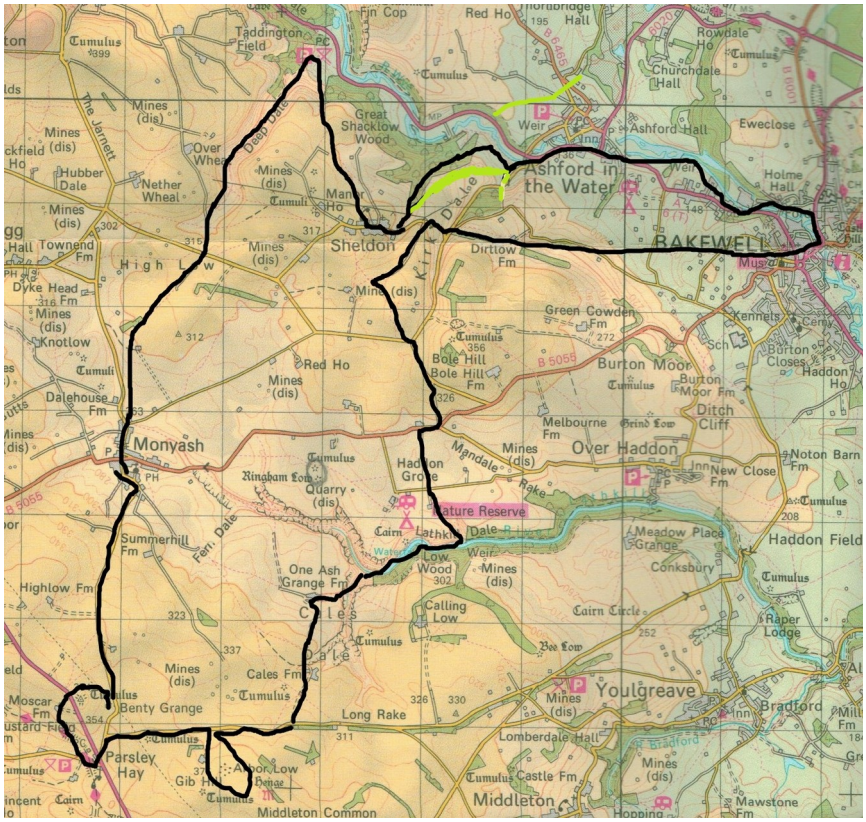
WALK 64.
Bakewell 64.
19-9 miles. 5 hours 30 minutes
Map White Peak.



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Start at Bakewell (219686). Walk up to the church, go W up Parsonage Croft, then up a jitty between houses to a neat slot closed by a gate; which also closes Bakewell behind as the houses are left behind and climb up through a field, a Limestone wall on L so characteristic of this part of Derbyshire. In 200 metres go through a slot in a wall and walk through field with a ragged wall on R, but go diagonally L up to the next slot. Go diagonally through the next field W to reach another slot; tooled and carved then level going for 40 metres to a slot in a wall. Go through 5 metres of jitty to a slot, and then out on to a road at 209689.

Go L for 10 metres, then cross the road and go over a step stile in a wall and walk downhill W through a long, narrow field, a smallholding on L and R. before the far end is reached, go L through a slot which has bars across, then go R down through another narrow field, cutting the R corner to a slot. Drop down to the L into a dell being destroyed by infilling, climb up the other side to a stile and walk through a field, limestone wall on L, level going, then drop down to a wall with a stile and so out on to a road at 202686.

Cross the road to a sign and stone steps in a wall to the L of a gate, then walk W uphill, the land rising on the L to a ridge, then come to a hedge containing a stile. Continue W through the next field, making for the far hedge which contains several trees. Go through a gap and cut the L corner in the next field, going 30 metres to a wall of dark limestone with good steps. In 40 metres, go through another hedge with trees and plenty of gaps, then pull up to where a wall meets a hedge: go through a slot at a sign, and then out on to a road at 197685.

Bear R and walk W along this road for about half a mile, where the road curves to the R; go L of the road here to a slot between limestone uprights and a sign then continue W uphill through a field where depressions and mounds indicate former lead mining. To the L, and interesting small valley rises. Come to a gate; cross the drive of Dirtlow Farm, walk with the farm close to the L, wall on R, and approach another gate to enter a field, a farm building of blocks close on the L, walking slightly uphill to the W until the path levels out, wall on R for a while until it goes off NE. Continue E from the middle of the field until it drops down sharply into Kirkdale and into a lane at 183688: Kirkdale Mine was being worked in 1820 but abandoned by 1870. The spoil heaps now being sifted for fluorspar.

