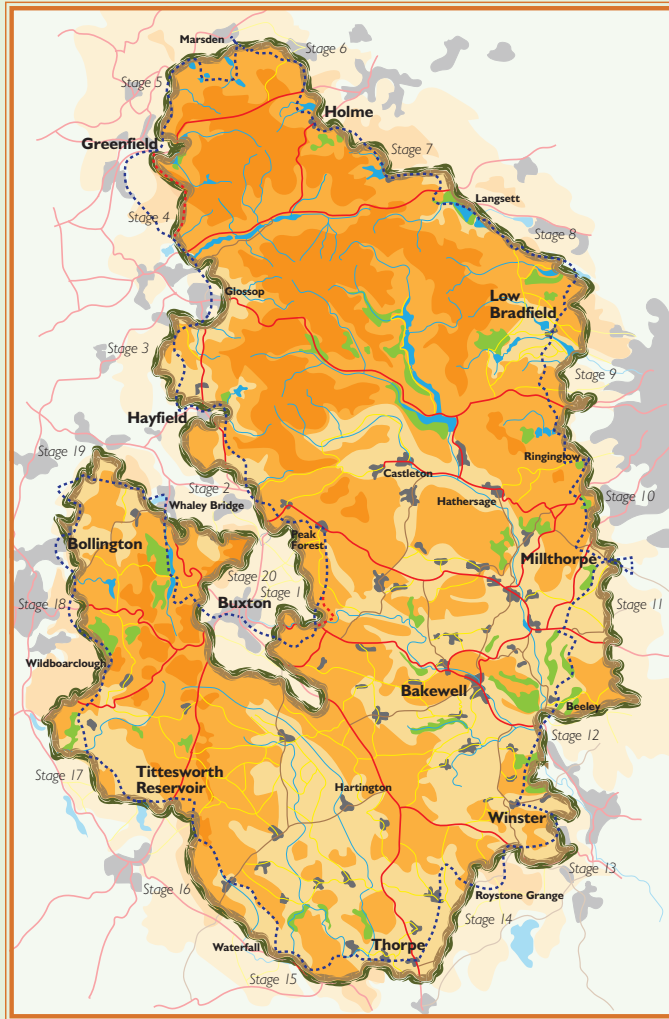


Peak District Boundary Walk



200 miles around the edge of the national park



Stage 20 Whaley Bridge to Buxton

1 From Whaley Bridge railway station, take Reservoir Road (signposted Toddbrook Reservoir). Go under the railway bridge and through Whaley Bridge Memorial Park (entrance on the left).

2 Cross the stream over the bridge and take the steep path on the right signposted Reservoir Walk. Go past the BMX park, where the path becomes the Midshires Way. Arrive on a road and follow it through a housing estate. Cross the main road to the footpath ahead and into open fields. Stay on the path (though faint at times), eventually crossing a lane and into woodland.

3 Emerge on the road at St James Church in Taxal and turn left. Take the first path on left, a restricted byway, between two sections of the graveyard, down to the river. Turn left to cross the bridge then turn right and zigzag left up to a footpath on the right through woods.

4 At a footbridge cross the river and pass the nature reserve entrance, then turn left and cross another footbridge over the river before taking the grassy track uphill, signposted Knipes, until you reach the lane beyond Knipes Farm (Madscar Farm on the OS map).

5 Turn left and follow the lane/track until it crosses a cattle grid. Follow the lane right, with Fernilee Dam on the left. Turn left through a gate into woods, signposted Errwood. Keep left at a fork, then left for the signposted Waterside Walk. Follow the path gently downhill and alongside the reservoir.

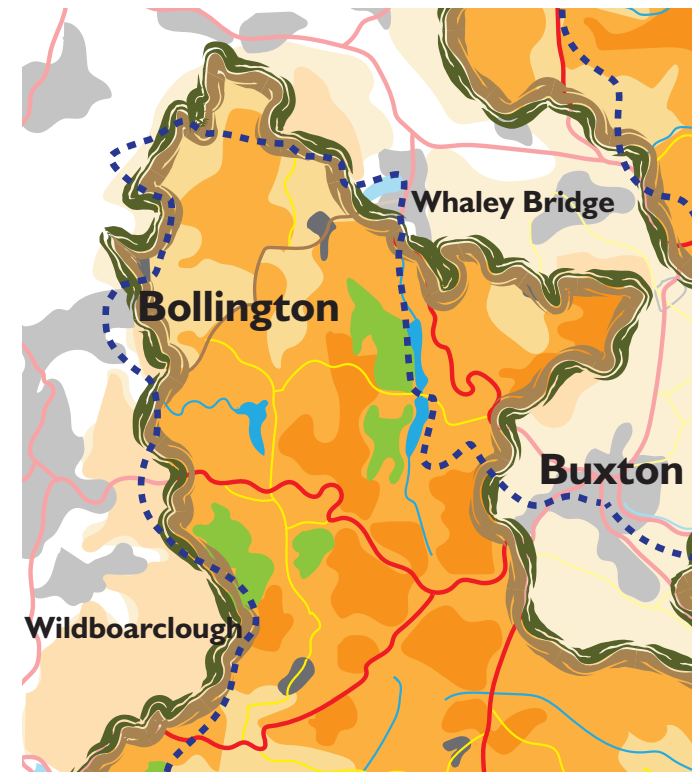
6 At the end ascend right to the road and follow the road over Errwood Dam and on through left and right bends, then uphill to a fingerpost on the right. Turn right and follow the path towards the centre of a belt of trees ahead. Continue through a gate, first with the wall on the left and then across open fields with views over the reservoir to your right. After nearly one kilometer, by a bench, fork left and go uphill to join the road by a car park and large pond.

7 Turn right and follow the old railway line until you reach the tunnel end. Take the footpath on your left signposted Buxton and Bishop's Lane. Follow this until you approach some trees. Take the left hand fork and descend steps (paid for by HF Holidays Pathways fund) to Bishop's Lane.

8 Turn left on to the lane and head uphill to the front of a row of cottages. Pass to the right of them and through to the woodland at the back. Follow the path down to Watford Farm and go right through a large gate and onto the golf course.

9 Take the wide track (a public footpath) down the middle of the golf course to Watford Road. At the end turn right into Carlisle Road and at the T-junction at the bottom cross St John's Road.

10 Turn left and take the next path on your right into Serpentine Gardens. This then crosses Burlington Road into the Pavilion Gardens. Follow it along to the Opera House then turn right and head uphill to reach the market place.



Start: Whaley Bridge (GR SK 011815)

Finish: Buxton Opera House (GR SK 056734)

OS map: OL 24 Peak District – White Peak Area & OL1 Peak District – Dark Peak Area

Distance: 9.2 miles/14.8km **Ascent:** 1,700ft/518m

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