



The Dave Owens and Frank Goodall Memorial Fund Three Peaks Challenge

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Chatsworth House with The Hunting Tower above

22 Mile Walk - Route Guide

General Notes

- Introduction** This guide has been produced to be used in conjunction with your 1:25,000 Ordnance Survey map. Cross referencing between the two will enable you to be confident of your location at all times. If in doubt do not be apprehensive about seeking advice from your fellow walkers.
- Checkpoints** Please remember that the Chatsworth Challenge is a sponsored walk rather than a run. People arriving at checkpoints before the designated opening times will risk not getting their checking-in forms signed.
- Retirement** If you need to retire from the walk for any reason please try to do so at a checkpoint if at all possible, and always inform the Marshal about your retirement. If you have to retire between checkpoints you **MUST** make contact with one of the persons detailed below to inform them of your decision, or an accompanying member of your walking party who can inform the marshal at the next checkpoint. On route transport facilities are detailed below.
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Specific Notes

Start Time	Checkpoint	Walk Detail	Location	22 Mile	9 Mile
Checkpoints & Opening Times (for 22 and 9 miles)	Walk Start	(22 and 9 mile)	Car Park, Baslow	start at 06:00	11:15 hrs
	Checkpoint 1	(22 mile only)	Red Lion, Birchover	open at 09:00	n/a hrs
	Checkpoint 2	(22 and 9 mile)	Devonshire Arms, Beeley	open at 10:30	10.30 hrs
	Checkpoint 3	(Home base)	Devonshire Arms, Baslow	open at 12:45	12:45 hrs

- Useful Information**
- Bus Service** : The entire location of the walk is covered by a very good public bus service. If you use your map to get to a major road you will find that most bus stops display their destinations and timetable. You may have to change at Bakewell but you will get back to Baslow.
- Taxis** : There is also a minibus sized taxi that covers the area. Longstone Taxis 07818 432 345.
- General Stores** : Drinks and snacks etc. can only be found at the local stores in Baslow and at Chatsworth House.
- Toilets** : The Red Lion (Birchover), Devonshire Arms (Beeley) and at Chatsworth House.

The Chatsworth Challenge Walk

This document contains brief details about the Chatsworth Walks, and also information on Eyam (the Plague Village) and the magnificent Chatsworth House, both of which you will pass during the walk.

The Walks

Taken as an occasional break from our traditional three peaks walk in the Yorkshire Dales is our 'On Tour' walk in the Chatsworth area of the Peak District of Derbyshire.

The Baslow walk has an exciting perspective... two circular walks in one! Both walks start and finish on the village green in Baslow in Derbyshire. The main longer walk of 22 miles is for the strong willed and determined walkers who relish a tougher test, and follows the route of the well-established 'Chatsworth Challenge'.

The shorter second walk of 8 miles provides an event for those who feel comfortable with a less arduous walk and also starts in Baslow with the last 5 miles following the same route as the 22 mile walk. The starts of the two walks are arranged so that all walkers who complete their event in an average time arrive at the finish at roughly the same time.

The 22 Mile Walk

The 22 mile walk heads up and along Baslow & Curbar Edges before crossing the valley to the 'plague' village of Eyam. After Eyam the route heads across Eyam Moor to the hamlet of Abney before doing a U-turn onto the picturesque village of Foolow with its pub and tiny church grouped around the village green and pond.

Once through Foolow it's across Longstone Moor to drop off the steep edge and down into Great Longstone. Beyond Great Longstone is the disused railway line which is followed almost all the way into Bakewell station before climbing up onto Calton Pastures with marvelous open views in every direction. With 5 miles to go this path now merges with the route of the 8 mile walk.

By the time both walks reach Calton Lees they are well into the home straight, with just the 2.25 miles following the River Derwent past the imposing setting of Chatsworth House and gardens.

To the left is the village of Edensor which in 1838, by order of the 6th Duke of Devonshire, was relocated to its present position because he was of the opinion it was spoiling his view. From here the path leads straight past Queen Mary's Bower and onto Baslow and the finishing line.

