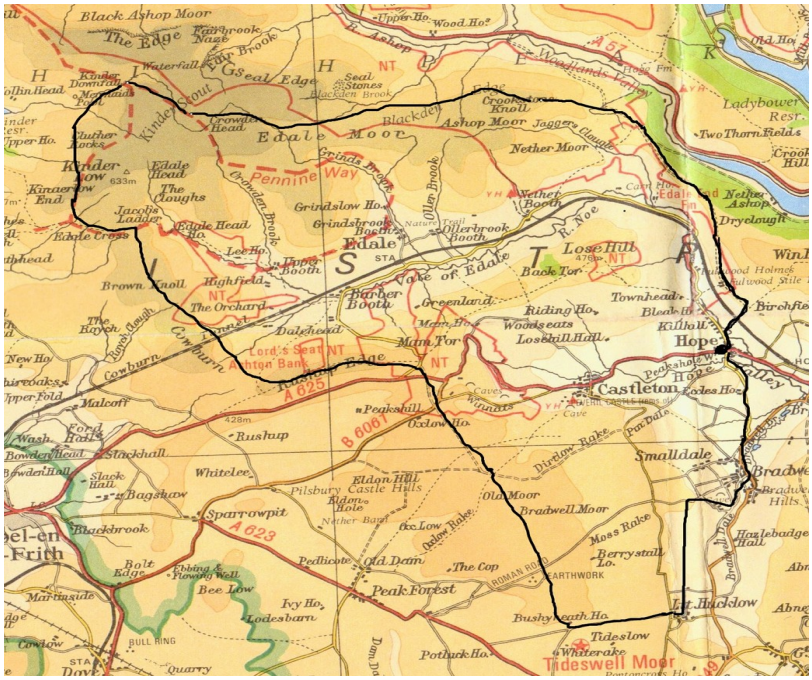
WALK 120.
HOPE 120.
28 Miles. 7 hours 40 minutes.
Map White Peak. Dark Peak.



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Start in Hope (169835). Walk 400 metres N on the Edale road, then out down to the R, crossing the River Noe and continuing on a lane that goes under a railway bridge. Keep L here and soon come to a fork: go L to soon reach a farm building and a slot stile to walk through a field, wall on the R with the railway on the L. soon come to Fullwood Stile Farm with a stile on the L of the gate. Walk L through the farm yard to a lane going in the same direction as before.

The lane, a Roman road, climbs steadily to a wooden step stile on the L of a gate, then continue uphill until the track levels out to arrive at the Hope Guide Stone at 161874 from which there are striking views. Go through a gate and walk through the next gate then next in the same direction to another gate and a sign to open country.

At this point, leave the stony path, bear L and walk W on a grassy path across moorland to a footpath signpost, near two lonely trees, then ascend Crookstone Hill with Jaggers Clough on the L. take a step stile, then continue to reach the top path, (not far from Mad Woman’s Stones) (136880). Bear L and follow the path W on high ground. Soon pass a Clough down which flows Lady Booth Brook past Rowland Cote Y.H. Hartshorn then soon comes into view and Grinsbrook soon after.

Set the compass and follow the prominent Cloughs; Clough hopping to Kinder Downfall (082889) in three hours. Bear L and walk S on the side path with fine views to the W. in about 1000 metres, come to the head of Red Brook where it cuts into the hillside: here, go R off the main path and clamber down the rocky clough for 100 metres, then go L on a narrow path that follows the higher path but at a lower level. Easy walking on a level path that leads to Kinder Low End, to then drop drop down to a wall and fence: on the L is a wooden gate with a stile o the L. the path goes through grassland level going E around the hillside. Soon, a path comes up from the R to join this path, hen climb steadily on good ground, a great relief from the peaty wastes above.

Now follow a wall which is close on the R and come to a step stile with a sign by the P.D.and N.C. footpath society, No.3 date 1964 which indicates a renewal; it points the way to Hayfield and Edale. So, it’s over the stile to join a wide path; go L and follow it uphill, wall on L to Edale Cross

(077861) on a route known to mediaeval travellers when the name was Champion Cross, a corruption for “Champayne”, the name for the S part of the Peak Forest. Near this point, the three forest wards of Longdendale, Ashop and Edale met, so the cross must have served as a boundary stone and a guide stone.

