

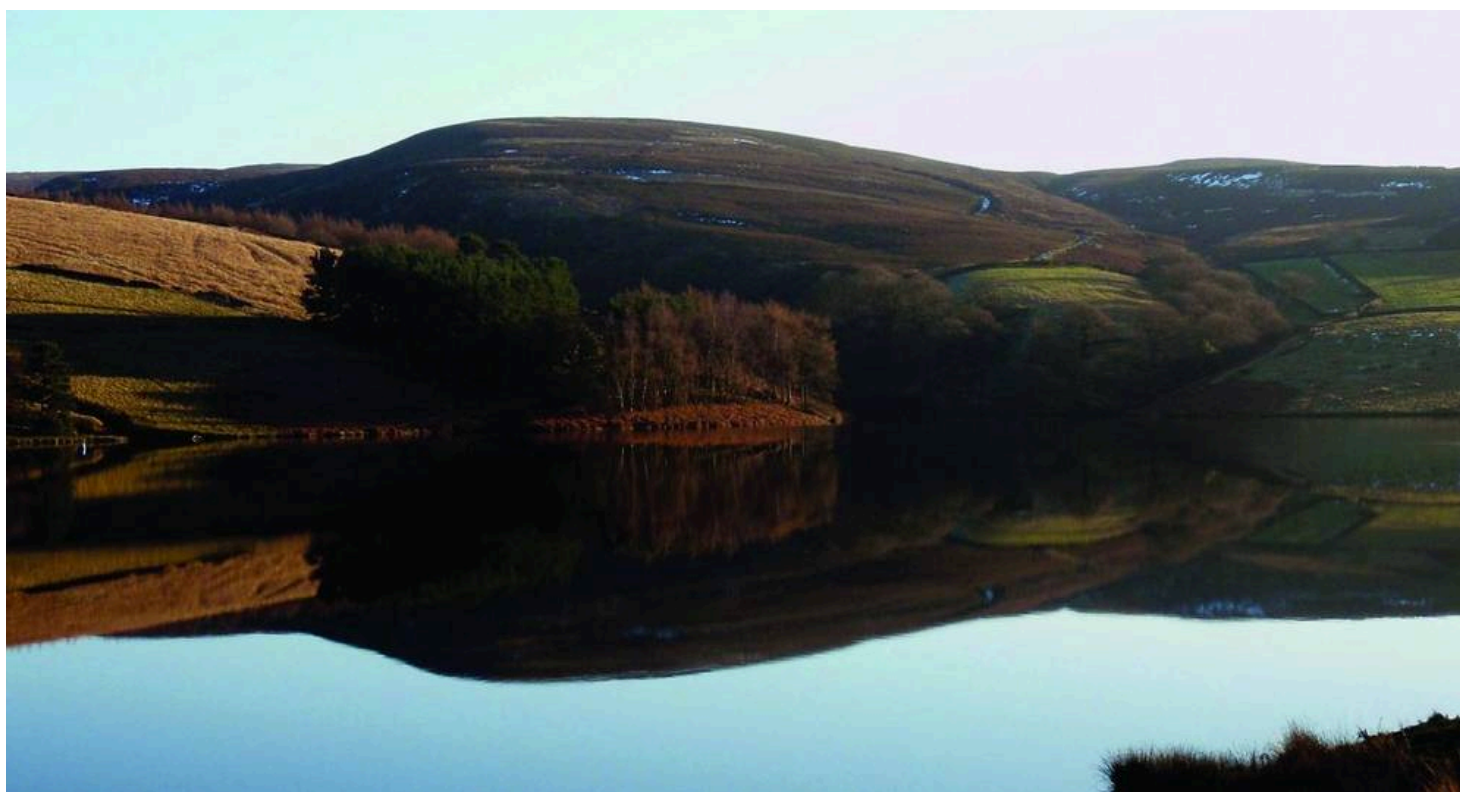
Peak District Boundary Walk Guided Trail

