Head along the spectacular Monsal Trail over viaducts and through well-lit tunnels calling at the former stations along the way. Cycle hire and traffic-free. A great wet-weather option.

Access For All Route:
1. Access the trail at the rear of Hassop Station turning right to pass in front of the building and under the road bridge.
2. Continue past Longstone Station, Headstone Tunnel, the Monsal Viaduct, and then two shorter tunnels before reaching Miller’s Dale Station and viaduct.
3. Continue along viaducts and tunnels, with the towering cliffs of Chee Tor above, to the end of the trail.

Alternative:
Start at Miller’s Dale Station for a shorter route to Chee Dale (2.7km) or for reversing the route to Hassop Station.

Distance: 11.5 km to Chee Dale
Start Point: Hassop Station, north of Bakewell via the B6001 or A619 and A6020 from Baslow
OS Grid Ref: SK 2175 7053
Post Code: DE45 1NW
Nearest Facilities: Hassop Station and Miller’s Dale Station

‘The valley is gone and the gods with it.’ wrote John Ruskin when in 1863 the Midland Railway Company completed its London to Manchester line through ‘Little Switzerland’. The five-arched Monsal Viaduct now forms an integral part of the scenery.

The lime kilns at Miller’s Dale burned limestone at temperatures above 900°C to create quicklime for the chemical and steel industries and to improve soils for farming.

The five tunnels are lit until dusk and create great echoes.