The 8 Mile Walk

This also starts on the village green but heads out of Baslow across the toll bridge with the small stone shelter that once housed the toll keeper.

After the bridge the path winds through rolling pastureland before heading through the village of Pilsey. Once through Pilsey the route follows a quiet country lane with marvelous views in all directions for about a mile before turning left onto Calton Pastures to join the 22 mile walk for the rest of the journey back.

Chatsworth House

Chatsworth House is a large country house 3 miles north east of Bakewell. It is the seat of the Dukes of Devonshire, whose family name is Cavendish.

Chatsworth stands on the left bank of the River Derwent and looks across the river to the low hills that divide the valleys of the Derwent and Wye. The house contains a unique collection of priceless paintings, furniture, old Master drawings, neoclassical sculpture and other artefacts.

Chatsworth's garden is one of the most famous in England, and Chatsworth has been selected as the United Kingdom's favourite country house several times.

The first house at Chatsworth was built by 'Bess of Hardwick' along with her second husband Sir William Cavendish of Suffolk around 1552. The first Duke of Devonshire was created in 1694 and Cavendish is still the family name today. The high point of the walk is surely the final mile or so which goes past the imposing facade of Chatsworth House.

As with all great landowners of the time the family always had members at the very heart of British politics and in 1756 the 4th Duke became Prime Minister. It was he who decided that the house should be approached from the west and because they interfered with his view he pulled down the old stables and offices, but not happy with that he then razed the cottages of Edensor village which were visible from the house! He moved the villagers to the nearby hamlets of Pilsley and Beeley but the 6th Duke decided that in fairness he should rebuild the village in its entirety (but out of view of the main house of course).

As you pass by the front of the house and look up to the woods beyond it is possible to see the hunting tower where wives, lady friends and children of invited guests would go to gain a superb vantage point from which they could watch the days hunting unfold down in the parklands.

In 1569 Queen Elizabeth 1st appointed The Earl of Shrewsbury as custodian of Mary Queen of Scots who was a prisoner at Chatsworth at various times up to 1584. The squat stone tower at the entrance to the park just over the bridge is known as Queen Mary's Bower (or boudoir)

At the Baslow end of the park is the large circular 'Kissing Gate' which was constructed in 1999. A kissing gate is a type of gate used between fields which allows people to cross but prevents animals from doing the same.

Some say that the name derives from the custom and practice of the first person through the gate demanding a kiss from the person following before they would allow them through.

Sadly it is more likely to be a reference to the touching of the gate parts when fully opened either way - a common term used in engineering. However, if anyone would rather believe the former explanation please feel free to demand your customary right from whoever is behind you! Good luck.

Edensor

In St Peters Church graveyard at Edensor lies the body of Kathleen "Kit" Kennedy, sister of assassinated US President John F Kennedy. She was married to the 10th Dukes eldest son William Marquess of Hartington who, in May 1944 whilst serving with his regiment, the Coldstream Guards was killed in action. Kathleen died in an aeroplane crash in 1948.

Eyam - The Plague Village

It is perhaps sad that such a picturesque village nestling as it does in the heart of the Derbyshire Peak District should take its position in history as the place where such human suffering occurred in the 17th century.

Late in the summer of 1665 it is thought that some infected bales of cloth from London were delivered to the house of the village tailor, Alexander Hadfield. They were opened by his assistant George Vicars who very shortly afterwards became ill and died a violent death. His death was followed very quickly by his two stepsons,

Edward and Jonathan Cooper and his immediate neighbours and eventually by that of the tailor himself. This was the Bubonic plague and it was beginning to take hold rapidly in the village. The infection spread

unchecked throughout the autumn slowing down in the winter only to return with greater vigour in the following spring and summer reaching a peak in August when 78 people died in the month.

In the fourteen months that the disease lasted it claimed 260 lives out of a population of around 800.

