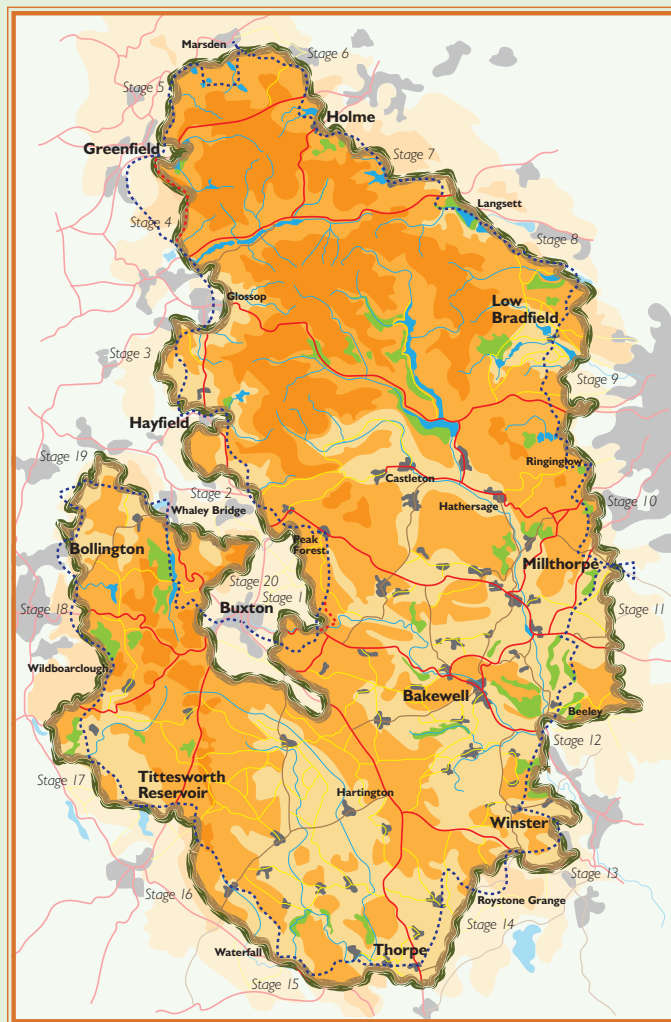


Peak District Boundary Walk



200 miles around the edge of the national park



Stage 16

Waterfall to Tittesworth Reservoir

1 From Waterfall take the lane behind the phone box and go ahead across the field. Pass the village church on your right (not into the churchyard) and go through the gate ahead/left, and diagonally down through the field to a footbridge for the lane at Back o' th' Brook. Turn left on the lane and after about 150m take the track which forks right past Gibgreen and Lawnfield.

2 Follow the track bearing right and down to a pond. Across the stream turn immediately left, go slightly uphill and over a stile in the fence corner up to the right. Turn left across three fields, with the stream down on your left, then descend and re-cross the stream at a ford. Go ahead up the spur between two streams to Felthouse Farm. Turn left just before the farm to the lane.

3 Turn right on the lane for 150m then take the next track going off left. Near the foot of the hill before the buildings, turn right through a gate and follow the Hamps Way around farm buildings and across riverside meadows to the hamlet of Ford.

4 Go left on the minor road, left over the bridge and immediately right on Wetley Lane to Banktop. Keep on the road in front of Banktop, which becomes a stony track. Where it turns left keep ahead on a grass track and at Clough House Farm stay on the track to the road. Turn right at the road (B5053) and then left at the next junction into Douse Lane and Onecote village hall.

5 Walk along Douse Lane to St Luke's Church and continue for 300m, then turn right down towards Onecote Grange. Cross the stream over the bridge and pass through the farmyard, to the left of the farm buildings, and up the field to a stile in the top left corner. Continue diagonally left across further fields and follow a farm track to a waymarked stile. Carry on across the field to a stile near a gate and stone trough. Keep the wall on your right up the next field to the top, then on your left through two more.

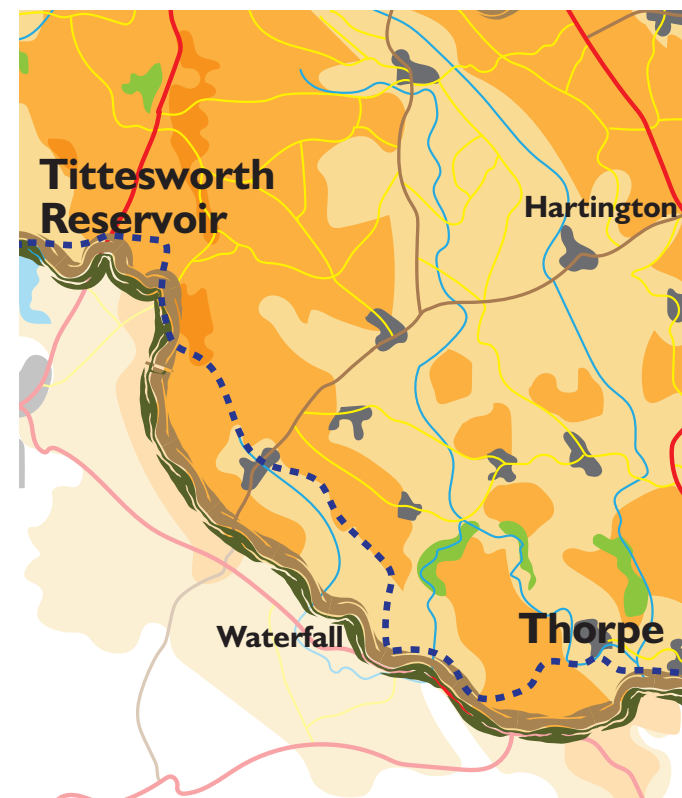
6 At a crossroads of tracks at the top bear left along the wall to a stile. Pass through a short enclosed section and ahead across a field. As you reach Mixon Grange cross a small enclosure to the left of the main buildings, past an attractive Peak & Northern Footpath Society sign, then go half left uphill to join a tarmac track which becomes grassy. At the top, just before the fenced reservoir, turn right to a stile and onto a wide track. Turn left along the lane down past Old Mixon Hay and up to the road (the Morridge).

7 Turn right and follow the road (the national park boundary) for 1.5km to a junction. Bear right and walk along the verge (there's a toposcope after 100m) and continue for 1.1km to just before the old Mermaid Inn (now holiday accommodation). Go left through a gate and bear left – almost due west (double back sharply) to the left of the grassy track and to a sign to Hurdlow. Follow a series of waymarked posts across open moorland, descending to a stile.

8 Drop down to a grassy track and turn left to cross the head of a gully. Cross two fields following waymarked posts and turn left on a stony track (with a copse on your left). Pass through Hurdlow Farm and down to the A53. Shortly before the road, turn right through double gates on a path down to the road.

9 Cross the road and go right, then after 30m (where the road crosses the River Churnet) left down some steps. Follow the path by a stream, over a footbridge, up fields and through a gate into Upper Hulme.

10 Turn left on the road, then left again on a path around a field and through a gate at the bottom. Continue on a concrete farm track, then left at a footpath sign and right at the next (Whitty Lane). Follow the path and then a stony track to the road at Middle Hulme. Turn left, then right at the former car park on a footpath alongside the River Churnet. After 200m bear right to join the main track to reach Tittesworth Reservoir Visitor Centre and car park.



Start: Waterfall (GR SK 080515)

Finish: Tittesworth Reservoir (GR SJ 993601)

OS map: OL 24 Peak District – White Peak Area

Distance: 11.4 miles/18.3km **Ascent:** 1,094ft/333m

www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk/boundary-walk