

PEAK DISTRICT GEOTRAIL PROPOSAL- ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Section	Name	Distance (miles)	Ascent (feet)	Features	Notes
Geo-Loop: standard loop for the general public - average 5 miles distance each section					
1	Castleton to Hope via Mam Tor	5.7	1207	START OF CLOCKWISE LOOP: Castleton village, at the cross (triangle) at Bargate Castleton village Visitor centre Peak Cavern Speedwell Cavern Wynatts Pass Blue John Cavern (nearby) Mam Tor - views Hollins Cross - views - Connection to Geo Loop advanced extension Back Tor - views Hope village	
2	Hope to Hathersage	4.5	598	Hope village (including ancient crosses) Remains of cross Site of Roman Fort foot of Offerton Moor, Old Clough (examples of small cloughs) River Derwent walk including stepping stones Hathersage village	
3	Hathersage to Longshaw Lodge	5.2	1148	Hathersage village Cam Height Top car park - end, and merging in, of Geo Loop advanced extension Burbage Rocks Site of Karl Mark Fort Higger Tor (nearby) Longshaw Lodge Visitor Centre	
4	Longshaw Lodge to Froggatt Edge via Upper Padley	5.0	831	Longshaw Estate (starts at Longshaw Lodge car park) Yarncliff Wood - one of the steepest woods in the park Lawrence Field (nearby) - ancient moor with stone circle, settlement Grindleford Station - old station house (refreshments) Burbage Brook - a fine example of a steep-sided clough Padley Chapel (nearby) - ancient monument building plus remains Froggatt Edge - views, carin, stone circle Cubar Edge - views, cairns (ends with adjacent car park) Cubar village (nearby)	

5	Cubar Edge to Chatsworth Houe	5.0	334	Baslow Edge - Eagle Stone and Eagle Stone Flats Bar Brook - clough, stone, flats, view of Gardom's Edge Three Men of Baslow stones Small wood grown entirely on rock Enclosure Robin Hood pub (facilities) - Connection to FPD Boundary Walk Baslow village (facilities) Chatsworth House, Gardens and Park	TMB stones unique due to locality and height.
6	Chatsworth House to Bakewell	4.7	713	Chatsworth House Edensor park village (nearby) River Derwent / Derwent Valley walk Carlton Lees small village Carlton Pastures - tumuli, site of fort, views Bakewell - Motte & Bailey at Castle Hill	
7	Bakewell to Lathkill Dale	5.4	934	Bakewell town Over Haddon village Lathkill Dale (to end in adjacent car park) - dales, caves, woods	down onto lagoon floor, which is still significantly higher than the land outside the Peak district pennines. Then into a deep cut in the floor by way of a dale.
8	Moneyash to Parsley Hay	4.5	562	Lathkill Dale car park - facilities Moneyash Village Walking the flats - the upper "ground level" with gentle slopes Cales Dale - a small natural dale to see/explore with no paths or roads Arbor Low - prehistoric henge various tumuli Parsley Hay - old railway station (facilities)	Back to lagoon floor level to walk it - feel the gentle undulation under your feet.
9	Tissington Trail and Hartington	4.4	413	Parsley Hay - old railway station (facilities) Tissington Trail - a good "viewing platform" of local landscapes Tissington Station - old railway station (facilities) Disused Quarry - good example of quarries accessing the rail track Hartington - approach from south to observe located at dale head Hartington Village (facilities)	Utilise the Tissington Trail ex railway line at its elevated section so as to give a viewing platform - as you walk forward on a constant elevation see the ground undulating all about you.
10	Hartington to Milldale	4.9	400	Hartington village (facilities) Beresford Dale Wolfscote Dale Wolfscote Hill (nearby) - interesting rock scatterings. Mill Dale Milldale village (facilities)	Enter a dale system from Hartington Beresford Dale - Wolfscote Dale - Mill Dale - Dove Dale where each dale becomes more dramatic than the last. This is a good lead into Dove Dale where visitors can possibly imagine that the amazing features are a progression of what was going on in the previous dales. Notice too how the hills extend above the dale top also become more dramatic in height and steepness the further through the dales the visitors walk.
11	Milldale to Ilam	4.3	518	Milldale village (facilities) Dove Dale Ilam Park (facilities) - Connection to FPD Boundary Walk	as above

