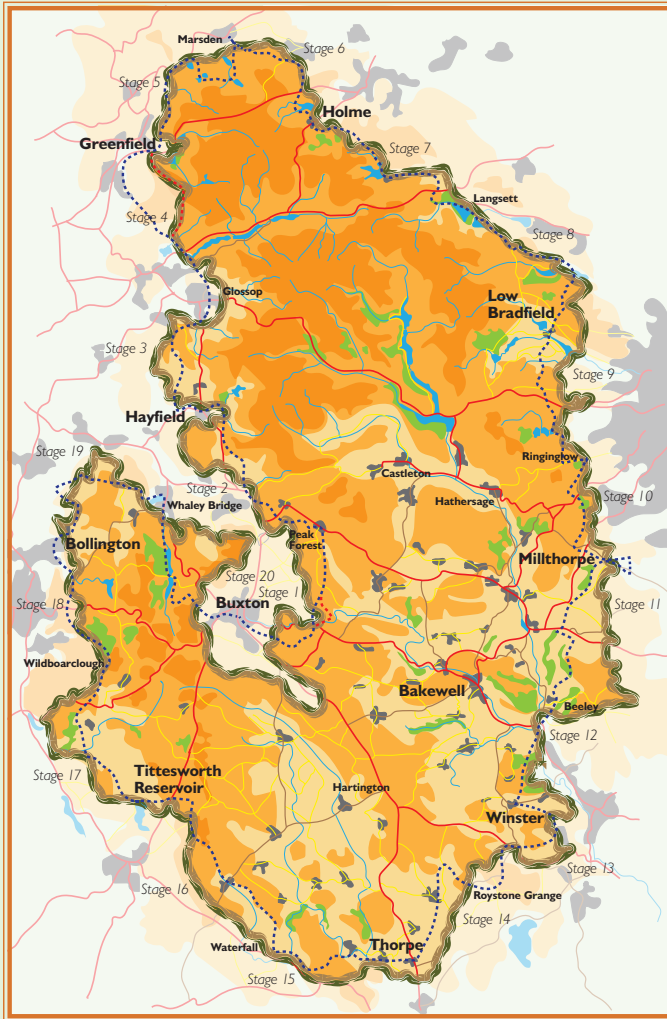


Peak District Boundary Walk



200 miles around the edge of the national park



Stage 10

Ringinglow to Millthorpe

1 From the Norfolk Arms pub on Ringinglow Road, take Sheephill Road opposite before taking the Houndkirk Road bridleway on your right. Continue along Houndkirk Road for approximately 2.5km then just before some small crags on the right, there's a footpath sign on the right. Opposite this, on your left, is an unsigned and indistinct path, grassy at first, that heads straight east. Cross the low point of a small ridge and continue downhill to a wooden gate into Hathersage Road (A625) opposite Whitelaw Lane.

2 Carefully cross over the main road to the pavement on the far side and turn right. Walk alongside the road past the millstone on a plinth (a Peak District National Park boundary marker) and shortly after take the bridleway on the left downhill into woods. Ignore the bridleway going off to the right and instead continue down to flatter ground and cross a wooden bridge to reach a path junction. Turn left to pass through stone gateposts, then immediately turn right to cross a stream on stepping stones.

3 Continue on the track uphill, ignoring side paths, to reach a path junction with two benches on the right. Turn right uphill, keeping on the main track, and immediately after a gate turn left on to a path with a wall on the left. Go down to a footbridge and cross a stream.

4 Go through a gate, turn left on a gently rising path which bends to the right, and through a gate to a substantial stony track called Moss Road.

5 Turn right and take the lesser track branching left uphill through the heather (do not take the first track on the left). Continue on a grassy track up and over the hill for 2km, passing a large cairn on the hill to the left, eventually to reach a gate and main road (B6054).

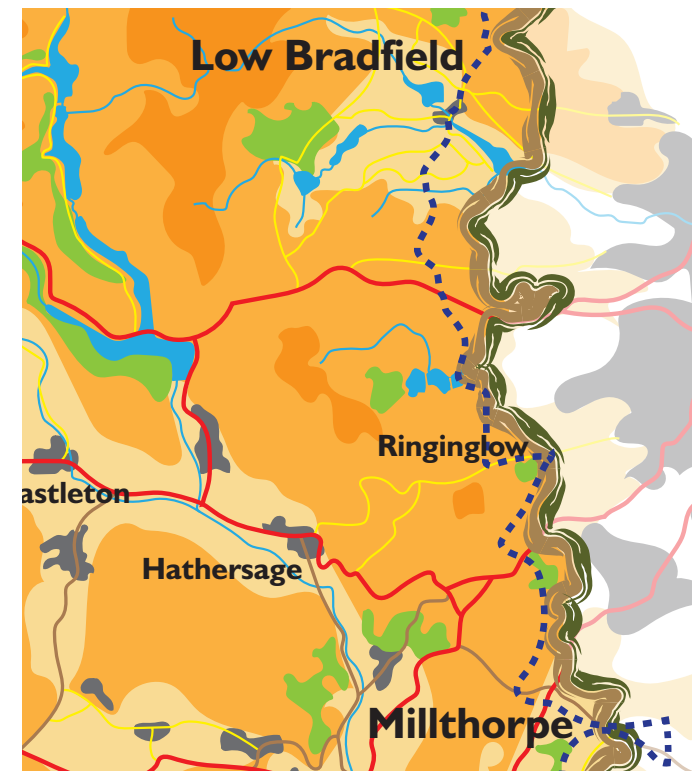
6 Cross the road and turn right to walk on the roadside verge for 400m, then go through a gate down to the left on to a broad track that curves gently away from the road over rough grassland. Ignoring cross paths, go down to a tarmac track, then go left and over a cattle grid to the main road (A621).

7 Cross the road and stile beside a metal gate to a grassy track going right and downhill. Continue through a pair of substantial stone gateposts and then gently downhill before levelling out with a fence on the left, to pass through a wooden gate into Car Road (bridleway).

8 Turn left down Car Road to pass Smeekley Farm on the right, and where the road begins to rise go left (next to a metal gate) to take the broad path with a stream on the left. After crossing a stream on a stone bridge pass through a large gate and turn immediately left on a path going up the field to meet a road.

9 Cross the road to take a signposted path slightly to the left, between fences, going uphill to meet a minor road at Blacksmiths Cottage. Turn right on to the road and go uphill.

10 Continue on the road for 1km. When it bends sharp right, take the footpath (restricted byway) on the right. Follow this down to the road. Turn right on the road and down into Millthorpe.



Start: Ringinglow (GR SK 291837)

Finish: Millthorpe (GR SK 317764)

OS map: Explorer OL 1 Peak District – Dark Peak Area, OL 24 Peak District – White Peak Area

Distance: 9.3 miles/15km **Ascent:** 964ft/294m

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