

Upper Burbage Bridge & White Path Moss

Site Information



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

Site Name: Upper Burbage Bridge & White Path Moss

Site details: White Path Moss is an area of moorland northeast of the Upper Burbage Bridge car park, it is an area of heather moorland which drops away from Stanage edge down into a wet blanket bog. Stanage Edge is one of the most iconic landmarks of the National Park, the Grit Stone cliffs dominating this dramatic landscape. White Path Moss lies within the Stanage and North Lees Estate which is owned by the Peak District National Park (PDNP).

The fieldwork site is accessed by following a rough, often boggy footpath from the Upper Burbage Bridge car park, past the Cowper Stone up to the trig point at the southern end of Stanage Edge. Please note there is a short, steep, rocky uphill section before reaching the trig point. The path continues along the top of Stanage Edge before rough heather is crossed to reach the fieldwork site.

Coach Parking: The Upper Burbage Bridge car park is used for school visits.

This is a Pay and Display car park, your leader for the day will meet your coach and give you a day parking permit for your coach to use.

Please refer to your coach directions sheet as there are specific instructions for how coaches must approach the site.

Meeting point: This will be the Upper Burbage Bridge car park.

Car Park

Burbage Bridge car park: grid ref: SK 2603 8298 Nearest postcode: S11 7TZ

What 3 Words: lanes.badly.tall

Google Maps- Upper Burbage Bridge car park

Mobile phone signal – moderate/poor

Nearest landlines: Moorland Discovery Centre Education Office 01433 637907

Nearest A + E: Sheffield Children's Hospital or Sheffield Northern General Hospital

Nearest minor injury unit: Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

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

Specific Advice / Information

- School/ other groups are advised (when booking) to bring multiple warm layers, water proof clothing and sturdy footwear for their visit. The fieldwork site is often cold and windy. Please be advised all participants to bring warm jumpers as well as a coat even on fine days.
- Stout footwear is recommended for the walk and wellington boots are advised to keep feet dry in the moorland bog.
- In the summer months, there may be midges and ticks; staff and participants may wish to apply insect repellent before visiting.

General Description of site (including photographs)

The Upper Burbage Bridge car park is located at 298m in an upland area of rough grassland, moorland, bogs and meadows, with grit stone edges. It is very exposed so can be more prone to the weather sun/wind/rain. The path up to Stanage Edge is uneven and has one steeper section, up through rocky terrain to the trigpoint at the southern end of Stanage Edge at 457m height. The path along the top of stanage Edge is often wet with muddy pools/puddles of water. There is no formal path down to the White Path Moss fieldwork sites, access is directly across the heather moorland. The moorland bog site has standing water on it and wellies are recommended to keep feet dry.

The photos below give a general view of the terrain, the route taken by most groups and some specific risks.

Photos



Upper Burbage car park



Path from Upper Burbage to Stanage Edge



Heading back down tricky section



Uneven path along edge



Heather moorland



Pools in peat bog

Lunchtime Information

- There are no toilets at the Upper Burbage bridge car park.
- There are no indoor facilities at the fieldwork site, groups remain outdoors for a picnic lunch, students are recommended to bring a flask if they want a hot drink as stoves are not permitted.
- Group leaders may wish to bring their own hand sanitiser for the group. We advise everyone to bring a robust plastic bag to sit on at lunchtime as the ground is often wet.

Equipment

- Students will need a suitable bag/rucksack in which to carry their clipboards, lunch, drinks and fieldwork equipment. A plastic bag to sit on at lunchtime is advised if the ground is wet.

Nearest toilet facilities

- Hollins Bank car park (not accessible by coach) has public toilets
- Hathersage village centre – public toilets

Distance/timing between important site locations

The walk on the Carbon and Water Day from Burbage Bridge to the fieldwork sites is approximately 1.5km. It takes about 45 minutes with frequent stops for programme delivery input from your Ranger.

If a member of your group has mobility issues please contact staff at the Moorland Discovery Centre (01433 637907) prior to your visit.

Any additional specific advice/information

Additional clothing - The weather at Stanage and North Lees can be considerably cooler than your home location so additional clothing should be brought with you even in fine weather. All paths are rough, uneven and rocky under foot. Heather moorland is crossed directly. Fieldwork is carried out directly in the heather and peat bog.

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