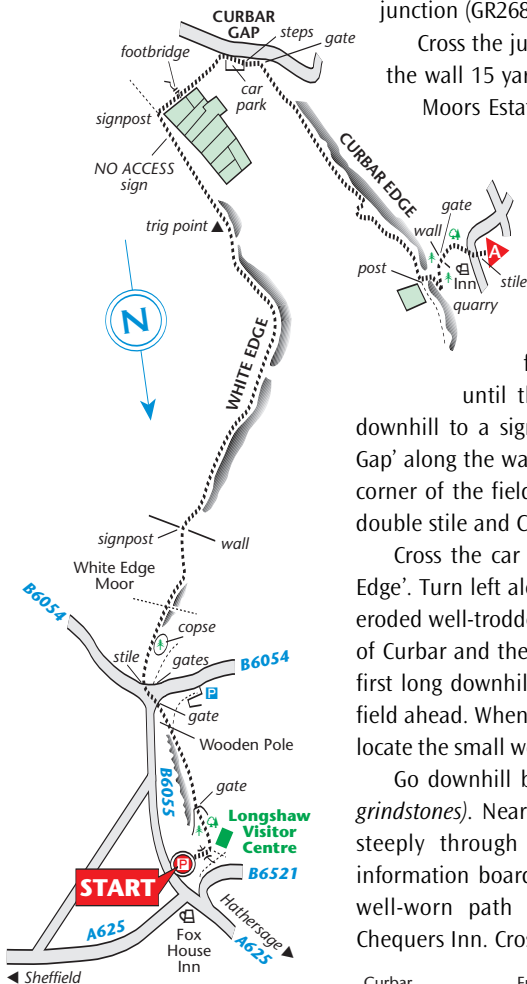


***A 30 mile challenge walk in celebration
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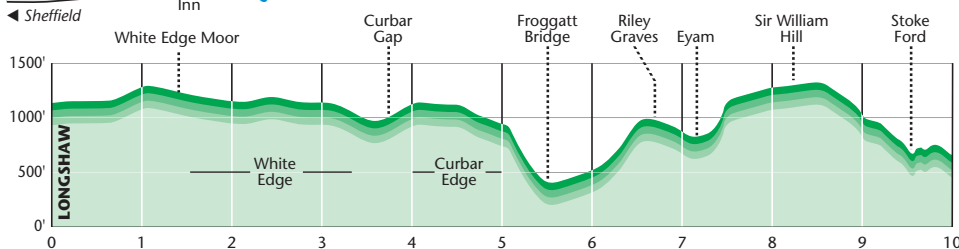
TAKE the path downhill from Longshaw ‘Woodcroft’ car park (GR267801) towards the ‘Visitor Centre’. Cross the small bridge, then turn left up the wide track through the trees behind Longshaw Lodge to reach a white gate. Go through the gate and along the track ahead around the contour of the hillside with views of Longshaw Country Park. The path rises gently then divides. Take the left fork uphill, passing the ‘wooden pole’ to reach the gate at the road junction (GR268790).



Cross the junction of the B6054 and seek out the stile in the wall 15 yards to the left of the gates. Enter the Eastern Moors Estate and take the path uphill keeping close to the fence. Turn right with the fence to pass a walled copse. The path continues ahead through the heather (*waymarked on small posts*) to an ‘estate’ sign. Again, continue forward along the well-trodden waymarked path across moorland to the stone wall (GR266778) follow the signpost for ‘Curbar’ along the length of White Edge until the ‘No Access’ sign. Veer right, as directed, downhill to a signpost (GR267751) Take the path for ‘Curbar Gap’ along the wall, over a wooden bridge, then ascend to the corner of the field. Veer slightly left to join a track to reach a double stile and Curbar Gap car park (GR262747).

Cross the car park. Climb the steps signposted to ‘Curbar Edge’. Turn left along the wall and round to a gate. Follow the eroded well-trodden path uphill and along the edge with views of Curbar and the quarries of Stoney Middleton below. On the first long downhill stretch notice the rectangular stone-walled field ahead. When you reach the corner of this field (GR250762) locate the small wooden post in the grass to the left of the path.