Tour Style: Guided Trails

Destinations: Peak District & England

Trip code: DVLBD

Trip Walking Grade: 3



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

The Peak District Boundary Walk is a new long distance trail encompassing the entire Peak District National Park. Envisioned by The Friends of The Peak District, the walk is an exhilarating celebration of our First National Park. Throughout its journey it displays a wonderful mix of Peak District landscapes – crags, cloughs, moors and dales together with working landscapes, woodland and heritage.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- High quality en-suite accommodation in our country house
- Full board from dinner upon arrival to breakfast on departure day
- The services of an HF Holidays' walks leader
- All transport on walking days

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrate walking the boundary of our First National park
- Glorious views of The Roaches
- From Thorpe to Buxton

TRIP SUITABILITY

This Guided Walking/Hiking Trail is graded 3, which involves walks/hikes primarily on well-defined paths and trails, travelling through a variety of landscapes that are often in hilly or moorland areas. These may be rough and steep in sections and will require a good level of fitness. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the relevant fitness and equipment required to join this holiday.

Fitness

We want you to be confident that you can meet the demands of each walking day and get the most out of your holiday. Please be sure you can manage the mileage and ascent detailed in the daily itineraries. It is important for your own enjoyment, and that of your fellow guests that you can maintain the pace.

It makes a lot of sense to spend time getting some additional exercise before your holiday. We suggest that you try to fit in a number of longer walks, including some on hilly terrain. Other exercises such as cycling, jogging and swimming are also excellent for developing increased stamina.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Day 2: Thorpe To Waterfall

Descending to Coldwall Bridge we are at the Southernmost point of the entire Boundary Walk. We turn upstream to the fascinating village of Ilam and cross the Manifold river to ascend the steep flank of Musden Low. Passing through Calton village we descend into the Hamps Valley and follow the trail to the settlement of Waterhouses veering North we end the day in the picturesque hamlet of Waterfall.

8 miles (13km) with 1,100 feet (340m) of ascent.

Day 3: Waterfall To Tittesworth Reservoir

From Waterfall we head North West into the upper Hamps Valley and the hamlet of Ford. On to Onecote and its lovely grade 2 listed Church to gradually ascend for our first taste of the Staffordshire Moorlands on The Morridge. Our elevation gives glorious views across to the Roaches and beyond before descending the moor to reach the reservoir.

11½ miles (18.5km) with 1,100 feet (340m) of ascent

Day 4: Tittesworth Reservoir To Wildboarclough

The 5 clouds of the Roaches escarpment provides a fine backdrop as we pass over the reservoir to Meerbrook village and ascend the slopes of Gun hill. Over the top and in and out of the lovely Dane Valley and into the equally lovely Greasley Hollow. From there we turn North East crossing some undulating moorland to drop into

the steep sided Clough Brook Valley and on to finish in Wildboarclough.

10 miles (16km) with 1,150 feet (360m) of ascent.

Day 5: Wildboarclough To Bollington

An ascent of Shutlingsloe 'The Cheshire Matterhorn' giving fine views to Axe Edge along the summit ridge before descending to the tree lined reservoirs in the Macclesfield Forest. Picking up the Gritstone Trail we enter Tegg's Nose Country Park with it's industrial heritage and sweeping views. Heading North towards Rainow we ascend the splendid little ridge of The Saddle of Kerridge up to the viewpoint of 'White Nancy' and dropping quickly to finish in Bollington.

8½ miles (13½ km) with 1,550ft (480m) of ascent.

Day 6: Bollington To Whaley Bridge

Leaving Bollington via the beautifully named Pott Shrigley we cross little Bakestonedale Moor and descend briefly to the Macclesfield Canal. Here we 'turn the corner' of the boundary and enter the stunning Lyme Park with it's centrepiece the magnificent Lyme House. Leaving the park via Whaley Moor we descend to the historic transport hub of Whaley Bridge 'Gateway to The Goyt Valley'.

9½ miles (15.5km) with 1,350ft (420m) of ascent.

Day 7: Whaley Bridge To Buxton

Our last leg takes us into the Goyt Valley beneath the iconic ridge of Windgather Rocks, Pym's Chair and Shining Tor. Crossing between the Fernilee and Erwood reservoirs we ascend the glorious Wild Moor accompanied by the cry of the Curlew. Tremendous panoramic views open out as we begin our final long descent to the Victorian splendour of Buxton. (Perchance to the King's Head Pub – birthplace of The Peak District Boundary Walk).

