

PEAK DISTRICT

Outstanding Circular Walks

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Walk	Page	Start	Nat. Grid Reference	Distance	Time	Height Gain
Alport Castles	81	Fairholmes National Park Centre	SK 172893	8½ miles (13.3km)	4½ hrs	1,950ft (595m)
Beeley and Hob Hurst's House	53	Beeley	SK 265674	6¼ miles (10.1km)	3 hrs	950ft (290m)
Biggin and Biggin Dale	59	Alsop Moor	SK 157564	6½ miles (10.5km)	3½ hrs	1,310ft (400m)
Broomhead Reservoir	44	Bolsterstone	SK 270967	6 miles (9.7km)	3 hrs	1,000ft (305m)
Chee Dale	37	Miller's Dale	SK 138732	5¾ miles (9.3km)	3 hrs	1,290ft (395m)
Crowden and Millstone Rocks	65	Crowden	SK 072992	6½ miles (10.5km)	3½ hrs	1,550ft (470m)
Dane Bridge and Lud's Church	56	Gradbach	SJ 998662	6¼ miles (10.1km)	3 hrs	1,120ft (340m)
Deep Dale and the Magpie Mine	20	White Lodge	SK 170705	4¾ miles (7.6km)	2½ hrs	780ft (240m)
Dovestone Edge	78	Binn Green	SE 017043	9¼ miles (14.9km)	4½ hrs	1,750ft (535m)
Edale and Crookstone Hill	71	Edale	SK 123853	7¾ miles (12.5km)	4 hrs	1,700ft (520m)
Elton and Robin Hood's Stride	16	Elton	SK 221609	3¾ miles (6km)	2 hrs	730ft (225m)
Eyam and Stoney Middleton	12	Eyam	SK 216767	3½ miles (5.6km)	1½ hrs	660ft (200m)
Grindon and the River Hamps	68	Grindon	SK 085544	7½ miles (12.1km)	4 hrs	1,500ft (455m)
Higger Tor and Burbage Rocks	14	Upper Burbage Bridge	SK 260830	3¾ miles (6km)	2 hrs	720ft (220m)
Kinder Low	84	Hayfield	SK 036869	10½ miles (16.9km)	5½ hrs	2,180ft (665m)
Langsett and Midhope Reservoirs	62	Langsett Reservoir	SE 210004	6½ miles (10.5km)	3 hrs	950ft (290m)
Lord's Seat	28	Barber Booth	SK 107847	5½ miles (8.9km)	3 hrs	1,150ft (350m)
Lose Hill	47	Edale	SK 123853	6 miles (9.7km)	3½ hrs	1,650ft (505m)
Lyme Park and the Macclesfield Canal	50	Nelson Pit, Higher Poynton	SJ 944833	6¼ miles (10.1km)	3 hrs	625ft (190m)
Margery Hill	88	Fairholmes National Park Centre	SK 172893	11¼ miles (18.1km)	5½ hrs	2,000ft (610m)
Pilsbury Castle	31	Hartington	SK 128604	5½ miles (8.9km)	2½ hrs	830ft (255m)
The Huddersfield Narrow Canal & Standedge Tunnel	40	Marsden	SE 048118	7 miles (11.3km)	3½ hrs	1,360ft (415m)
The Chatsworth Estate	18	Baslow	SK 258722	4½ miles (6.8km)	2 hrs	510ft (155m)
Warslow	26	Wetton Mill	SK 094560	5¼ miles (8.4km)	2½ hrs	970ft (295m)
Whinstone Lee Tor and Cutthroat Bridge	24	Ashopton lay-by beside A57	SK 196864	4¾ miles (7.7km)	2½ hrs	1,025ft (310m)
Win Hill and Hope Cross	74	Ashopton Heatherdene car park	SK 202858	8¼ miles (13.3km)	4 hrs	1,590ft (485m)
Win Hill and Thornhill	34	Ashopton Heatherdene car park	SK 202858	6¼ miles (10.1km)	3 hrs	1,350ft (410m)
Wormhill and Monk's Dale	22	Miller's Dale	SK 138732	4¾ miles (7.6km)	2½ hrs	920ft (280m)

