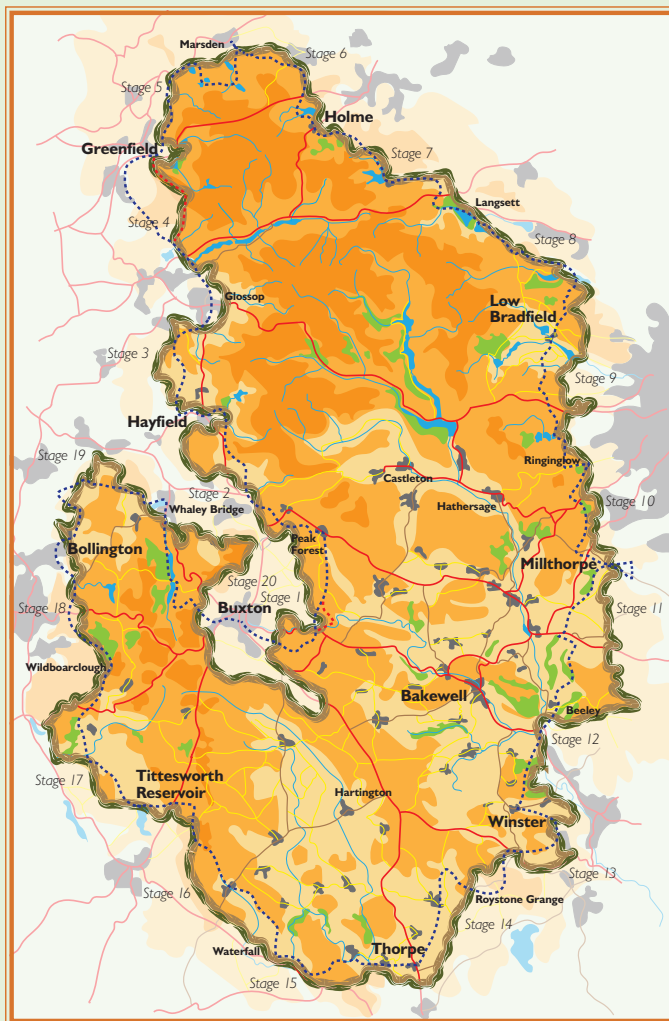


# Peak District Boundary Walk



200 miles around the edge of the national park



## Stage 4

## Old Glossop to Greenfield

**1** From the centre of Old Glossop walk up the road between the Bulls Head and Wheatsheaf pubs. Continue uphill on Castle Hill. The road becomes a walled track (public footpath) into open countryside. Head for the left hand corner of some trees. Go through a gate with trees on the right and head diagonally left, aiming for the left hand corner of the field at the edge of Swineshaw Reservoir (you have now entered the Peak District National Park). Go through a gap in the wall on the left towards a road.

**2** Turn right on to the road and immediately left at Byre House for a a footpath. Go past a cemetery and bear right downhill, crossing a stream, then bear left following a wall on the left until you reach a lane. Follow the lane downhill and before it bends to the right take a path on the right, over a stile into paddocks. Cross several more stiles before arriving on Padfield Main Road.

**3** From the centre of Padfield, walk down the main road towards Hadfield and cross over the old railway line (now the Longdendale Trail). At the end of the lay-by, just past the trail, take a footpath through an old turnstile and downhill to a track and wall. Turn right along the track for 120m to a gap in the wall. Go through the gap following signs for the Trans Pennine Trail and walk along the edge of Bottoms Reservoir. Cross over at the weir and at the end take a zig zag path up to a lane. Turn right and head uphill to the church on the left, and the busy Woodhead Road.

**4** Cross the Woodhead Road and immediately go up a cobbled track ahead to a large ancient cross in 'Stocks' green. At the top turn left and take Arnfield Lane to Arnfield Farm at the end. Follow the lane round in front of the farm buildings out into open countryside and under a line of pylons. When you reach a track go left and follow it down to the footbridge.