9 miles (15km) with 1,200 feet (380m) of ascent.

Day 8: Departure Day

ACCOMMODATION

The Peveril Of The Peak

The Peveril of the Peak, named after Sir Walter Scott's novel, stands proudly in the Peak District countryside, close to the village of Thorpe. Backed by the cone of Thorpe Cloud, which guards the entrance to Dovedale Gorge and the famous stepping stones at the entrance to the gorge, it's an ideal base for people hoping to explore the Derbyshire countryside. Surrounded by extensive grounds and rolling countryside, it's a picturesque retreat with 46 rooms, large shared spaces and a pleasant bar. Stride out from the house to find Dovedale's wooded ravine, cave-like Dove Holes and of course stepping stones. Upstream lie the heights nicknamed the Dovedale Castle and the Twelve Apostles, best viewed from the grassy spur called Lovers' Leap. While the Peak bit of the area name refers to small English hills rather than great summits, there's superb walking to be had on the Roaches and the gritstone escarpment of Stanage Edge, while Chatsworth, Tissington and Bakewell make attractive places to explore too.

Matchless Country House Accommodation

Accommodation Info

Rooms

Tea & coffee-making facilities, TV, Hairdryer, Toiletries, Wi-Fi

Stay in the smartly presented rooms in the main house. With 46 rooms, Peveril of the Peak has plenty of space and there's a range of Good and Better Rooms to choose from. Room 2 on the ground floor (accessible via 7 steps down from reception) is spacious and attractively styled with a door opening on to the grounds while the Chatsworth Room has a four-poster bed to recline on.

All 'Good' rooms are ensuite and furnished to a high standard. There are also several 'Better' Rooms that are either larger or have a desirable view, a more luxurious mattress, larger television, enhanced toiletries and a fluffy bathrobe & slippers – upgrade your stay for just an extra £15-20 per person per night. You can choose a specific room for an extra £30 per room, subject to availability. Upgrade supplements still apply.

Facilities

Free Wi-Fi, boot room and drying room, extensive garden, lounge, bar, ballroom, library and board games to borrow

After a day delving into the Dovedale Gorge or exploring the Peak District, return to the house. Relax on the patio with a coffee or cold drink and soak up the wide-ranging countryside views. Take a turn through the garden and look out for the small canon on one of the lawns. Make your way inside to sit comfortably in the lounge where there's a stash of wood and a log burner for those colder days or snag a seat in the bar with your fellow guests and sip a great local ale by the large windows.

Food & Drink

As at all our country houses, holidays are full board, from afternoon tea served as a welcome treat through that evening's meal to a hearty breakfast on the day of departure. Lunch is a chance to stock up on our famous picnic snacks. Food at Peveril of the Peak is varied and tasty and has a strong emphasis on ingredients from the area and seasonal produce. Once a week the dining room hosts a Local Food Night, when, over a sociable evening, you might try a five-course feast of regional flavours that might include venison sausage and Derbyshire oatcake, roast rump of Chatsworth lamb and a homemade Bakewell tart with a scoop of decadent Peak Dairy cherry Bakewell ice cream.

Accessibility

For accessibility and assistance information, please contact our expert team on 020 3974 8865

TRAVEL DETAILS

Our address is: The Peveril of the Peak, Thorpe, Dovedale, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2AW
Tel: [01335 350396](tel:01335350396)

By Rail:

The nearest railway stations are Buxton or Derby. For train times and route planning by train visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or phone 03457 48 49 50.

By Taxi:

From Buxton railway station a taxi takes approximately 45 minutes and costs around £42 if pre-booked. From Derby railway station a taxi takes approximately 40 minutes and costs around £32 if pre-booked. Please note these are 2020 prices relevant to a 4-seat taxi and should only be taken as a guide. 8-seat taxis can be booked at a higher rate. Ashbourne Taxis, our current recommended taxi company, can confirm prices on booking and will arrange shared taxis wherever possible. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

Ashbourne Taxis*

Tel: +44 (0) 1335 345198

Mob: +44 7811 196686

Email: ashbourne-taxis@hotmail.co.uk

The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by the Peveril of the Peak Manager.

