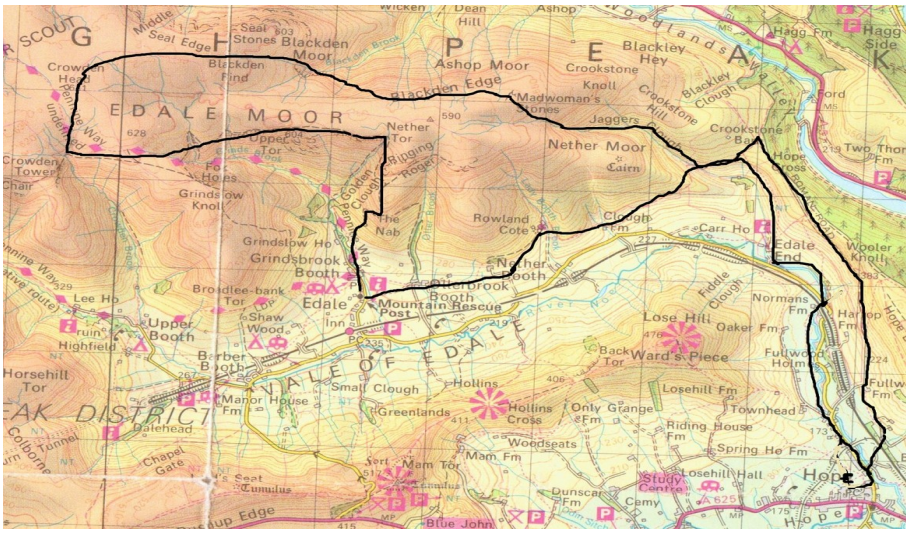
WALK 84.
KINDER SCOUT 84.
21.8 miles. 6 hours 12 minutes.
Map Dark Peak.



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Start at Hope (172835). Walk N on the Edale road for 400 metres then go R down a cul-de-sac. Cross the river, go under the Railway Bridge, then go L down a lane. Go ahead at the Coach House on a path that leads past a cottage on the R to enter a field with wall on the R and the railway to the L. Go through a second field to come to a Fullwood Stile Farm on the R.

Go through gate into Farm Yard, then go L along a lane in the same direction as before, walking where Roman Soldiers might have trod, the views improving as the walk ascends; the bulk of Kinder ahead. Rising gently through a gate until Hope Cross is reached at 161874. This well-known landmark is a mediaeval stone that has been renewed: this landmark has given many a traveller security especially in mist.

Go forward through a gate, then gently uphill in the same direction, wall on L to a gate and stile near a sign with four arms. Go L here, walk downhill SW with fence on L to a gate, there is a stile on its L, then on down the slope to a stream that issues from Jaggers Clough. Do not cross the stream, but bear R and walk NW up into the Clough. The name “Jaggers” indicates that this was once the way of the Packhorse Men who came with their little ponies to provide an indispensable means of transport. The name occurs in a document of 1306.

Clough walking is an activity with a character all of its own and techniques special to the area. Climb gently at first, as is usual; there is adequate room for a path, the hillsides not yet noticeable closing in. the stream is not wide and there are no small waterfalls which create so much interest elsewhere. One or two trees grow; at one point, some rock is exposed, the view ahead is blocked by gritstone spurs. When the higher reaches are attained there is a steep wall at the head of the Clough where the sides close in and the stream shows some energy: it is a struggle to reach the top. The view back is enormous; rewarding is an understatement.

The next section of the route lies on the plateau. Walk W and pick up a path that leads to Mad Woman’s Stones with a trig-point at 129878. It mist one may cast the eye around and let the imagination run wild; so do not linger too long and head WNW which will lead to the N edge, and in good weather a wide view. Continue L on the edge path to the head of Blackden Clough at

116883. How insignificant this magnificent Clough looks at the level of the edge path; but it has everything for the walker views; waterfalls; rocky-climbs and scrambles.

Set the compass now for Crowden Head and set off over the rough ground. In dry summer or in a frost hard winter, the going is nothing like as strenuous as it is in wet and muddy weather to expend so much energy in extracting mud-heavy boots from the eternal bog. In general make for higher ground (Crowden is just over 2000 feet); there is a path most of the way, but how the mist makes most features meaningless! Having reached the scattered gritstones on Crowden Head (096882), now turn and walk S to the edge path.