Whinstone Lee Tor and Cutthroat Bridge

Start Ashopton – lay-by beside A57

Distance 4¾ miles (7.7km)

Height gain 1,025 feet (310m)

Approximate time 2½ hours

Parking Lay-by beside A57 at the start

Route terrain Generally good moorland paths, but *take care in mist*

Ordnance Survey maps Landranger 110 (Sheffield & Huddersfield), Explorer OL1 (The Peak District – Dark Peak area)

GPS waypoints

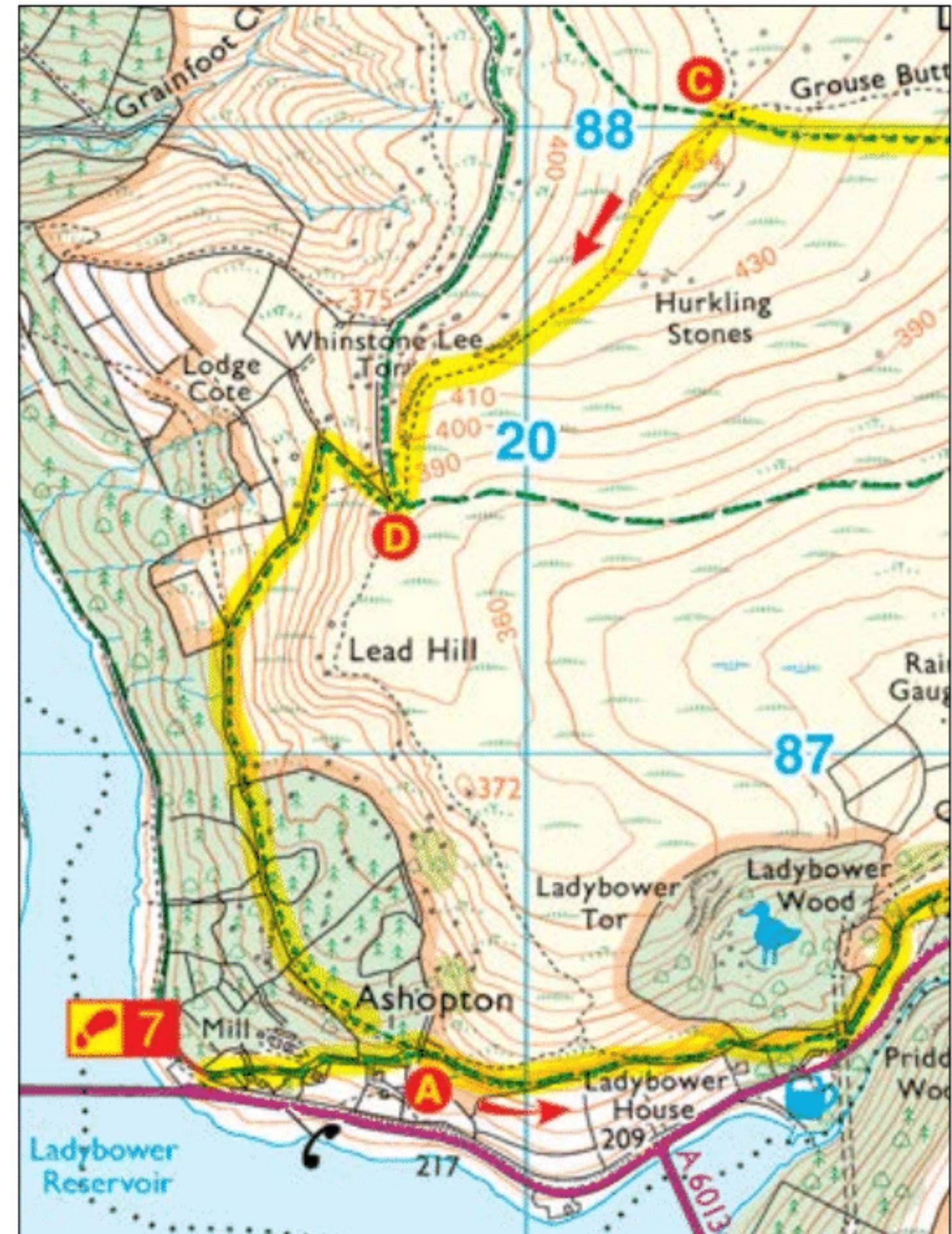
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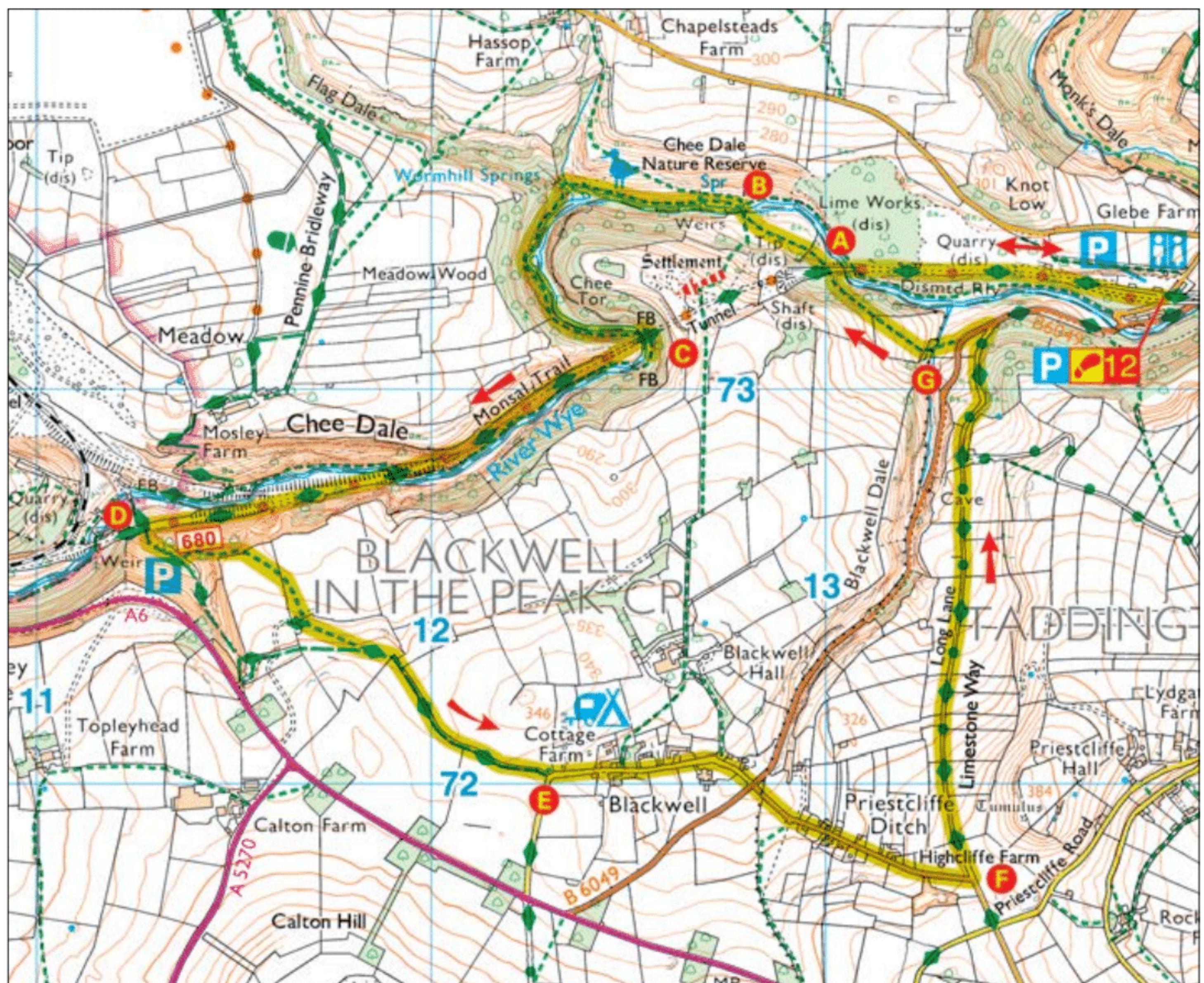
Tackled from Derwent, the Derwent Edge demands a strenuous climb. But this roundabout route above Ladybower Brook and the moor behind the scarp adopts a more leisurely approach. Stunning views accompany the return past the southern-most of the outcrops, for which the edge is famous.

