the wall on the R and cut the L corner, going through a rough area to a good stile. Drop down NNE (to the R) through this field in the direction of Pilsbury and, to the N there is glimpse of Broadmeadow Hall, a fine house with gables, ball finials and prominent valleys between gables; the windows mullioned and transomed. Double chimneys rise from a single stack. Come down to a gate in the wall on the L; 10 metres below that is a slot leading out to a path. Bear L and walk SW uphill, wall on L, Broadmeadow Hall on the R, and enter a lane, grassy, wide, wall on each side; it curves until it reaches a gate at the top, slot on R, sign, and so out on to the road at 111628.

The road goes L to Sheen, ahead to Brund, and R to Longnor. Turn R and walk NW along the road towards Longnor; see across the valley the limestone walls climbing the valley sides. In a few hundred metres pass Race House a building of pink sandstone; one of the many simple and rugged farmhouses one will see on the walk. Pass the road which goes L to Ridge End, then, in a short distance, some gritstone steps in a wall on the R to enter a field, walking N cutting the L corner to a wall and stile. In 80 metres across the next field, come to another fine old stile so enter a field, caravan on L, and make for a wooden gate near trees and then proceed down a farm drive, Under Whittle Farm below on the R; see how wide and flat the Dove Valley is here. Where the drive zigzags to the R to the farm, leave it on the L and go 20 metres to a prominent tree and a short section of wall with a step stile.

Walk on the contour over a steep hillside covered with gorse bushes to a low wall with a step stile, through it and continue on the contour, the ground climbing steeply up on the L, passing a lone footpath sign, the first of several to come, the next indicating the way to Crowdicote. From this sign, make for the two farm buildings on the R where there is another sign; make for the two farm buildings on the R where there is another sign and a wooden step stile with bars. Walk through a narrow area to come to a gateway to Upper Whitle. A sign states that the path is permissive, so go through another gateway and turn sharp R, walking with wall on the R down to a ladder stile and another sign. Go N downhill through a field to a sign and search out a slot stile where a minute red stained stream flows. Go N through the next field, passing yet another sign; the Dove flowing out of sight beneath a line of trees on the R. do not take the bridge on the R but go for the slot near another tiny stream and

make for the footbridge ahead. Go over a wooden stile; the footbridge is made of concrete with metal handrails. Another sign gives you choice of three ways. Go up the lane to Crowdicote (101653).

In 20 metres, go L catch a glimpse of the fine stone bridge to the L: it was rebuilt from wood as a packhorse bridge in 1709. There is a packhorse inn nearby. With the coming of the turnpikes, a tollhouse was built here. At the road junction, go L, then L again at a sign to Glutton Bridge. Walk NNW past Meadow Farm, and go through a slot with a helpful step; ahead Chrome Hill stands out clearly. Continue through a level field, wall on R, to a corner with two stiles. In the next corner two good stone steps.

Bear R go NE along a farm drive to join a road at 097660. Turn L and walk N along this road. In 300 metres go R at a gate and walk E, walk on L around the base of Wheeldon Hill, the property of the National Trust. A plaque on a trig point above has this poignant inscription: This property presented to the National Trust November 11th 1946 by R. A. Holmes, M.A., J.P., of Buxton in honoured memory of the men of Derbyshire and Staffordshire who fell in the Second World War 1939-45. The wide ranging views from this point are almost beyond words. However, follow the wall on the L at the foot of the hill, as stated and approach Wheeldon Trees Farm. Go L near where old gates are fastened across a lane and climb up steeply through a field to a stile above and come out on to the road at 102662.

Go L and walk NW along the road for 600 metres, looking down on Abbotside Farm, and approaching Breamer House. On the R find a step stile over a wall into a field to climb uphill NE to a gate, through this then continue up through the next field. A drinking trough guides to stone steps on the R to be on the driveway of Stony farm drive. Pass a farm building one side painted white. The track leads to a gate the path then bears R then make for a three prominent bar stile to enter a wide track. Dowlow and Hindlow quarries are now simply immense. (The Limestone here is in layers which are easily worked).

Walk NW on this wide track, level going, good views all round. The road is reached at 086687. To the R are the works of Breirlow Quarry, and huge they certainly are. The ground all around is covered with white dust. Cross the road to a gate, no stile and walk uphill, wall on L, to an open gateway, the gate missing; go W, cutting the L corner and soon the wall on the L comes up fairly close. Hind Low is to the R; Upper Edge rises in front, its flanks broken by limestone outcrops, these in thousands of years ago made by a coral reef of harder limestone similar to Parkhouse and Chrome which were also fringing reefs between the lagoon and deeper water. Go through a gate, no stile, and walk downhill through a field to another gate, no stile, an electric fence on each side of it and walk up to a road at 077689.

