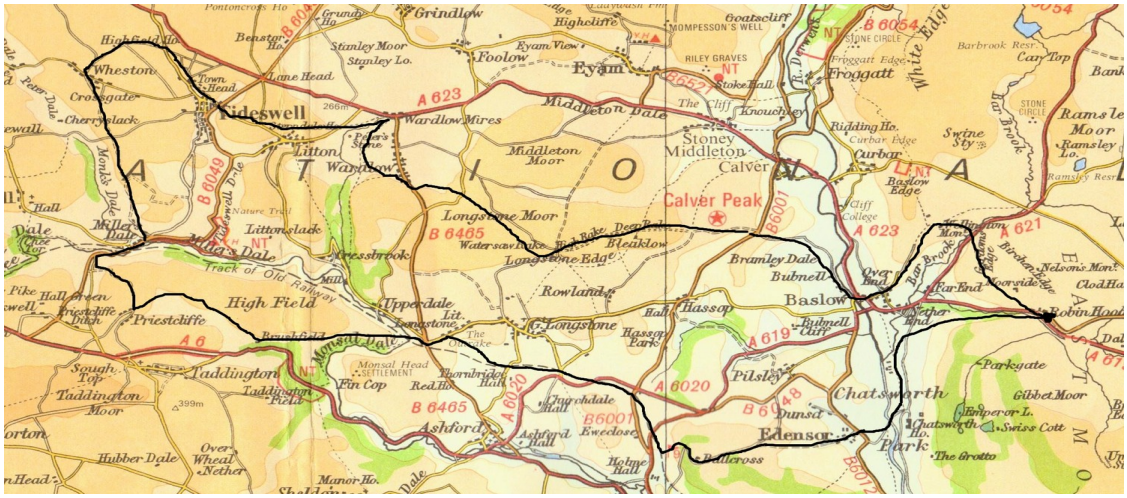
WALK 124.
ROBIN HOOD BASLOW 124.
32-6 Miles. 8 hours 45 minutes.
Map White Peak.



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Start at Robin Hood Baslow (281621). Walk W downhill for 100 metres; cross the road at a footpath sign, go down steps and over a stream on a footbridge. Walk up on a good track to curve R to join a wide track. Go R and walk over a stile at a gate. Ass Chatsworth Climbing Rocks on the L then through two tall stiles at the R of gate and enter Chatsworth Park. Walk W downhill to a fence with stile on the L of a gate, cross the road to reach a wide track at the bottom of the park.

Walk now on this track pass a house on the R to reach Queen Mary's Bower on the L (Mary Queen of Scots used to sit here when she was a prisoner of the Earl of Shrewsbury at Chatsworth House.) Go R over Paine's Bridge and walk on a hard track to reach Edenser and walk through the interesting and varied houses (by Paxton) The Duke moved all the people on his estate to live here, only one family refused to move: their walled house was passed on the R on the route from Paine's Bridge.

Go upwards through Edenser (A visit may be made to see President Kennedy's sister who is buried in the churchyard, he visited the grave and prayed there on a visit to Britain.) Once the track leaves the village it gets rougher and difficult to walk on. Turn L on the minor road and walk uphill

After 1000 metres the road starts to descend; follow the road R going downhill passing Ball Cross Fort in the trees on the road then turns very sharp L at225697 to then go R to leave the road and go down a lane, hedge either side, a sunken lane in fact. When it levels, go L at an old gate and stile to walk S through field towards a farm building where there is a stile. In the next field drop down to a hedge to follow to a gateway. Drop down to a bridge and pass under the Monsal Trail, walk down and up a lane to reach the A.619 at 220694. Go R and walk uphill on the road for 500 metres. At the Monsal Trail Bridge go L and down some steps to the trail. Walk N, passing the interesting remains of Hassop Station built in fine Ashlar with blind arches, sections of leaf carving and rock Corinthian capitals; similar to Bakewell Station.

Pass on the L, Woodlands, an impressive building built in1903-4 as a weighting room for Thornbridge Hall which is a spectacular Georgian house altered in 1871 to a neo-Tudor exterior with a tall, castellated tower. Kit contains items from other great houses, e.g. the grand Buffet Fountain from Chatsworth.

Continue along the trail to its furthest point at 194711, then leave to the R into a field. Walk with wall on the L to a step stile into another field, then proceed to a metal gate and slot stile,

then onto a step stile then to two gates in a wall, with two step stiles and two footpath signs at 191717.

Go out onto the road in Little Longstone, go L and walk up to Monsal head and a fine view of the viaduct denounced by Ruskin. (Now any fool can be in Bakewell from Buxton and vice-versa. Proceed downhill on the road or a path beside then L to go over the River Wye by a metal bridge. Then go forward up the bank to go over a bridge over the Monsal Trail. Go through a field to a stile then go L up a lane (178718) ad start climbing. The views over Monsal Dale are impressive. Pass an old building on the R and enter a lane which has a broken wall either side. At a metal gate, go through a slot and continue on a stony track through field with wall on the L. go over stone steps at the side of a gate and go on a grass track, wall on the L, to a gap in the corner and a three armed sign. Walk now on a hard track through a field to a gate. Then pass through the tiny hamlet of Brushfield.