Go downhill beside the quarry face (*notice the unfinished grindstones*). Near the end of the rockface the path descends steeply through woodland to a wooden gate beside an information board. Go through the gate and downhill on the well-worn path to the road (GR247760) close to nearby Chequers Inn. Cross the road to a wall stile beside a gate. (A)



Descend the boggy field through scrub and trees to reach a squeezer stile at the bottom. Go right, along the lane, then turn left over the bridge (*notice the two distinctly different bridge arches*) to cross the River Derwent. Ascend the lane up to the B6001 (GR240760).

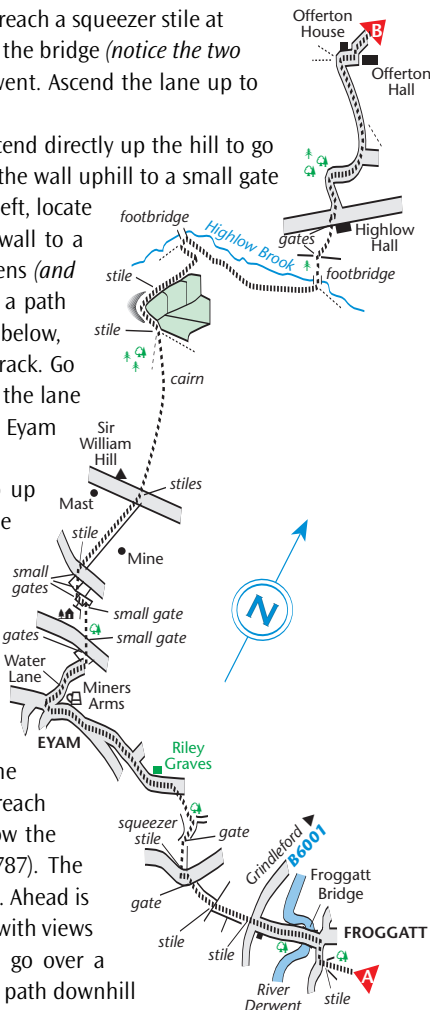
Cross the busy main road to go over a wall stile. Ascend directly up the hill to go over another wall stile beside a gate. Follow the line of the wall uphill to a small gate on a bend in a road. Across the road and slightly to the left, locate the stile beside a gate. Take the path uphill with the wall to a gate. Ascend between the drystone walls, the path widens (*and often gets very boggy!*). At the top, go left and round on a path through the trees, overlooking the quarries in the valley below, to emerge (*beside the entrance to Top Riley*) on a farm track. Go left, pass the National Trust's Riley Graves, and descend the lane to emerge on the road just outside the village of Eyam (GR223765).

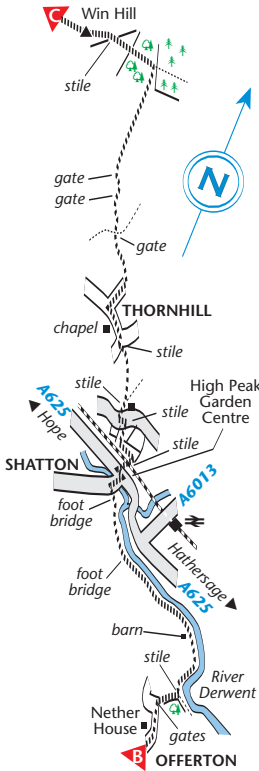
Go right, pass the Miners Arms, turn right and go up Water Lane. Pass the water troughs and continue until the lane ends (*you may rest on the seat here!*). Go through the pedestrian gate on the left and ascend diagonally across up the field to a further gate onto a road. Cross the road to a gate and ascend the steep path through the trees to a gate at the top. Continue beside the wood to a gate at the lower corner of a field. Cross two fields diagonally via gates to a road (GR217773).

Go left 20 yards along the road to a wall stile on the right. Ascend the field, keeping with the wall, until you reach a wall stile. Cross the rough road to wall stile and follow the well-trodden path across moorland to a cairn (GR215787). The well-used path veers left and descends to a wooden stile. Ahead is a grassy path that gently descends as it hugs the hillside with views of Bretton Clough below. Follow the line of the wall, go over a ladder stile, then descend veering left, then right on the path downhill to a footbridge at Stoke Ford (GR211795).