*Ashbourne Taxis is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

By Bus:

There is a bus service as far as Ashbourne, about 3 miles from our country house. From Buxton take the 442 service or from Derby catch the SW1 service. For bus times see www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk

From Ashbourne complete your journey by taxi, or use the Derbyshire Connect service (01335 342951). The taxi service must be pre-booked in advance by calling 01335 345198 the journey will take approximately 10 minutes and costs £8 for a 4-seat taxi.

By Car:

From the south leave the M1 at junction 24 and head to Ashbourne via the A50 and A515. Continue north on the A515 heading towards Buxton. 1 mile north of Ashbourne turn left, signposted to Thorpe, Dovedale and Ilam. After a further 2 miles the road bends sharply left by the Old Dog pub. The Peveril of the Peak lies ahead at the bottom of the hill. Look out for the sign.

From Buxton take the A515 south towards Ashbourne. After 17 miles turn right at a crossroads, following signs to Thorpe. After 1 mile turn right by the Old Dog pub. The Peveril of the Peak lies ahead at the bottom of the hill. Look out for the sign.

From the west leave the M6 at junction 15 and head via the A50, Cheadle (A521) and Oakamoor (A5417) to the A52. At the junction of the A52 and the A523 take the minor road signposted to Ilam. After 1½ miles turn left and descend the hill. Cross the bridge at Ilam, turn right and follow the road up a steep hill and onwards through Dovedale and Thorpe village. The Peveril of the Peak is on the left hand side at the end of the village.

Travel From Overseas

Dovedale is located in the centre of the UK, with a number of airport options.

East Midlands Airport is about 30 miles away - this is served by short-haul European flights. If you're flying here we'd recommend pre-booking a taxi direct to the Peveril of the Peak.

London Luton Airport has lots of low-cost European flights. From here take the shuttle bus to Luton Airport Parkway station, then on by train to Derby with 1 change at Leicester. Allow 1 hour 50 minutes to Derby - see www.nationalrail.co.uk for train times. Complete your journey by taxi (see above).

Manchester Airport has a much wider range of long-haul flights. There are trains every hour from the airport to Buxton with one change at Manchester Piccadilly. Allow 1 hour 40 minutes to Buxton - see www.nationalrail.co.uk for train times. Complete your journey by taxi (see above).

Flying to London Heathrow Airport is another option, but has a longer onward train journey - allow 3 hours to

reach Derby. From Heathrow first take the Piccadilly line Underground train to London St Pancras. From here take a train to direct to Derby - see www.nationalrail.co.uk for train times. Complete your journey by taxi (see above).

LOCAL AREA

Discover The Peak District

The Peveril of the Peak occupies a wonderfully peaceful location in the village of Thorpe, and is surrounded by the rolling countryside of the Derbyshire Dales.

The nearest facilities are in the small town of Ashbourne, about 3 miles away. Here you'll find a full range of shops plus supermarkets, banks, chemists, pubs and cafés.

During your stay you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest:

Dove Dale

One of the natural wonders of the Peak District, the spectacular limestone valley of Dove Dale is less than 1 mile from The Peveril of the Peak – just follow the footpath signs from the car park.

Chatsworth House And FountainChatsworth House

Home to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Chatsworth House is one of Britain's most visited stately homes, which sits at the heart of a huge estate. Throughout the house there are fine displays of furniture, silver, tapestries, porcelain and paintings. The formal gardens cover 105 acres and include fountains, sculptures and a maze. Chatsworth is around 50 minutes' drive from The Peveril of the Peak. www.chatsworth.org

Historic Tram Passing Under A Bridge - Crich Tramways Village

Located near the village of Crich, about 45 minutes' drive away, the National Tramway Museum has an impressive collection of vintage trams which run on a recreated historic street. www.tramway.co.uk

Buxton

The Regency spa town of Buxton is about 19 miles from the Peveril of the Peak. Two key attractions are the town's opera house, and Poole's Cavern show cave. www.poolescavern.co.uk or www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk

Castleton

The popular village of Castleton is an excellent starting point for walks in the 'Dark Peak'; just under an hour's drive away. Nearby are four extensive show caves: Peak Cavern, Blue John Cavern, Speedwell Cavern and Treak Cliff Cavern. www.castleton.co.uk/caverns

Bakewell

Home to the famous 'Bakewell Pudding', this is one of the most attractive small towns in the national park. Bakewell is around 35 minutes' drive away.