12	Ilam to	5.1	812	Ilam Park Throwley Hall Ruins Elevated views of dales Confluence of River Hamps & River Manifold The incredible disappearing river here! Manifold Way / Manifold Valley Thor's Cave (nearby) Wetton Mill (facilities)	Good elevated view of two dales coming together. This is also where the river(s) sometimes disappear below ground to leave a dried up riverbed, but reappear just a small way downstream as the visitors had noticed at the start of this section.
13	Manifold Valley to Hamps Head	5.6	1192	Wetton Mill Wetton Lane for a close up view of dales Butterton Village (pub facilities) Hills above Warslow Brook offering a good vantage point Hill top views and tumuli Top of River Hamps Valley Mermaid Inn (pub facilities)	Taking a walk across the higher ground level here with the hill above Warslow Brook being a good vantage point to observe the increased undulation in this area, contrasted by the dales (manifold valley) cutting through them.
14	Hamps Head to The Roaches	4.3	948	Mermaid Inn Upper Churnet Valley Ramshaw Rocks Hen Cloud Roaches lane (parking facility only)	A walk around the dramatic rock outcrops of the southeast of the White Peak.
15	The Roaches to River Dane	4.2	852	Roaches lane (parking) The Roaches Roach End - connection to FPD Boundary Walk Lud's church (chasm) River Dane (parking facility only)	The rock outcrop tour continues with a walk over The Roaches. We then sink to a lower level, visiting the natural chasm of Lud's Church along the way.
16	Rive Dane to Flash	4.8	1160	River Dane (car park) Turn Edge Three Shires Head Knotbury Common Drystone Edge Axe Edge Flash village (England's highest village) (pub facilities)	A distinct change in the landscape with rounded hills with virtually no outcrops on top of them.
17	Flash to Earl Sterndale	5.0	661	Flash village Top of Manifold Valley Hollinsclough Rake Hollinsclough Upper Dove Valley River Dove Chrome Hill (nearby) Parkhouse Hill Hitter Hill (nearby) Glutton Dale Earl Sterndale village (facilities)	Upper Dove Valley, the area I call a "Museum of Hills" with many bite-size hills to walk around. The section passes directly through here, but visitors should be encouraged to explore this general, fascinating, area.

18	Earl Sterndale to Chelmorton	5.6	732	<p>Earl Sterndale</p> <p>Walk along top edge of deep quarry</p> <p>Traverse Back Dale in a natural state</p> <p>Deep Dale and Topley Pike Nature reserve</p> <p>King Sterndale - connection to FPD Boundary Walk (0.3 miles beyond)</p> <p>Traverse Deep Dale at its most interesting point - small caves, cliffs with trees growing out of them, tor</p> <p>Site of ancient settlement (nearby)</p> <p>Chelmorton village (facilities)</p>	<p>Out of the upper valley and back on the higher ground level we take a walk along the edge of Hindlow Quarry, then take the road across this quarry area to explore the ground level beyond. A dip into Deep Dale reveals an interesting dale there.</p>
19	Chelmorton to Tideswell	5.9	815	<p>Chelmorton village</p> <p>Chelmorton Low - outcrops, tumuli, chambered cairn</p> <p>Blackwell - hamlet, ancient field system, site of settlement, views over Chee Dale</p> <p>Chee Dale - dip briefly into)</p> <p>Chee Dale Nature Reserve</p> <p>Chee Dale station (facilities)</p> <p>Monsul Trail (ex-railway line)</p> <p>Miller's Dale</p> <p>Miller's Dale Nature Reserve</p> <p>Litton Mill - a hamlet located entirely within a dale</p> <p>Tideswell Dale (facilities)</p> <p>Tideswell village (facilities)</p>	<p>Entering into the vast network of dales east of Buxton. For this section. Ascent is capped on this walk by way of utilising the ex railway line of the Monsul Trail for a short distance.</p>
20	Tideswell to Castleton	5.9	672	<p>Tideswell village</p> <p>Wall Cliff Hill</p> <p>Tideswell Moor - course of Roman road, Brood Low round burrows, disused mines, wells</p> <p>Old Moor - part of Eldon Mines area</p> <p>Cave Dale - castle ruins perched on edge, leads straight into the village of Castleton.</p> <p>Castleton village (facilities)</p> <p>END OF LOOP: Castleton village, at the cross (triangle) at Bargate</p>	<p>Out onto the high moors here, and a look at the Eldon Hill area which is littered with old mining activity. We then descend gracefully through the lovely Cave Dale, to suddenly pop out in the middle of Castleton village at the far end, to finish the 100 mile loop.</p>
Totals		100.0	15502		

Geo-Loop: advanced extention for intermediate walkers - average 10 miles distance each section

1	Hollins Cross to Snake Pass	11.7	2366	Hollins Cross - leave standard geo loop Edale Village (facilities) Edale valley Upper Booth hamlet Jacob's Ladder path onto Kinder Scout Kinder Low (about the highest point of Peak District) - views cairn Kinder Downfall - waterfall River Kinder Ashop Head Ashop Clough Black Ashop Moor Lady Clough Moor Snake Pass Birchen Clough car park	
2	Snake Pass to Ladybower Reservoir	9.6	1687	Snake Pass Birchen Clough car park Hope Forest Oyster Clough Cowms Moor Woodlands Valley - views across to Kinder Scout "The Edge" Alport Dale for Alport Castles Birchinlee Pasture (a high moor) Westend Moor Black Clough Ladybower reservoir complex - Howden, Derwent and Ladybower res's. Ladybower - Fairholmes car park (facilities)	
3	Ladybower Reservoir to Burbage Rocks	12.0	2151	Ladybower - Fairholmes car park (facilities) Pike Low Lost Lad cairn and viewpoint Back Tor Derwent Edge - Bradfield Gate Head, Cakes of Bread stones, Dovestone Tor, salt Cellar boulder, White Tor, Wheel Stones Derwent Moors Stanage Edge - rocks and cairns Burbage rocks car park - rejoin standard Geo Loop.	
Totals:		33.3			