This enjoyable walk revels in splendid scenery and passes through one of the Peak District's few remaining oak woods. This was once the predominant vegetation of the northern Peak and in the sloping shelter of the valley, there is a rich variety of plant life, including mosses, lichens and ferns. Limestone erupts just to the south, but here the hills are gritstone, their exposed tops cloaked in peat and heather moor that is home to red grouse. The lack of cover also encourages predators such as peregrine and merlin, which hover motionless in the wind before swooping down upon their prey. And, if your luck is really in, you might also see a mountain hare.

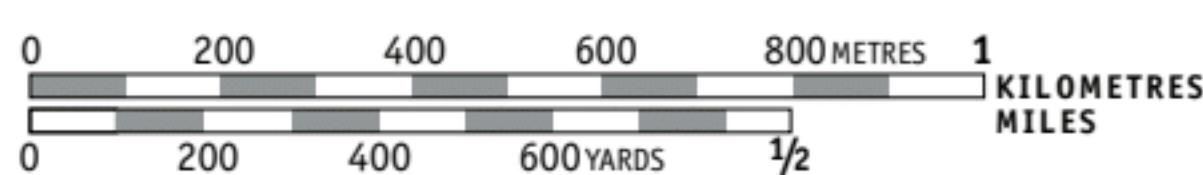
■ From the parking area, walk towards the viaduct spanning the northern arm of the Ladybower Reservoir. Just before, cross to a rising tarmac drive and follow it around a

sharp bend. Through a gate continue to the end, where a path is signed to Cutthroat Bridge through a gate ahead A.





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soon joining the Pennine Bridleway to pass through a gate. The onward track leads away across the fields to meet the corner of a lane **E**.

Walk ahead past the scattered dwellings of Blackwell, continuing over a crossroads towards Priestcliffe and Taddington. Where the rising lane eventually bends sharp right, abandon it for a broad, walled track on the left, the Limestone Way **F**. Aptly named Long Lane, the track steadily loses height for the next $\frac{3}{4}$ mile (1.2km), revealing a superb view into Wye Dale and the foot of Monk's Dale. It eventually leads to the B6049, just west of Miller's Dale.

Go left to the bend, leaving there over a stile on the right **G**. Drop left, across a sloping meadow to a stream emanating from Blackwell Dale and cross to a stile

on the opposite bank. Wind through scrub into the meadow above and head uphill to the top-right corner. Pass through the broken bounding wall and follow a path falling between the trees into the valley. It ends over a stile onto the Monsal Trail at Point **A**. Go back over the viaduct to the Miller's Dale car park.