Turn R and walk NW along the road for several hundred metres to a stile on the L; it is difficult to find this spot. Enter a field and walk SW; Chrome is away to the L. In the far corner, two wooden sleepers are thrust through a wall to form steps. In the next field, keep to the wall on the R and go down to a stile on the R. next is open ground with wall on L: in 25 metres, go L over a new stile with bars in to a field next to a farm; walk to the trees, keeping them to the L, go round the farm and get on to the

farm drive that leads down through Dowel Dale, an interesting, narrow and bare dale at the other end of which is Dowel Hall at the foot of Chrome Hill. Walk S down to a cattle grid between fine gate piers and so on to the road at 078667.

Proceed 100 metres on this road to Glutton Bridge, then go off R to a slot in a wall; a farm building on the L. walk down through a field to a good wooden footbridge over the Dove, then start climbing fairly steeply up a sparsely wooded bank to a wall on to where there is a stile. Level going now with wall on L and a farm on the L to a stile, then out on to a farm drive. Turn R. the valley of the Dove lies bellow to the L. come down to the road at 082662; away to the L stands Wheeldon Hill beyond Glutton Bridge. Turn R and walk S for several hundred metres to Yew Tree Grange, gate on L, and so down the drive descending to Yew Tree Farm then going forward on a level track to buildings which have been well restored. Go into open rough ground, the land rising steeply on the R. Ahead, there is a gate in a wall no stile. The next field is rough grass; there is a thick hedge down on the L. Go through a gate on to a farm drive but cut R off it and climb up a worn path to a slot in a wall. Enter a field and walk with wall on L to a wooden gate which surprisingly leads to a back gardens of houses which leads to a slot and come down to Longnor (088649).

This is a small but interesting market town with good stone houses. Note the table of tolls on the Crewe and Harper Arms. There is a market Hall of 1873. Walk past the Cheshire Cheese Inn; in 80 metres, go R down a lane to Folds Farm, then L through the farmyard to excellent steps to the L of a gate. Then enter into a rough but small field in the far corner is a stile to enter into a larger field. Go S to the far corner and a slot; the L upright is neatly carved. Go through a field, level going, trees skirting the river Manifold on the R which flows down to Brund Mill. In the wall ahead there is a slot and in 80 metres another wall with similar slot. The riverside walk os on level ground, some mature trees ahead with three wooden uprights stile. A worn path leads to the next wall with slot which the next stile can be seen ahead. There is then a hedge on each side from which leads to a farm drive; either side of the drive are good stiles. Level going now to next stile (one upright). Walk through next field fence and trees on L to a fence and stile, then a short distance down to the river bank, walk along the waters edge for a short distance to a fence with stile in it. Still level going, the river now having gone away to the R, a fence on the L. come to a slot on the L and walk in the same direction but now with wall on the R. this comes to an interesting lane with a low wall on either side and up into a field at the top to a wall where in the corner are stone steps. Go through a small area to a tiny slot and so out on to a road at 099614.

Bear R towards Brund Mill but in only 10 metres, go L through a stile in the wall, enter a field and climb up the bank to a fence to squeeze through a slot stile, and then go L to the wall and stile. Turn R and walk through Brund on the road; pass several farm buildings , the first having interesting features including a plaque over the door bearing the date 1646, some ball finials and rusticated quoins. Lime Tree farm is even more elegant; the out buildings show their age (1826) a tasteful design; a four-centred arched doorway has a date 1688 above it. Walk 200 metres SE to a gateway on the R; the gritstone gateposts are massive, neatly curved and tooled. The slot stile admits into a field, walking on the farm drive, wall on L; ahead the view of

Ecton Hill, Wetton Hill and Narrowdale. Drop down to a small stream, then up to a gate into a field, passing an interesting building with gritstone dressings around the door and windows. Come to a gate beside the wall; get through on the R into a grassy lane, then in 30 metres to a gate with a poor slot on its R. Then cut the L hand corner, going down then up to a farm drive and walk S past Low End Farm to see again out buildings with fine features (neat quoins and dressings, a false Tudor arched doorway). Go down a farm drive to a road at 109600.

Turn L; go 30 metres, then go through a slot near a cottage, find another slot in the wall ahead. Walk SE down through the next field, good walking; enter the following field through a large gap between two trees; come to a fence (in a hurry if the same bull is present) and a slot between two wooden uprights. Go then up to the farm (Scaldersitch) which has the date 1661 above the door. Proceed along the drive down to a road at 116597.

Bear L and cross the road. There is a good slot stile into a field; the route is marked on the map by black dots not green. Walk NE across the field to a slot and continue to Banktop Farm and another good slot stile. Bear R and go through the farm area where the buildings again show good craftsmanship: the date 1843 is carved on a outbuilding. Enter a jitty then go through a narrow slot and over the farm drive to another slot and jitty, then through a slot and steeply down a bank, through a field to the bridge over the River Dove. Go through a slot on to a road at 121598. bear L, pass a neatly restored house where the mill wheel can still be seen, then go L at a sign through a slot and walk NE to a wall with stile, then level walking stile a better slot, the next slot is between two wooden uprights; then to a slot with the massive upright has been pushed over. Still level going to the next stile; easy following on a good path. Then make for the wall with slot and enter a farm area, trees on the R, old rusty gates in front then enter a narrow jetty and out onto a road and back to the start.

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