From Stoke Ford take the path behind the Peak District & Northern Counties Footpaths Preservation Society sign (no 99). Contour the hillside following the course of the brook below. Cross a small stream, ascend to two gate posts and continue around the hillside. When you reach the rutted track, descend down through trees to a watersmeet at footpath sign (no 219). Cross the main brook via the footbridge, go over the stile and take the track uphill in a plantation, then go over the stile beside a gate. Ascend the field following the line of old tree stumps to the high wall and reach the double gate onto the road (GR218801).

Turn right, then almost immediately left down the track opposite Highlow Hall to join a metalled lane. Keep to this lane, pass the entrance to Callow House, and eventually reach Offerton at a sharp bend. Keeping to the right-of-way as signposted, proceed down between Offerton Hall and Offerton House, where the lane is flagged (GR213810). **(B)**



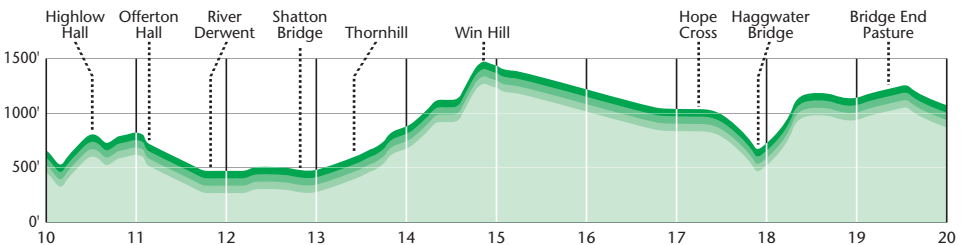


As you descend the metalled lane it soon becomes a rough track, and when it turns sharp left locate the stile left of the two farm gates ahead. Follow the track downhill to the footpath sign, cross the stream and reach a redundant stile by the River Derwent. Go left (*upstream*) keeping to the river's edge path. Pass a barn and after crossing the second footbridge keep to the left side of the field to the squeezer stile onto Shatton Lane (GR203826). Turn right and go over the bridge, crossing the River Noe, to the main road.

Cross the busy A625 and go through the gate. Walk past the Garden Centre car park (*there is a cafe at the Garden Centre*) to reach a further gate. Go under the railway. Locate the stile beside the embankment on the left and keep to the edge of the field beside the track. At a redundant stone squeezer the path veers right to follow the line of the hedge round to a stile beside a gate. Go left up the lane, and then, almost immediately turn right along the footpath beside the 'Quaker Community'. Cross the track to a stile and ascend the hill with the fence. Continue on this path between a wide ditch and a fence until you reach a stile beside a house (GR199834).

At the lane turn right into the village of Thornhill, then turn first left by the telephone box. Pass a chapel, then take the next on the right up Town Head Lane. The lane peters out to become a wide path. Ascend to a squeezer stile beside a gate. Keep with the main path ahead (*this is initially indistinct, it follows the line of the field boundary*) and ascend the hill via two gates. After the second one with a stile, climb the steep grassy track, veering slightly to the right to join a sunken track. Go right and along this track until you reach a fenced off plantation (GR192851). Ignore the first stile on the right, instead go through the trees to the left on a well-trodden eroded path uphill.

The path opens out onto heather moorland and ascends to a stile. Climb up and over Win Hill (GR187851) (*via triangulation point and a magnificent view if the day is clear of low cloud!*) on a distinct path, (C) carry on to a signpost 'Hope Cross', continue along a stone wall to a metal gate. The wide path veers to the right and then steadily descends to a wall beside a plantation. Descend with this wall until a stile at the corner of a field is reached (GR165869). The path continues along the



