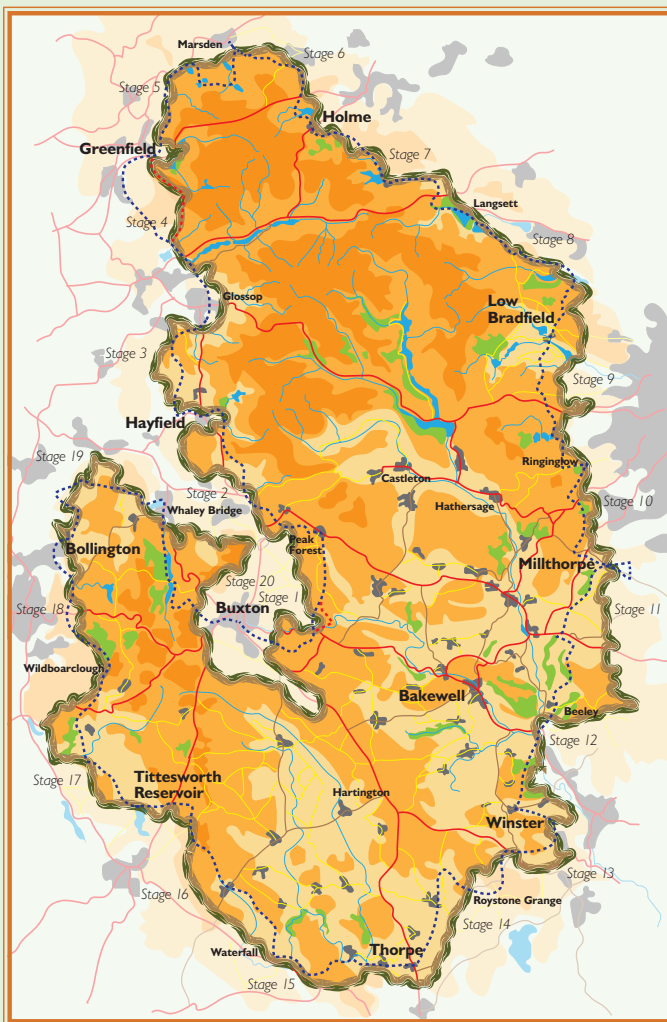


Peak District Boundary Walk



200 miles around the edge of the national park



Stage 12

Beeley to Winster

1 From the centre of Beeley, by the junction near the B6012, facing the Devonshire Arms front door walk left along the road, with a stream on your right to a sharp bend. Turn right across a stone footbridge, through a gate and up across two fields to a minor road. Go through the gate opposite and continue in the same direction. At a signposted footpath junction turn left uphill, to the right of the hedge, then diagonally right up to Smeltingmill Wood, with good views back to Chatsworth Park.

2 Once inside the wood take the right fork and follow the path along the contour until you reach a track. Turn left uphill, between two tall stone abutments (remnants of the disused Burntwood Quarry) and soon turn right on a wide path. Go down to a bridge and on to join a farm road, ignoring paths to the right. Turn right to reach a minor road. Turn left then right on a narrow path leading down to the A6 at Rowsley.

3 Go across the junction with Chatsworth Road and walk ahead along the pavement of the A6 into Rowsley, past the Grouse and Claret pub and over the River Derwent, to a pedestrian crossing. Cross here and immediately turn left along School Lane, past the entrance to Caudwell's Mill car park and over the River Wye to a right hand bend. Continue straight ahead on the tarmac lane for 1.5km to Stanton Woodhouse.

4 At the farm, the track zigzags through farm buildings to a gate. Continue uphill on a wide grassy path and follow this all the way until you emerge on to a minor road.

5 Turn right on the road for 100m and then sharp left on a wide path through an old quarry. It bends round to the right and later doubles back to the left, continuing gradually uphill just inside the wood. Go through the first gate on the right, marked 'Access Land', on to Stanton Moor. Take the grassy path left to join a sandy track and continue ahead to reach Nine Ladies Stone Circle (an interpretation board shows a rather imaginative picture of a religious ceremony).

6 After the Stone Circle, there are two distinct paths: take the left-hand path across Stanton Moor (unless you want to visit the Corkstone, where the path can be rejoined by turning left at the stone) with fine views of the Derwent valley to the left, and later Winster on the distant hillside ahead. Eventually you descend to a lane. Turn right and shortly left on a path down to Barn Farm and campsite. Follow the signpost for Winster. The two pubs of Birchover are a short walk away to the west.

7 Continue south towards Winster across fields, following the field boundary and crossing a green lane. The path turns right to descend through Stoop Wood and steeply down to a stile. Follow the path as it drops down into the valley and then climbs into Winster (the remnants of paving are old leadminers' tracks). The path emerges on to the main road near the old Market House in the centre of the village.



Start: Beeley (GR SK 264674)

Finish: Winster (GR SK 242606)

OS map: OL 24 Peak District – White Peak Area

Distance: 6.5 miles/10.4km **Ascent:** 1,198ft/365m

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