Reach now Crowden Clough with Crowden Tower not far away (093871). The next section is on the edge path to Ringing Roger (126872), walking E. There is a good path most of the way and should provide little difficulties for the experience hill walker. Passing Grinsbrook Head. At Ringing Roger, drop down on a good path to the L of the Clough and walk S to the Nab, to then turn off R to drop on a good and much worn path toward Heardman's Plantation where there is a step stile from which drop down to the picturesque footbridge and so into Edale.

Walk through the village as far as the church, and then go L off the road down a lane at the side of the grave yard to a bridge then on a few metres to a slot stile at the side of a gate. In the field entered there is a path going R; ignore it and go straight ahead close to a fence on the L making for Ollerbrook Farm which can be seen ahead. Go into the second field and walk with wall on R into the farm; the old buildings are well kept; a simple cottage on the R has mullion windows. Pass from Ollerbrook Farm to Netheroller Brook Farm, and pass on the L the access to Ollerbrook Clough. Proceed on a drive through fields to enter field to leave the drive which goes up L to Cotefield Farm. Walk through a field to a gate, then bear R and proceed to a hedge where a sign shows the way through the field to a two-step stile.

Bear L here and go uphill, passing a sign to indicate open country, then keep to the L to pass another sign. Make for the top R corner where to bear R and walk close to fence and trees to the R up to a stile and wicket gate together. Climb a little to the L and walk on good path. For part of the way a line of trees are the company to make for a wall with gap in it, and proceed to the next wall with a gap in it then enter the Youth Hostel at Rowland Cote (140866).

Go through the grounds, keeping near to the buildings at the far side of which is a step stile to then continue E; avoid leaving to the S on a good drive. Descend steps to a stream and a footbridge then a gate and so onto a narrow path round the hillside to join a wall from the R to follow to a clough, then out at the other side to then enter another Clough and stream from which to climb steeply up and continue unttill to leave the wall and drop down to a sign. Continue going NE uphill on a worn path at the top, then drop down to a stream that flows from Jaggers Clough. A sign here indicates Ashop Moor; and a sign to Open Country which the walk is now leaving (154873).

Cross the stream and walk uphill as far as a step stile, wall on R. Do not go over it, but, just before it, go R, walking SE on a sunken path with fence on L for a few hundred metres to a step stile. Continue downhill with wall on R to a gate with a stile on the R; then still downhill, through a narrow field with wall on L and fence on R to come to farm buildings. Turn R then L in a few metres and go through the farmyard of Edale End which is the Warden's workshop and Peak Estate Office of the N.T. with an information room. Continue down to Bagshaw Bridge over the Rive Noe but do not go over it; instead, take a slot stile in the wall on the L.

Walk E through the field away from the river to a N.T. stile, then across a small footbridge, and on through a rough area high above the river. Another N.T. stile is reached. Go over a stile and footbridge, then walk through a field to a gate with a stile on its L. at this point on the R the river enters a tunnel. Take a white-painted gate on the R and come out onto the Edale Road at 167857.

Walk down to the railway bridge, go under it, then sharp R on the other side down a drive, hedge either side, passing a white wicket gate, and come down to the river. Enter Norman Farm through another white gate and enter farm buildings. Bear L. Go through a step stile in a fence, then go past a shed and enter a field; river on L, walking S to a gate to enter a long field. The river

has now meandered away to the L; walk now with trees on either side, not an unpleasant stroll at the foot of Lose Hill.

At the far end of this field, drop through a tiny cutting, cross a tiny stream and go forward close to a hedge on the R, an awkward section on a bank. Inn 40 metres to a tall ladder stile then walk near the bank on the L; it is steep. A few hundred metres to a gritstone uprights to enter a field and walk with river close to the L and walk around it to the L. Cross a footbridge in a hedge and walk through the next field river on L flowing though trees. Go through a gate into a narrow field and continue the riverside walk with a line of trees, to a stile of bars and step, then walk on another high bank with the river on L. at the far end, rise up a bank to another stile and continue on level ground for a few hundred metres and so out onto the road at a stile (167845). Bear L and walk back down the road to the start.