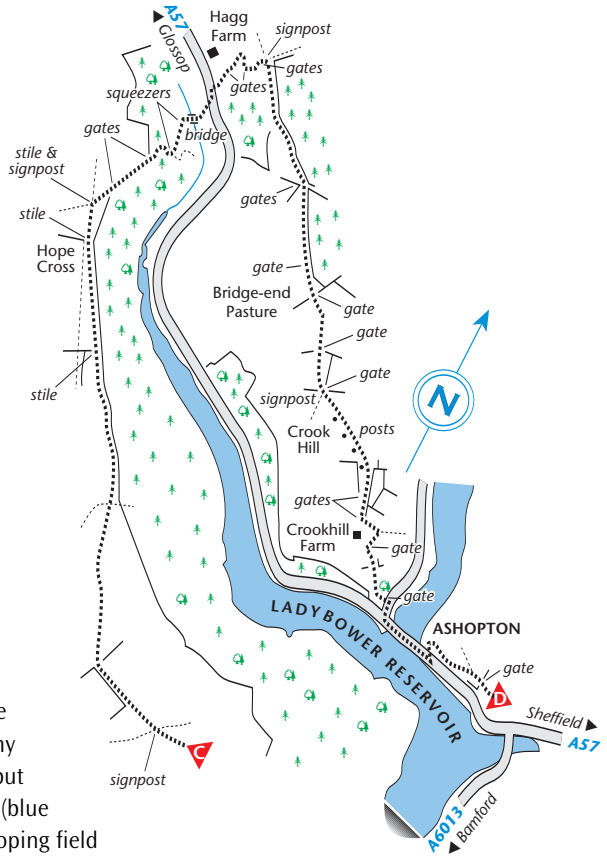
plantation between a wall and fence. Go over the stile at Hope Cross. Veer left to the rutted track and ascend to a stile beside a gate.

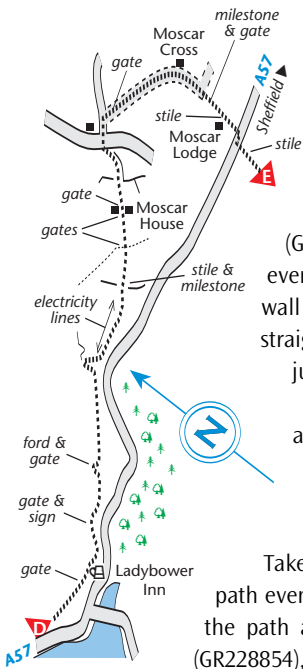
Take the track right, signposted 'Derwent via Hagg' down through a gate and along the side of the plantation to a further gate. Enter the woodland and head down the stony track. After the sharp bend to the right look out for a wooden squeezer stile on the left (GR162882). When you reach the bottom, cross over the river Derwent at Haggwater Bridge and proceed up the track to a gate.

Cross the busy A57 and go up the lane opposite. At the entrance to Hagg Farm Centre (metal gate), head straight up the rocky track through woodland to a another gate. The track zigzags up to a further gate and signpost (GR164891). A bridleway crosses at this point, go up to the gate on the right (sign to 'Crookhill Farm'). Continue along the edge of a plantation, at the end of which the path veers to the right, cutting the corner of the field, to a gate. Proceed along path ahead to a gate, then veer left and downhill to a farm gate in the corner of the field (GR179875).

Follow the signpost to 'Crookhill Farm and Derwent Valley'. The bridleway over rough and marshy ground is indistinct to begin with, but is then marked by four short posts (blue arrowed) as it contours the gently sloping field around to a track along a stone wall. Go through a gate. At the National Trust sign 'NT PATH AVOIDING FARMYARD' go left through the gate as directed (GR186870) walk diagonally across the field towards the barn, cross the track through two gates, then (as indicated at the corner of the barn) diagonally across the field to the gate near the stile. Go through the gate and proceed downhill to the gate posts in the corner of the field. Aim for the viaduct as you cross the field to the right-hand side of a fenced copse. Beside the fence go left to a gate and the road (GR191865).

Go right, then left over Ashopton Viaduct (A57). At the end of the viaduct turn sharp left up a road, then hairpin right. After several cottages the road becomes a track. After passing the entrance to Ding Bank Farm, go through a gate and head for the further gate onto moorland. (D)





The path goes round the side of the hill overlooking the reservoir below and eventually passes the rear of the Ladybower Inn before it joins a track.