Under the leadership of the Rev William Mompesson and his predecessor Rev Thomas Stanley the villagers agreed to accept a strict quarantine in order to try and prevent the spread of the disease beyond the village boundary. They were supported by the Earl of Devonshire and by other charitable but less well off wealthy neighbours who provided the necessities of life during their period of isolation. To control the infection within the village they agreed upon two initial courses of action.

Firstly in the interests of speed, they decided to bury their own dead close to their homes rather than in consecrated ground in the belief that unburied corpses were a major hazard in the spread of the pestilence, and secondly to worship in the open air where it would be possible to maintain corporate worship without being in close proximity with their neighbours.

The provisions for the villagers were left on the village boundary where today there is still on the outskirts a location called the Boundary Stone where it is believed that money to pay for the provisions was left in small holes and covered in vinegar to cleanse it and hopefully stop the disease from spreading. Some people in the village were strangely immune to the plague and science has since shown that they had a particular chromosome which protected them from the infection. Indeed it has been proved that descendants of some of these people still live in the village today and still carry that same gene.

For those of you taking part in the 22 mile walk you might like to check your maps and try to spot the Riley Graves where Elizabeth Hancocks husband and six of their children are buried. It is set in a small stonewalled area in a field to the right of the lane as you approach Eyam Village.

Route Guide

Hello, and welcome to the Three Peaks On Tour.

Firstly, thank you and congratulations for taking part in this event. Every penny raised in sponsorship will go the four thoroughly deserving charities, Macmillan Cancer Relief, Cancer Research UK, Oesophageal Patients Association, and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with the step by step details of how to get round this 22 mile course. This should be used in conjunction with the map provided, although we hope that the information contained is detailed enough to get you round unscathed!

As well as the directions you will also find two more forms of help in this guide, each labeled with it's own icon:



Point of Reference. Things of importance we noticed as we've trekked this route.



Pictures. The photo's we've included aren't to show off either our hugely photogenic faces, or the fantastic scenery – they've been taken at the points we think you could possibly go wrong, and obviously we wouldn't want that to happen.....

Enjoy the walk, and we'll see you in the pub for a beer (or three...) afterwards.

Good luck, and cheers.

Andy and Rich

Cross road to right hand side of Italian restaurant on 'Eaton Hill'.

Turn right up hill past 'Sullane'.

Continue up the hill and progress onto dirt track past the no car sign.

Follow the road up the hill. T junction turn left up hill.



Old Barn structure on the right hand side in the field.

Walk between the gate follow the path to the right (straight on).



Bench on the left and monument on the right.



At sign turn left towards rock



Follow path and cross the road (car park on the right). Use the left hand gate.

Pass through metal stile continue on path

Follow path across moor drop off the ridge down rock path.

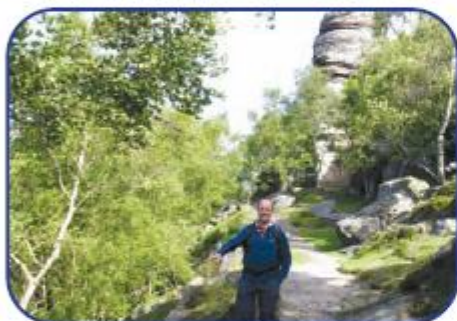
(100 yards short of) two boulders follow yellow mark sign to the left.

[See picture below]



Pass crag on rock path.

50 yards of rock pillar turn sharp left (hairpin) down rock path through woods.
Turn left at the white tree. [See picture below]



Cross the road over the stile/wall into the field.



Checkers Inn Car Park on the right hand side.

Pick up path to the left.

Through the stile. Right turn at the road opposite 'Riverside House'.

Turn left over the bridge and continue on the road through the speed limit signs.

Meet main road at 'Stoke Toll House'.



Signpost Bakewell and Hathersage.

Cross stile into field.

Straight on over road. (Dog-leg)

Straight through gate.

T Junction – Turn left at the T jct.

Arrive at next T-junction turn to the left.