Bear L and walk SW to a fork in the road in 70 metres: the road to the R comes up from Ashford. Cross the road to a stile in a wall. Walk uphill in the field for 50 metres to a wall and slot; a yellow arrow directs to the R. In 10 metres walk on road; bear R and walk WNW uphill for 200 metres to a sign on the L to direct up a dirt lane, wall on either side, climbing comfortably SWS. Sheldon Village is away to the R. The lane levels out to come to a gate with stile on its R, this admits into a field. Walk with wall on the R until it disappears then continue WSW through field. Walking now among mounds and depressions from former lead workings to a wall in front, then look for a stile in a wall. From this walk ESE across a level field to the far wall; the Magpie Mine looms impressively up in front.

The Magpie Mine has a long history of continuous working; nearly 300 years say the local habitants. It was working in 1740. The present headstocks date from the 1823. The difficulties encounted were not only excessive water but also violence between miners. The relatively complete records afford a fascinating story of this Derbyshire lead mine. Walk now with wall on the R and the mine on the R beyond that; it obtains a slot in wall. Go through next field with wall on the R. at this point care is needed it seems some walls have been partially or wholly removed. There is more evidence of mining on a lead rake (vein), and a walled-in shaft on a mound. Walk SSE to the far corner; go through a gap in the wall and an adjacent stile into a long field to then turn L. In only 50 metres come to a sign near the wall on the R; very helpful in these confusing fields. Just pass the sign, go R through a gateway, and enter a field to walk S with wall close on the L, then down to a gate on the L and stile and sign, and so out onto a road at 177677.

Bear L and walk E along the road for 200 metres, then go R at a fork to walk SE for 500 metres to a point at 181673 to go R down a lane for 500 metres to join a road junction. Bear R and walk W (signed Monyash and Haddon Grove) for 200 metres to Haddon Grove Farm on the R looking derelict; on the L are two concrete blocks cemented into the wall to provide steps into a field to then walk SE, passing a copse of trees on the R, the land now dropping a little to reach a gate and so out on a road at 180663. Cross the road; a sign directs to Lathkill Dale down a drive to another Haddon Grove Farm to walk past the buildings; squeeze through a slot on the R of a barrier and continue on this pleasant lane where it enters woodland descends through delightful scenery, the path following a dry valley, snaking with the slope of the land to then reach the River Lathkill at 183658.

Bear R and walk W; the river flows E; the dale affords hidden delights as each curve is reached. Trees filling the opposite bank, great limestone outcrops jutting out against the sky. Come to a wall with a half slot with a sign stating that Lathkill Dale is a National Nature Reserve. In just over half a mile, go L over a wooden footbridge and walk up Cales Dale for 300 metres to where steps on the L coming from Calling Low Farm. But go R here and scramble up a stony path under a low outcrop to a slot stile to walk W to One Ash Grange whose name suggests a possible link with a mediaeval monastery; in fact it is said to have been a place of confinement for unruly monks. John Gratton, the well-known Quaker, used to come here to visit the Bowman family; the last of the Quakers to live here. Climb unusual steps alongside a barn; note the stone arch on the R over what might have been a well. Pass the stone pigsties, then go L around a stone building which is now designate as a camping barn, do a complete U-turn to walk alongside the front of the farmhouse, passing through metal gates at an area concreted over. Go straight on, then walk R to walk S close to the wall on the R for 30 metres to a gate, then into a field, going S uphill .Climb up to a gate at the top, no stile a farm drive, then proceed on a farm drive. The route on the map goes over to the

far hedge, but it is just as well to keep to the drive which comes to a cattle grid and begins to drop into Cales Dale again. Crossing it and climbing up the other side, Cross another cattle grid and pass close to Cales Farm on the L and continue up the drive, level going, for several hundred metres to a gateway to leave the drive and bear R across a field SW to the far wall and a gateway; no stile. Keep to the same direction through a field to a walled-up gateway on the L of which are indifferent stone steps in the wall giving access to a road and a sign at 165639.

Bear R and walk along the road for half a mile to the W, then go L up a farm drive to Upper Oldams Farm and pay a visit to Arbor Low, an impressive Bronze Age henge, the circular ditch of which is 250 feet in diameter. A stone circle inside the ditch has seven stones lying flat. On the edge stands a later Bronze Age Barrow. Not far off is Gib Hill, an early Bronze Age Barrow, and a mile away is the famous Benty Grange, a small Anglo-Saxon barrow where grave goods including a beautiful helmet of horn over an iron framework surmounted by a bronze figure of a boar. A cross was fixed to the nose guard: This find by Bateman has been described as outstanding in the whole of Britain.

Go back to the road, turn L and walk W to a road junction (148638). Bear L and go a few hundred metres to another junction (with the A.515). Cross the road and go L for 20 metres, then R and R again in 20 metres in order to gain the High Peak Trail to turn R and walk N for 400 metres. Go R off the trail through a stile, then 30 metres up through field to a wall with a stile, then forward through field, wall on L, a line of trees ahead and a gate with a smile on its R. Moscar Farm is to the L. Cross a farm drive and continue in the same direction N uphill to a corner between two walls where stone steps to go over the wall and up to a road at 144642.

