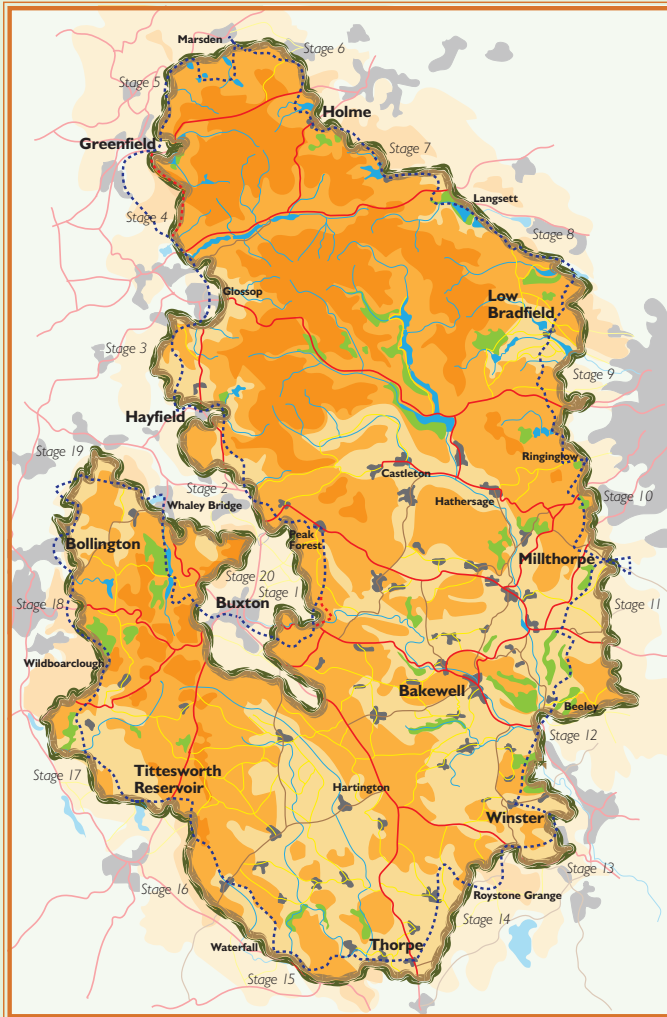


Peak District Boundary Walk



200 miles around the edge of the national park



Stage 3 Hayfield to Old Glossop

1 From Hayfield Bus Station walk along the Sett Valley Trail towards New Mills. Pass the reservoir to a gate onto a road.

2 Turn right on the road, pass a crescent of houses on your right and café on your left. Immediately after the houses, take a cobbled track uphill on the right to a road. Turn right on to the road and immediately go left on a path (signposted Pennine Bridleway) uphill to a gate. Go through the gate and immediately left, steeply up to Lantern Pike, following the path along the edge to the toposcope.

3 Continue past the trig point downhill to rejoin the bridleway and reach a gate. Go through the gate and take the left path, following the wall on your left for 600m until you reach a wide track. Turn left on to the track and go through a gate. After 500m, as the track bends left, take the stony walled route (a restricted byway) down on your right. Follow this into Rowarth.

4 From Rowarth, take the first right turn on the lane alongside houses. Continue to the road and a row of houses by an old phone box. Take the road in front of the houses and turn right at a T-junction, then almost immediately left on a footpath with signs for Cown Edge. Follow the path uphill over several stiles and cross a wide walled track. When the grassy track flattens out head for a stile. Go over the stile at the side of the gate and then diagonally right uphill across the field, then over two stiles.

The Edge flattens and after crossing another wide track a wall is reached above Rocks Farm to the right. Fork right, with the farm below, and stay close to the edge and follow round it, passing a quarry on the right. Take the path on your right after the quarry to Monk's Road.

5 Cross the busy road with care (blind bend) and go through two small wooden gates and head towards the right of the wood on a faint path past Whiteley Nab. From the corner of the wood there is no path, so go half right and descend until reaching an iron gate. Pass through the gate and down the overgrown path to a stile/gate on the left. Go past Herod Farm on the left. Follow the road until the road junction (there are many paths here, so care is needed with navigation).

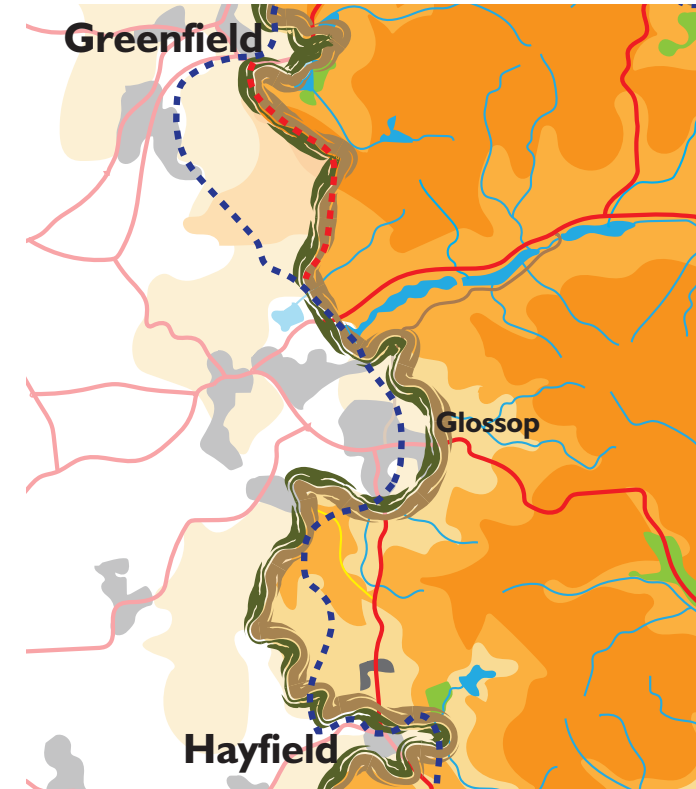
6 Turn right and walk to the T-junction (A624 Hayfield-Glossop road - take care when crossing). Turn left and walk towards Glossop, past old factory buildings, and take a lane directly behind the factory. At the top of an incline, after passing a house on the left, take a footpath uphill to a road. Turn right at the top, then take the first footpath on the left up steps into a field, before reaching houses.

7 Walk uphill, on the right fork, on a faint path to the field corner where a shrine usually contains various trinkets. Go over a stile and follow the fenced path along the road-edge of the field, with superb views southwards.

8 Pass in front of two cottages and start to descend on the path, with views of Bleaklow to the right. Descend the field northwards, ignoring paths left and right.

9 At the road turn left and follow it downhill to a bridge with a bridleway sign on the right and into a housing estate. Take the bridleway on the right to go alongside the river. Cross a footbridge and up onto the road. Go left past the bus stop as far as the bend, then cross onto a wide path. Cross the A57 at the traffic lights, then turn left, back over the river, and go first right at a sign for Manor Park. (To access Glossop town centre simply continue along the main road.)

10 From the entrance to Manor Park take the first footbridge over the stream and follow signs to the café and toilets. Pass the bowling green and walk to Manor Park Road. Turn left to the Queens Arms pub, then up Church Street South to the left of the pub to the Bulls Head and Wheatsheaf in a part of the town known as Old Glossop.



Start: Hayfield (GR SK 036869)

Finish: Old Glossop (GR SK 041948)

OS map: Explorer OL 1 Peak District – Dark Peak Area

Distance: 8.7 miles/14km **Ascent:** 1,850ft/564m

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