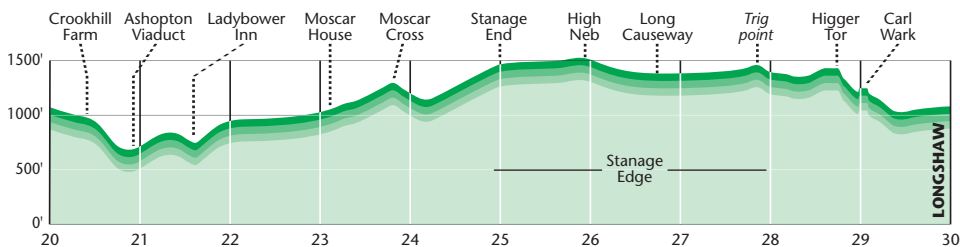
Ascend to a gate and a sign 'Ladybower Wood Nature Reserve', proceed with this track uphill (where the track veers to the left go straight on) and over moorland, passing through a gate after crossing a ford. Cross the path coming up from the main road (GR213875), go over the brook and follow the electricity lines eventually reaching a stone stile and milestone (*dated 1737*). Keep to the wall ahead. Go through a gate and head for Moscar House. Continue straight ahead via several gates, then follow the fence to a gate at a road junction (GR224885).

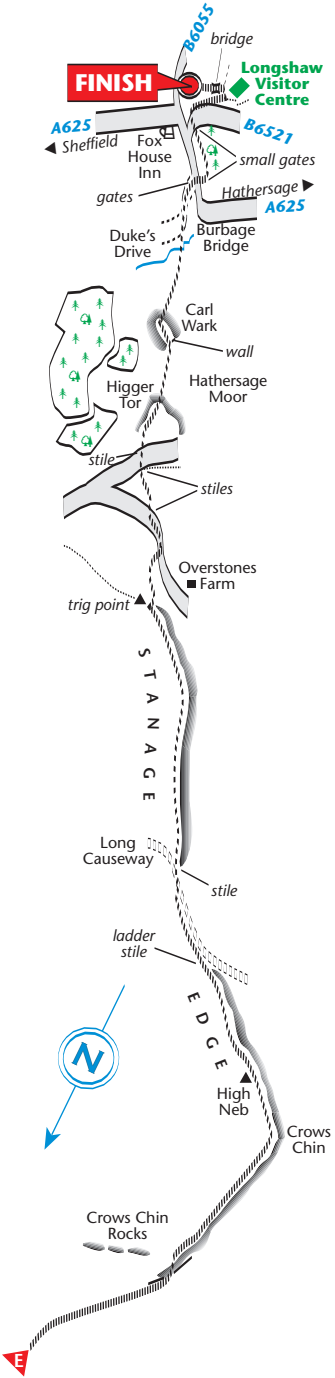
Take the Ughill road and go through the first gate on the right and ascend the wide track, keeping with the wall as it swings round to the right (*passing another old milestone*) to a metal gate. Proceed down and over stile to the main road. Turn right and cross to the other side of the A57 Sheffield to Manchester road (GR231879).

Take the footpath off to the left, over the stile (**E**) and up the well-worn path eventually to reach a broken wall. Follow the path over the wall to join the path along Stannage Edge. Continue past High Neb triangulation point (GR228854), go over a ladder stile and, when you reach Long Causeway, go left then over the stile to the right and proceed along the edge again. Just before the next triangulation point (GR251830) take the path off to the right and descend to the road.

Go left, then at the stile in the fence on the right traverse the field to a further stile and a road. Cross to a stile and go up the stepped path onto Higger Tor. Follow the path to the end and scramble down to the well-worn path that leads up to Carl Wark. At the reconstruction of the wall (GR258815) go left and walk to the end of the Dark Age hill fort. Clamber down the rocky slope to the path below. Go downhill (*to the right*) on the eroded path. Cross the wide brook over the boulders and climb up to the wide track (*Duke's Drive*). Go right and reach the A625 via a set of gates (GR263806).

Cross the busy road to a mini gate and enter Longshaw Estate. The grassy path veers left through woodland and then gently rises to another mini gate. Cross the road and walk down Longshaw Lodge drive, before the visitor centre turn left up the track. Turn left again and go over the bridge and back up to Woodcroft car park (GR267801).





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