The stepping stones in Chee Dale





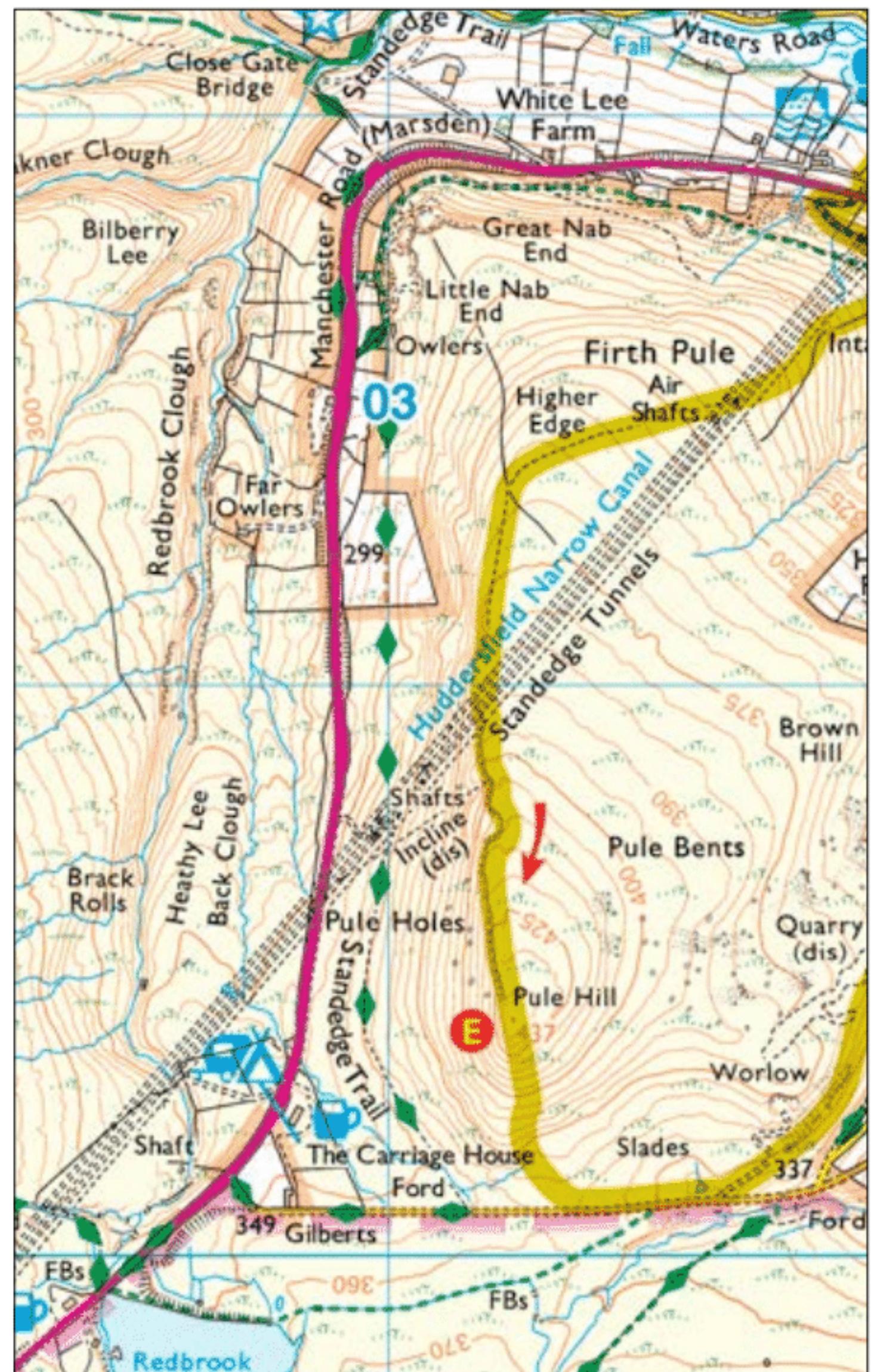
Looking down the Colne Valley

hillside above the road. Approaching Intake Head Farm, leave right through a kissing-gate. Head away on a rough trod onto the open hill. Ignoring a duckboarded path off left, aim for a cross-topped mound briefly visible higher up the hill. This is a memorial to the 7th Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Keep going past a sturdy square tower a little farther on, one of several ventilation shafts dug during the construction of the Standedge tunnels through the heart of the hill.

Beyond a National Trust sign, the way closes with the edge, from which two more air shafts and a long incline from a quarry below the ridge can soon be seen. Just beyond the quarry, a simple stone post marks the summit of Pule Hill **E**.

Drop steeply down the snout of the hill, bearing left at a fork lower down to meet a lane. Go left to a small parking area, where a track climbs towards

