

Goyt Valley

Site Information



To be read in conjunction with Education Visits or Engagement Events risk assessment

Site Name: Goyt Valley Rivers (Deep Clough & River Goyt)

Site details: This site contains the three main river sites used for the GCSE and A level Hydrology and Geomorphology days in the Goyt Valley. These are generally shallow (< 30 cms) except in flood conditions. Conditions will be assessed on the day by the leaders.

Meeting point: Errwood Hall Car Park, on the South West edge of Errwood Reservoir

Errwood Hall Car Park: **Grid ref:** SK 0121 7483 **What 3 Words:** yards.behind.tadpole

Nearest Postcode: SK17 6GJ (*this postcode covers a very large area, around both sides of the reservoir*)

Deep Clough Stream Site: **Grid ref:** SK 0119 7321 **What 3 Words:** emulating.owls.helpfully

River Goyt Upstream Site: **Grid ref:** SK 0128 7327 **What 3 Words:** cool.tickles.joints

River Goyt Downstream Site: **Grid ref:** SK 0120 7373 **What 3 Words:** shielding.fuzzy.lollipop

Mobile phone signal – Generally good

Nearest landlines: None (*this is a very remote rural area, with no offices/farms within easy walking distance*)

Nearest A + E: Macclesfield District General Hospital (Victoria Road, Macclesfield SK10 3BL), 26 miles

Nearest minor injury unit: Buxton Hospital (London Road, Buxton, SK17 9NJ) tel 01298 214 000, 14 miles

Nearest PDNP office/base: Ranger office at Errwood Sailing Club (*although this is not often manned*)

All PDNP leaders have more emergency contact details of other colleagues/centres etc on laminated cards on their rucksack.

General Description of site

The River Goyt is a small river in the Goyt Valley, flowing north into Errwood Reservoir. Deep Clough is a tributary of the River Goyt. The fieldwork sites are within a semi-wooded valley 350m above sea level, surrounded by moorland, approximately 5km west of the town of Buxton. The wider area is used for forestry and moorland grazing (much of which is a SSSI), as well as being the water catchment area for Stockport. Students walk along well maintained public footpaths from the meeting point (Errwood Hall Car Park) to the river sites. Note – there are no toilet or refreshment facilities within the Goyt Valley.

Car/Coach Parking

There is ample free coach and car parking at Errwood Hall Car Park. Detailed directions are sent to visiting groups with booking information. Note – the road becomes a one-way single-track road if you continue further south beyond the car park entrance, and is unsuitable for coaches.

For any group members with mobility restrictions (e.g. wheelchair users), there is some limited parking (cars only) at GoytsClough Quarry, which is 150m along a quiet one-way road from the Deep Clough fieldwork site. Group leaders should discuss any access requirements before booking their trip.

Toilet facilities

There are no toilet facilities within the Goyt Valley, and groups are advised to make a toilet stop en route to the meeting point, e.g. in Buxton.

Lunchtime Information

Lunch is eaten out on site and all litter must be taken home. There are no hand washing facilities. There is some limited shelter under the trees if very rainy/very sunny. As there are no refreshment facilities on site we advise all group members to bring a flask of hot drink in cold weather, and an extra drink in warm weather (which could be left to drink on returning the coach, when the fieldwork is completed)

Distance/timing between important site locations

Errwood Car Park to Deep Clough: 30 minutes' walk (1.8km) along well-maintained generally flat public footpaths, including a short section up some steep stone steps which are uneven in places, and a short stretch (300m) along a quiet one-way road. The route passes the River Goyt Downstream site, which is usually accessed & measured last during the day.

Deep Clough to River Goyt Upstream site: 5 minutes' walk along a narrow single file track - may be muddy.

River Goyt Upstream site to River Goyt Downstream Site: 10 minutes' walk, retracing route taken earlier.



Entrance to Errwood Hall Car Park



Section of steep stone steps



Deep Clough showing accessibility from road for wheelchair users



Historical Packhorse Bridge by River Goyt Upstream Site



River Goyt Upstream Site



River Goyt Downstream Site

Specific Advice / Information

PDNP leaders are provided with and must wear PPE including; waterproof clothing; walking boots/shoes (when appropriate).

School / other groups are advised (when booking) to bring warm and waterproof clothing and outdoor footwear for their visit. In the summer months, there may be midges; staff and other participants may wish to apply insect repellent before their visit.

As students will be working in water it is recommended that staff read the advice on Weil's disease in the Health and Safety Guidance Notes supplied, and that suitable handwash or sanitiser be offered to students before eating and drinking.

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