On the other side, come out onto a road (159715) to turn R and proceed uphill to a large and impressive farm (Top Farm) on the L, go forward on a good track, wall on either side. Hall Dale lies to the L; great Rocks can be seen. Curve to the R and proceed on a lane and pass, on the L, two points of access up from high dale. A little further on, go past a stile on the R.

The good track continues, level going, soon to drop as a building passed on the R and come to Priestcliffe where once stood a hall, the seat of the Coterels in 1235 where they lived until the C.15.

At the first building in the hamlet (139721), turn R and walk N on a lane, wall either side for just under half a mile, avoid the temptation to go straight ahead; instead follow the lane as it curves to the R to do a U-turn. In front is Blackwell Dale down whose side drop to come to a lane; bear R and go down into Millers Dale.

Walk W under the great viaducts, passing the church built in 1880, then go L at a fork then L again to climb the steep hill through the woods for 100 metres to a sign on the L to the Limestone Way. Walk uphill through trees. The lane goes up through Monksdale Farm to garages at the top, to then go R for a few metres then climb a bank on new steps to a stile in a fence. Go L and contour the steep hillside.

Walk a short distance, then drop down to a lane go forward to a step stile (muddy) then go forward in a dry lane. In about half a mile follow the lane to the L at a fork then come to a cross roads. Go straight across, passing Monksdale House on the crossroads. In half a mile, where the road curves to the R, go straight on; the lane is now soft and muddy; it leads to Wheston Hall whose boundary wall is much superior to any seen for miles. The hall has long been a farm house; it is a house with a Georgian Front, recessed front and side wing; there is a pediment doorway. A C.15 village cross stand to the W of the hall and another on the Tideswell side. Vicarage Farm is dated 1637.

Go down to the road (133764), then go L for a few metres, then bear R opposite the hall an walk NW for 400 metres to where the road bears L at this point, leave the road and go R, i.e. go straight on, the track being wide with wall either side. Drop down to a road at 145768; turn R and walk down to Tideswell, passing a conical structure which was erected over a well.

Leave Tideswell on the B.6049 and walk to the road junction at 159762; go R and walk S on a minor road. In 200 metres go L off the road into the drive of Bank Farm; keep to the R to find steps in a wall and so into a field. Go SE in the field, go through a broken wall, continue SE to the far corner, then over concrete steps in a wall then walk with wall on the R to the next stile in a wall. On the R the land drops down into the Village of Litton, the home of the ancestors of the Earl of Litton. A farm house stands on the site of their old home, and it was here that the Apostle of the peak was born on Charles the 1 day.

The series of good step stile continues on the ridge and carry on to the road at 169752. Get a fine view now of Cressbrook Dale with Peters Stone in the foreground. Go downhill a few hundred metres to a slot on the R; pass assign Nature Reserve then go down to the base of the dale. Cross over and walk up to a wall on high ground, then follow it, going S as far as possible, then dropping to a lower path, then coming to another Nature Reserve sign at a slot stile at 176745.

Walk W on a good grass lane between walls, Wardlow Hay Cop on the R. go through a slot with a massive upright on the R and come out onto a road in Wardlow at 181745. Go R and walk uphill for a few hundred metres, passing one gate and going L off the road at the next. Walk W through a field, contouring to a slot in the wall in front, then level going around the hillside to the corner of a wall that comes down from the R; there is remains of a slot here. Go through the next field to the far corner to a slot in a low wall. Climb through rough grass, avoiding old mine shafts, to a slot in the wall ahead.

Cross the road (189741) to another slot and footpath sign, then walk SE uphill through moorland and old mine workings to join up with another footpath that leads S to the top and a footpath sign to Foolow, then down into the remains of Watersaw Rake, then up and over a stile from which the path drops steeply down past a quarry to the road at 196728.

Go L walking ENE over a cattle grid, then rising steadily with good views. At the top, where the road curves to the L, go R past a gate, alongside a fence to a step stile into an area recovered from workings.

Walk ENE up a wide industrial road, pass Bleaklow Farm on the R; views to the N. it is now a long hard slog down to the road at 236735. Back Dale on the R and Bank Wood beyond that. Cross the road and follow the minor road down to Baslow. Go over the bridge; notice the small sentry holes on the bridge; people must have been smaller when three bridge was built, pass the church, then, in 50 metres, go L up School Lane. Pass the Methodist Church, the C.E School, then go off to the R at 258727 along a lane, passing some houses to a step stile in 50 metres and enter Yield Wood. At once at a fork, go L uphill; the R track goes on to Raddenwhole Plantation.

Walk uphill on a good path with wall and field on the L. at a corner, go L with wall and follow it to a wide hard track that comes up from Baslow. Go R and climb uphill to an Eastern Estates Sign, then cut off R from the track and keep close to the fence on the R; the path is good and clear. Above is Wellington’s Monument. At a corner go R with the wall and walk through a difficult area down to a stile, then go over a packhorse bridge with a house to the R and so up to the road.

Cross the road, go L for a few metres to go over a stile and walk first level with a house on the R, then go uphill on a long track with Gardoms Edge above on the L. At the top go through a gap in the wall and continue downhill over a good track with views of Chatsworth ahead. Look to the L and see an escarpment of rocks on the L. so downhill to a wall in the L corner over a step stile, turn L on the road and walk back to the start.