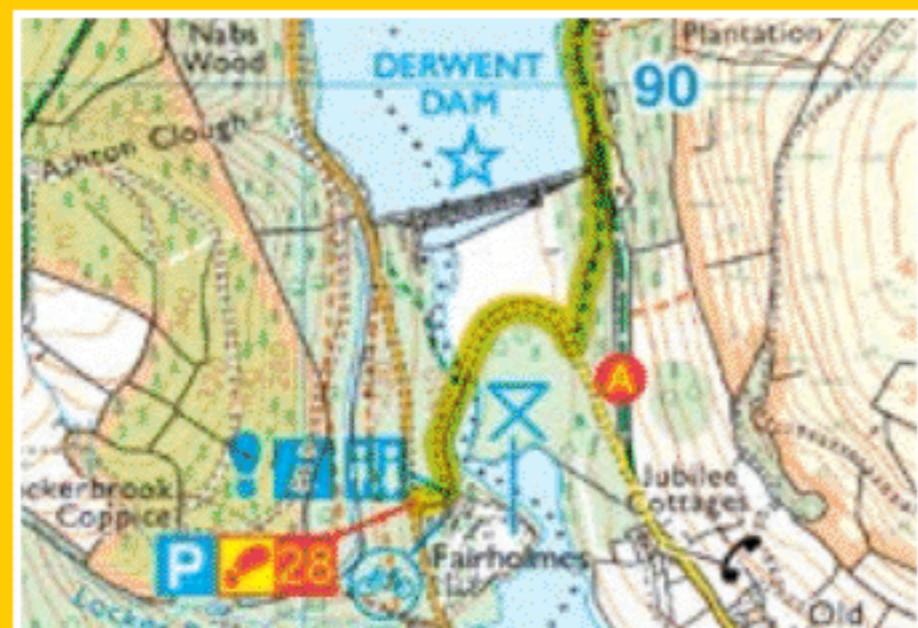
Worlow Quarry. At the first sharp bend, leave ahead on a rough grass track contouring the hillside. Keep going,



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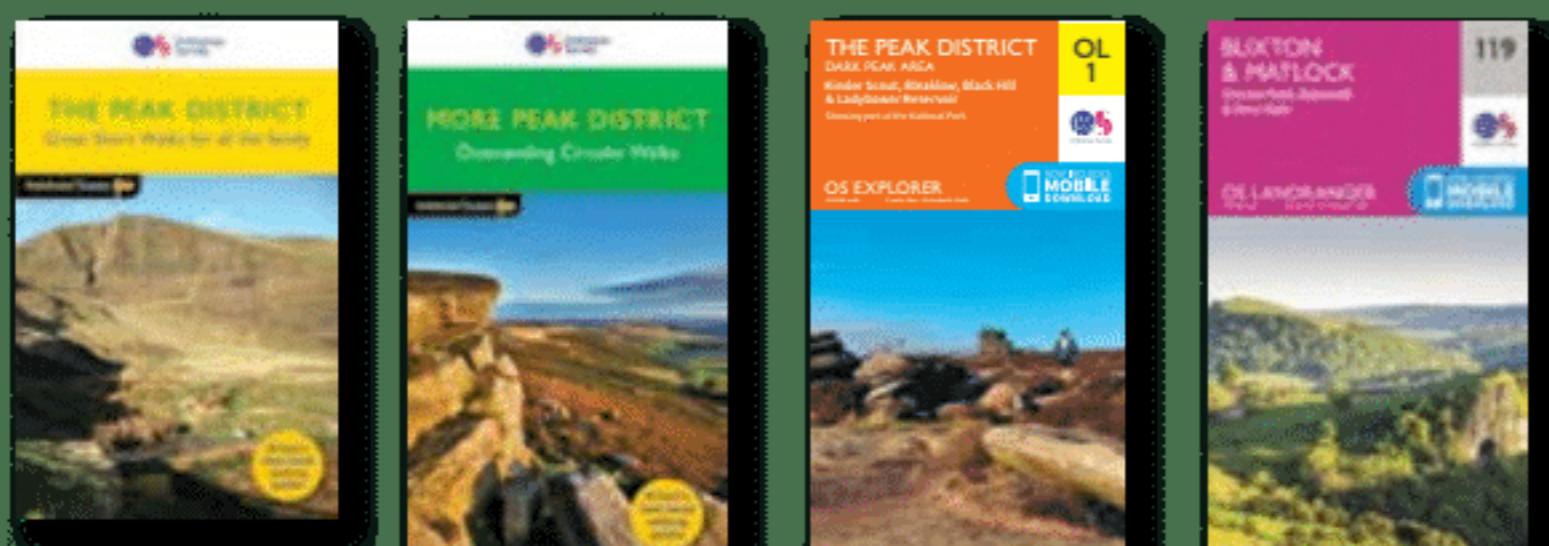
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