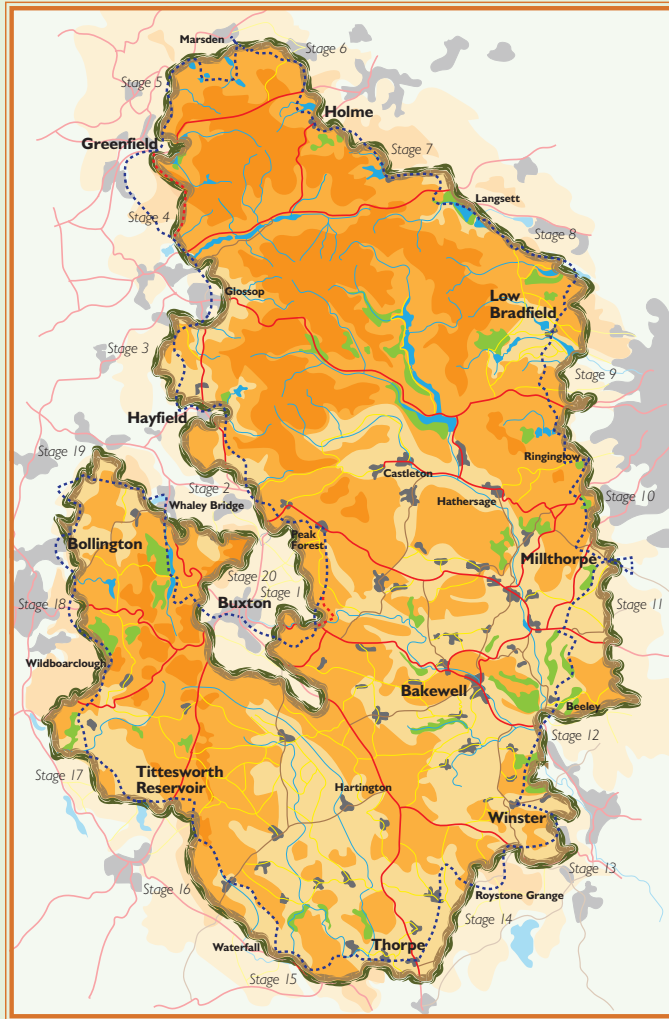


Peak District Boundary Walk



200 miles around the edge of the national park



Stage 11

Millthorpe to Beeley

1 This section starts near the Royal Oak pub, where there is a small parking area at the bottom of Millthorpe Lane, close to the junction with Cordwell Lane (B6051). From the junction walk along Cordwell Lane in a westerly direction past the Royal Oak. There is a pavement to start with, but this peters out close to the village, so take care on the busy road. Ignore the two roads to the left, to Unthank and Shillito, and continue along Cordwell Lane until a footpath is reached on the left, next to a small layby, signposted to Fox Lane Top.

2 Follow the footpath through pasture and then woodland for 1 km to reach a tarmac lane, ignoring all minor paths to the left and passing the foot of Smeekley Wood. Turn right on the lane for 250m past farm buildings, then take the path (bridleway) on the left. Follow this gently rising path for almost 2 km to reach Shillito Wood and emerge at a road junction.

3 Turn right and walk along the road until the A621 is reached. Turn left and walk along the verge as far as a crossroads. This is a very busy, fast road and care needs to be taken here.

4 Go through a gate on the minor road onto open moorland and follow the main path south towards the end of the ridge. After 500m pass two boulders, then look for a faint path on the left which climbs up on to Birchen Edge. At the top turn right on a clear path to the trig point. Continue to Nelson's Monument and his 'Three Ships'.

5 The meandering path continues along the top of the edge before dropping steeply to the main track below. Turn left, then right on to the road to reach the Robin Hood pub and road junction.

6 Walk down the busy A619 for 400m, then cross with care for an inconspicuous stile in the fence opposite. Descend the steps, cross over the stream and continue up to a junction. Turn sharp left on to a grass track signposted Hob Hurst's House. The waymarked path first wanders through the valley, then climbs up the hillside to meet a stony track. Turn right on this for 3 km and when the woods on the right end, take a quick detour: continue to the Bronze Age barrow of Hobs Hurst's House.

7 Go back to the woods and take the small path which follows the wall downhill to a gate at the bottom. Cross a bridge and fork left on a little path south across the moor to a stony track. Turn left and cross a high stile. Cross the stony road and go through a stile into Hell Bank Plantation.

8 Follow the path to cross over a stream and up to a junction and take the left-hand path, avoiding the right-hand path which goes down beside the wire fence. Turn right downhill, and right again at the next junction. The path descends through the woodland valley, re-crossing the stream via stepping stones and emerging through a gate on to a stony track.

9 Continue down to join a tarmac lane which leads into Beeley. Turn left at the end, down to the Devonshire Arms, and the junction with the B6012.



Start: Millthorpe (GR SK 317764)

Finish: Beeley (GR SK 264674)

OS map: OL 24 Peak District – White Peak Area

Distance: 10.6 miles/17km **Ascent:** 1,121ft/342m

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