Mine Train rollercoaster at Alton TowersAlton Towers

The huge Alton Towers theme park is only 30 minutes' drive away and is a very popular option for families. www.altontowers.com

Cromford Mill

This historic mill, dating from 1771, is a World Heritage Site, about 35 minutes' drive away. www.cromfordmill.co.uk

Haddon Hall

A fortified medieval manor house, dating from the 12th century. Haddon Hall is located near Bakewell, about 45 minutes' drive away. www.haddonhall.co.uk

Tissington Trail

The Tissington Trail is just half a mile away from The Peveril of the Peak. This offers 13 miles of traffic-free cycling along a disused railway line and connects with the 17 mile High Peak Trail. Cycle hire is available nearby.

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Holiday Information

We try to create a relaxed atmosphere on the walk but please listen to safety instructions from your leader.

Keep members of the group in view especially when weather or visibility is poor. If you leave the group, then your leader will no longer have responsibility for you. Our leaders consider the safety of the group as a whole and are likely to be more cautious over potential risks such as bad weather.

What To Bring

"There's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong type of clothing!" goes the adage. Come prepared for all eventualities and you'll walk in comfort as well as safety. Britain's famous for its changeable weather, so here's our advice on what to wear and bring.

Essentials

- Waterproof walking boots providing ankle support and good grip.
- A waterproof jacket and over-trousers
- Gloves and a warm hat (it can be chilly at any time of the year)
- Rucksack
- Water bottle (at least 1 litre capacity)
- A small torch (everywhere in winter, year round in mountains)
- Sun hat and sunscreen

Denim jeans and waterproof capes are not suitable on any walks.

Recommended

- Several layers of clothing, which can be added or removed
- Specialist walking socks to avoid blisters.
- A first aid kit inc plasters– your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication
- Sit mat (insulated pad to sit on when you stop for a break)

You Might Also Want

- Walking poles, particularly useful for descents.
- Insect repellent
- Flask for hot drinks
- Rigid lunch box

- Gaiters
- Blister kit (eg Compeed) just in case
- Waterproof rucksack liner

Useful Information

Ticks

Ticks are tiny creatures that live in vegetation and can attach themselves to passing animals or walkers and may carry a risk of Lyme Disease. Please refer to NHS advice and guidelines for information prior to your holiday.

Our experienced and knowledgeable volunteer leaders undergo a thorough assessment to lead you on your Guided Walking/Hiking Trail and are delighted to share their knowledge and enthusiasm with you.

Please ensure you complete and hand in your registration form on arrival and let the leader know about any medical problems you may have. This may be useful in the event of a problem on the walk and will be treated confidentially by the leader.

In The Event Of A Problem

If you become separated from the party, please stay where you are. Your leader will retrace their steps to find you.

All our leaders carry a mobile phone, group shelter, spare maps and a compass. In the unlikely event your leader is incapacitated, please use any emergency kit in their rucksack. Call the emergency services (call 999 in the UK, or 112 overseas).

Please then try to call the hotel where you are staying to let them know there is a problem.

Your trail leader will carry all the necessary maps and guides. For your own interest you may consider looking at the following:

www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk/boundary-walk/boundary-walk-stages (The website of The Friends of The Peak District)

Guide Book: Peak District Boundary Walk (190 miles around the edge of the National Park). Edited by Andrew McCloy. Contains detailed route maps, directions and several insightful articles.

Explorer Maps OL 1, OL24 & OL259

HOW TO BOOK

When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 7pm Saturday & Sunday: 9am – 1pm Bank Holiday Monday: 9am – 1pm

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The balance is due 10 weeks before departure. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

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In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

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