Bear L and in 20 metres, go R at a gate where there is a stile on its L and walk through a field, level going diagonally NE, to the S, there is a trig-point and Benty Grange Farm. In the far wall, there is a gateway. 100 metres down from this are two trees and a good slot in a wall to go forward into the next field. Bear R and cut the R corner. In 100 metres, come to a far wall with a slot stile. Go through an adjacent gap into the next field. Cut the L corner and in 100 metres go L through a gap and so out on to a road at 147649.

Bear L and walk N down to Monyash, now quite after its busy days in years past as the lead mining centre of the peak. Proceed through the village of stone houses with a C.17 inn and shaft of an old cross on the village green. Its rebuilt church has among its treasures a chest 700 years old and a memorial to Thomas Cheney (1723), a descendant of John Cheney who fought against Richard 111 at Bosworth where he was wounded and left for dead. However, he recovered and lived to be given a peerage and the Garter by Henry V11. Such is the history and tradition that is seen at every turn on walks in Derbyshire.

Cross over the B.5055 and come to a road junction at the town end. Go R here for 20 metres then L through a good slot in a wall a sign to Taddington (150669). Ascend a bank to a stile over a wall then continue N uphill, wall on R. the field levels out and come to a wall in front with a stile in the wall. Level going with wall on the R, a rock nearby is called Parson’s Tor because Robert Lomas fell over it to his death in 1776. He was the vicar of Monyash. Go through a slot stile into a field with wall still on the R and come to a step in a wall. Uphill now with wall on R, a farm ahead and, good stone steps in a corner. Continue through a field with wall on the R and farm on the R. Go over more stone steps into another field; the farm is on the R, a miniature dale is on the L and another good stile is in front. Go over good steps, cut the R hand corner in the next field and in only 30 metres to step stile. Now change direction from N to NE into a field to walk towards a copse through signs of delving for the rake. Keep close to the copse on the L to make for the far wall and a stile to ascend a little with wall on L in the next field, the wall having rough cappings. Come to a corner where there is another stile to then go level with wall on the L to a stile in the limestone wall ahead and a copse away to the R this time (a longer one). A stile comes to a small area to go 10 metres forwards to a slot between wooden uprights at a gate to enter a lane, a wall either side, a grassy lane to walk up to a road at 158685.

Cross the road at a sign to Deep Dale and walk N down a stony track. Pass a sign indicating a path to Sheldon. Ignore and go on to a gate on the R, in 100 metres on the L is a slot with a firm wooden step. Walk NE down to Deep Dale on firm grass, wall and fence on R. Go through a

gateway with a stile on its R; now not needed, then in a short distance. Carry on down the dale with wall on one side then another to a point at 167702 to take a path that goes off to the R and climbs around the spur of a hill to go towards a wall at the edge of woods. Climb very steeply to the top with wall and plantation on the L.

At the top, go over a stile leave the woods behind to go uphill. Pass a point with an arrow, walking S to the top corner to surmount a wall by a slot marked with an arrow. Bear R and walk SSW downhill to a wall and gateway. Come to a wall and gate with a stile on its R to enter a lane: bear L and walk SE down a pleasant green lane, wall on either side, a shaft to the R. meet a wall across the lane with good steps to enter a field, wall on R, level going to a wall in 50 metres and good steps. Trees provide a good canopy overhead as they do several stiles, walk through a field, wall on the L, level going through the middle of a field, the wall having gone off to the L. Make for a tree ahead where more stone steps have been provided. Walk now with wall on the R for 50 metres to a wall with steps and a slot then proceed through mounds and depressions from former workings as far as possible, then go R over a stile and in 40 metres arrive at a gate with a slot on its L and enter a lane.

Bear R walk up lane to Sheldon. (175688) Bear L and walk downhill for 300 metres to where the road curves L. Here, on the L, there is a slot in the wall and assign to Ashford. Over this and walk downhill with a choice of paths take the L one and below the main path and enter a wooded section called Little Shacklow Wood. Continue with wall on the R downhill. Eventually come out of the woods and walk to the side of the River Wye. Turn R and walk alongside the river and so out onto a road. Turn L and walk down the road to the A.6 at 192694.

Bear R and walk down the road for 600 metres, then cross the road, then go through a stile to walk through fields alongside the river on the L. the path climbs a little then drops. Go through three small fields with wooden stiles then go down a jitty between houses. Cross the road then go down another jitty then up through a small field to a stile onto the A.6 again. Bear L and walk down the road past a mill on L built by Arkwright in 1777. Go L over the river here and walk past houses on the L, past Holme Bridge, a packhorse bridge of 1664 with 5 segmental arches; then a short riverside walk to the C.13 Bridge with five ribbed and pointed arches with breakwaters and so back to the start.