Continue E to a gate with a stile on its R. leave the main track and go R and walk uphill wall on the R to a corner where the wall turns R. at a sign walk S for 500 metres with a wall and fence on the R, then bear L and walk over marshy ground up to a trig point known as Brown Knoll.

On a bearing of about 170 degrees, following a path on level ground through featureless gentle slopes, the ventilation tower of the Cowburn Tunnel providing the only helpful marker. Eventually, arrive at Chapel Gate to then bear R and walk up to a wall to join a track from Mam Tor (099829). Here another PD and NC foot path society stands number 124 erected in 1958.

Bear L and walk E towards Mam Tor, a good path, wall on the R, with wide-ranging views to the SE where quarrying has scared the landscape. Come to a wooden step stile and now walk on a short but fascinating ridge walk with views either side unique in Derbyshire. Pass another stile and continue along this area where primitive man once roamed. Cut down to the R and a farm gate on the R is a stile that leads out on to the road at 125834.

Cross the road and go forward to a N.T. stile, then go through a field down to the A.625 and a N.T sign to Mam Tor. Go over the road to another stile and a sign to Windy Knoll pre historic remains have been found here, then walk S through the field to the B.6061 at 127827 where there is a stile to the R of a gate.

Bear R and walk only a few metres, then L off the road into a field to walk S through grass towards the distant wall, a farm away to the R, climbing gently at first, then more steeply. Come to a wall in front with rugged steps in it; they lead then into a field with good walking all on the R. go over a broken wall level going to a step stile and enter a field of rough grass. Walk down to a wide and hard track; there is a gate on the R but do not take.

Go L on this track and walk E on a bridle-way which is wide. In a half a mile, a track from the L joins; and nearby a sign states Public Bridleway. Continue in the same direction in between limestone walls for a few hundred metres to come to a gate with massive stone steps on its L. at this point (135813) go R into a field walking S. the map indicates the presence of many old mines in this area. Cut away from the wall on the L and follow a fence on the L. Climb gently, pleasant walking with good views; go through a field with fence on the R to then enter a kind of lane between fences with black material lining each side. Go through a slot on the R of a gate and now walk across Bradwell Moor on a wide track that climbs gently.

Now reach a stile of wood44n bars, then enter a field, then walk on a good hard road, wall on the R with mounds of former lead workings. Go through a gate and continue on the road level going down to a road at 142795.

Go forward in the same direct ion for a few hundred metres; the road bears R, but go straight on, passing on the L a strange circular construction; in front see the TV mast on Tideswell Moor. Come down to a road at 149785; bear L and walk E along it passing Forest Lane Farm on the L. come to a road junction at 161786; bear R and in a few metres, go L and enter Little Hucklow, a huddle of houses.

Go L up a short lane passing very old limestone buildings with gritstone quoins. Go through a metal gate into a green lane with walls either side, soon to come to a slot stile to then enter a field. Bear R and walk down to a wall below; do not go through a gateway in the wall on the L. reach the wall below, bear L and in a few metres into a pocket where there is a gate and stile on its L. go forward on a overgrown lane with a farm on the L where derelict vehicles can be seen. Go forward to the road at 164790; bear R, go downhill for a few metres, then L up a short drive, house on the R and a metal gate in 10 metres with steps on the R. now walk in a generally N direction, first in a small field, wall on R house on R soon to come to two metal gates: take the one on the R; it has a slot on the R of it.

Go forward through a short lane, then emerge into a field and make for a stile in the wall opposite. Drop down through the next field to the wall opposite with limestone steps. Cross the next field with a stile to the L of a gate. Walk now on level ground, wall on the R, to a stile in the corner.

The next field is quite huge: go across the middle of it, and look for a spot where the wall juts out a little: nearby is a stile of wood thrust in the wall. Drop down to a gate on the R is a slot and so out onto the road at 167798.

Intake Dale is on the L and Green Dale on the R. bear L and walk N along the road. Walk down into Bradwell. Leave the road by going L at 175818 and soon pass a caravan site and the road starts climbing. Although the road passes through one of the most devastated areas in the Peak District, the view is wholly pleasant, shaded as it is by trees. The road then leads into Hope and the start.