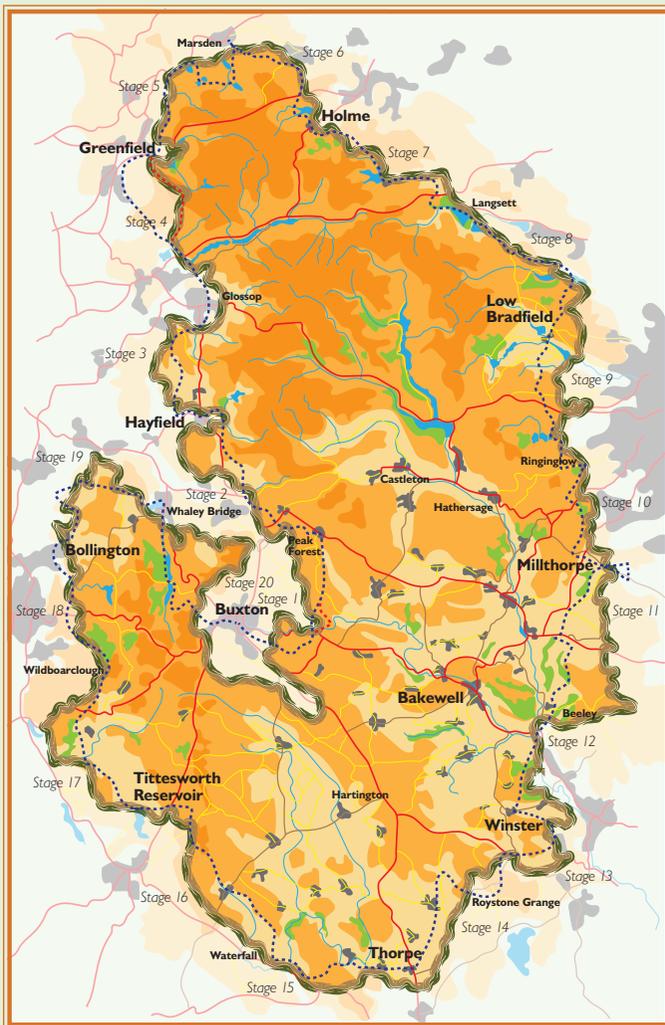


Peak District Boundary Walk



200 miles around the edge of the national park



Stage 19

Bollington to Whaley Bridge

1 Start at Pool Bank car park in Bollington, opposite the Spinners Arms pub. Turn left out of the car park, go uphill and right at the next junction, signposted Rainow, then fork left on Spuley Lane towards Pott Shrigley.

2 Take the footpath on the right through the farm to a track. Turn right on the track uphill, then almost immediately left on the path signposted Gritstone Trail. Pass Berristall Hall and round the foot of the woodland. Go through a gate and straight on with a wall on the left, towards Andrew's Knob.

3 Go left on the road then right to the back of the layby, through a gate and up the track. Go through a gate at the top (beyond the interpretation panel about Bollington's industrial heritage of coal mining) and take the path left downhill. Pass the front of a row of houses to the lane ahead.

4 Follow the lane uphill to a footpath on the left, just as the road bends right. After a double stile take the next on the left on to a lane. Continue ahead over the canal bridge where the lane bends right. Take a gated path on your right on to the towpath of the Macclesfield Canal at Lyme View Marina.

5 Walk left along the canal and then cross it at bridge 16, with white ironwork lattice, then walk ahead/right to go through a metal kissing gate. A fenced-in footpath leads uphill to a narrow lane. Turn right into the lane and follow it up until you reach Green Farm on your left.

6 Turn sharp left and through a gate alongside the farmyard. At the end of the buildings, turn left and cross the end of the yard for an enclosed path opposite. Cross the ladder stile into the National Trust-owned Lyme Park (and also into the national park). Follow the grass path that leads diagonally right from the stile downhill towards the main car park. Just after a gravel path joins from the left, head towards the wall and follow the signed route to the Timberyard.

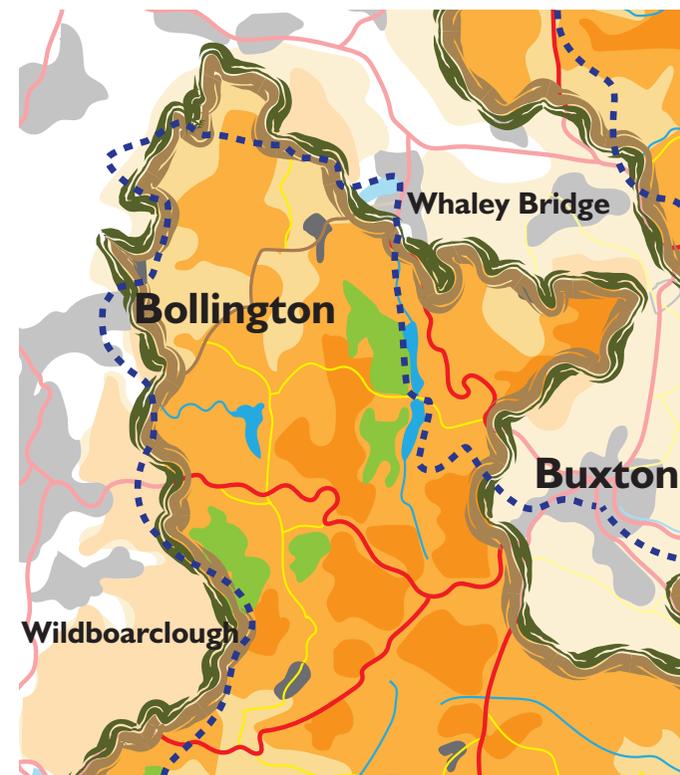
7 From the Timberyard take the road towards the information kiosk, then follow the uphill path to the house. Take the uphill bending road past the stable block on the right. Almost immediately go through a gateway (signposted "Staff and Volunteer Vehicles Only") to an unsurfaced track. Follow this uphill to cross a large ladder stile and continue uphill on the middle path with a wall and woodland on the left, eventually passing an old quarry on the right.

8 At the top, cross the stone wall stile ahead and downhill over stiles to reach a lane. Cross the stile opposite and on in the same direction over marshy ground. After passing a pond on the left, bear right to reach a stile onto a road. Cross the road through a gate opposite, cross a footbridge and continue uphill to reach a track. Turn right, signposted Kettleshulme.

9 Take the footpath on the left (over the stile by side of the gate). Go to the left of the first farm and down to a stream and a gate. Follow the farm track to a tarmac lane and turn left. Go downhill until immediately after Toddbrook bungalow take the walled footpath on the right, down to a road and Toddbrook Reservoir.

10 Cross the footbridge ahead and turn left on the bridleway. Go up the boat ramp and round the front of the sailing club. Head down through the car park alongside the water gully. Follow the footpath through the park with the stream on your right.

11 At the entrance to the park, turn right on the road and pass under the railway bridge to arrive in the centre of Whaley Bridge.



Start: Bollington (GR SJ 937778)

Finish: Whaley Bridge (GR SK 01 1814)

OS map: OL 1 Peak District – Dark Peak Area & OL 24 Peak District - White Peak Area

Distance: 9.5 miles/15.3km **Ascent:** 1,363ft/415m

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