From here the main route heads north west towards Mossley on the Pennine Bridleway, but for a more challenging moorland option go to the 'moorland alternative' route described on page 35.

**5** Stay on the track (the Pennine Bridleway) and cross between two reservoirs and over the brow of the hill before descending down to a lane. Turn right on this lane and descend to a housing estate.

**6** Follow the road to the left and continue forwards at the first roundabout. Pass the bowling green on the left and entrance to Stalybridge Country Park on the right and continue forward on Castle Lane towards a quarry. At the entrance of Buckton Vale Quarry take the track up to the quarry and almost immediately turn left on the Pennine Bridleway.

**7** Contour round the hill on this track, then pick up signs for the Oldham Way until you arrive at a tarmac road. As the road descends, take a small path on the right signposted 'Oldham Way'. Follow it over a stream and down to a T-junction on a tarmac road, where you should go right (ignore signs to the left).

**8** Follow the route for 1 km to Fern Lee Farm then go through the farm downhill on a cobbled track. It goes behind a set of mill cottages and arrives at Dovestone Reservoir.

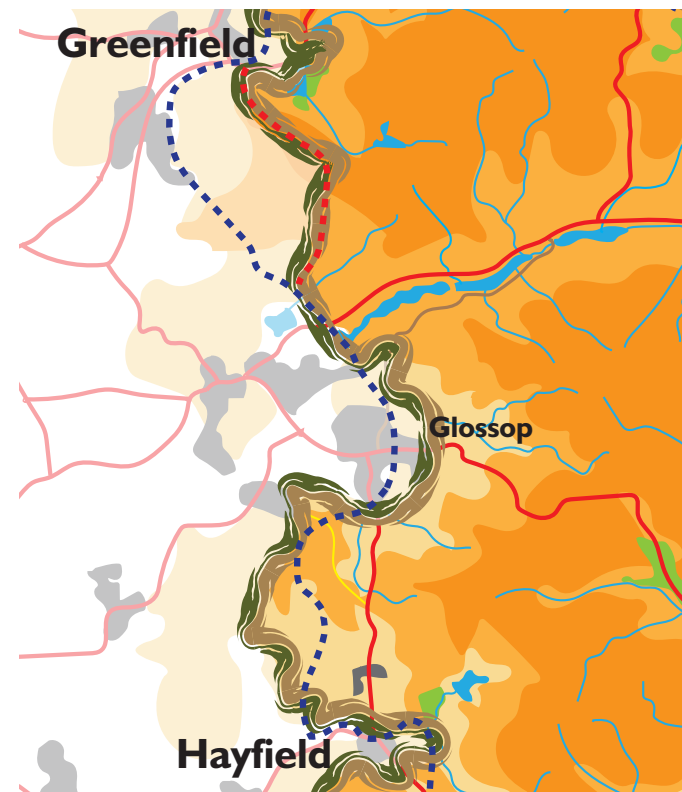
### A moorland alternative

At point 5, cross the bridge and walk up through a gate to a Peak & Northern Footpaths Society sign indicating routes (Higher Bank). The path over to Chew Hurdles is not clear but keep Ogden Clough to your right until you reach a well used path at Ogden Brook.

**a)** At first there is an obvious route through the heather, with stakes denoting the way ahead. However, the terrain becomes boggy and the path all but disappears. Continue in roughly the same direction until you reach a clear path along the edge. Below, on the other side of the valley, is Chew Road.

**b)** At Chew Hurdles turn left and walk along the ridge with a succession of spectacular views. Head for the trig point at Alphin Pike, beside the rocky shelter.

**c)** From here the route downhill is easily identifiable, but with many paths to choose from take the one which turns sharp right to the lane and along to Fern Lee Farm. Continue on to Dovestone Reservoir.



**Start:** Old Glossop (GR SK 04 1948)

**Finish:** Greenfield (Dovestone Reservoir)  
(GR SE 01 3034)

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

**Distance** 9.8 miles/15.8km **Ascent** 1,576ft/480m

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