-  Private road sign to the right hand side.
'Riley Grave Stones' in the field to the right.
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T Junction turn left.

-  Sign for the Riley Graves on the right hand side.
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T Junction keep to the right, join main road.

Joining main road.



-  Miners Arms pub on right.
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Follow the sign for Eyam Hall Museum by the Peak Pantry

Continue straight on.

-  Pass Church of England Primary school on right
Pass Church on right
Pass Plague Houses on right
Pass Revolving Roasting jack on right
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Turn right at the Eyam country store (Hawkhill Road)

-  Eyam Museum on the left & toilets on right
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Continue straight on into the 60mph zone

At 'The Nook' turn left

Continue straight on (road becomes dirt track)

Meet road at top of dirt track – turn right.



See Northlands House on the right hand side.

Cross first stile on the left

Continue, following wall



Mast on left hand side



Cross gravel road, continue straight on

Path straight between bracken, continue straight on

Straight over gate, following the wall

Turn right and continue over the 2 bridge

Turn left following the sign toward Abney

Join the road at 'Mill House' farm turn left

Turn left through the gate to 'Nether Bretton'.

Cross beck and follow yellow arrow through the gate heading for the farm

Pass through stile follow the footpath sign.

Through gate follow wall on left. Follow 'dog-leg' and footpath sign.

Turn left at the stile opposite "odd" bench

At the fork take the right

Follow the footpath sign up the hill

Cross the stile keeping the wall on the right.

Cross the stile at the derelict out building.

At the road turn right.

At the 'Barrell Inn' turn right.

Follow the sign to 'Foolow'. Follow the road all the way to the village.

Opposite the Bulls Head junction turn right



Past the lay-by on the right
(looking back, you'll see the signpost for Foolow)

At the signpost for Housley, take the fork to the right, following the campsite sign.

T Junction (Main Road A623), cross straight over, turning immediately right over the stile.



Small pond to the right

Follow wall, forking to the right of the woods after the gate.

Continue to fork right, aiming to the right of the wood, heading for the stile in the top right of the field.

Straight over track, passing over stile.

Fork right over stile. Head for the stile in the middle of the wall. Follow the footpath sign over the stile. Maintain 45degree heading through field to the road (cutting the corner of the field off)

Keep following stiles (including the one with no wall which must be crossed!)

Cross small track, heading for road.

At the fork (of the track and the road), follow the footpath signs.



Pass over the stile, heading straight through field to the top right hand corner.

Head toward moor. Pass over the stile to the left, heading toward the 'humps and bumps' (parallel to the road).



Open cast mine to the left.

Follow path straight between 2 fenced off excavations.

Pass through the wood, join the road and continue straight on (to the right)



'Field House Cottage' on the right.

At the T junction, turn left towards Great Longstones. Follow signpost to Rowland toward the village green.



'The Hall' on the left. The Crispin Pub to the right.

Continue straight on past the green on the right.



White Lion pub on the right hand side. Possible pub and toilet stop.

At the old petrol station (with vintage pump) turn right, opposite the white house.

Turn left into Edge View Drive, following the Monsal Trail sign.

At the 'dead end' follow the Monsal Trail sign.

Near the road, pass through the wall and turn right.

Climb up onto the disused railway line, turning left on the track. .

Pass under two railway bridges. Immediately before the third, turn left up path to road (Main Rd) near red slate roofs.



Turn left at the main road (note National speed limit signs)

Passing the Bakewell sign (which will be behind you), turn right up the track.



Pass house and drive.

At the join with the road, turn left up the hill.



Pass Ballcross Farm on the left.

Turn right through the gate. Meet 8 mile walk (the 8 miles walkers will be joining from the left (downhill))

Follow the track to the right of the trees.

Forking right, head for the right hand side of the tarn.

Turn left at the first gate (tarn is on your left), passing through the second turn right toward the woods and Chatsworth.

Continue straight onwards, passing through gate on main path.

Having passed through gate, after 100yds drop off the path towards the tree line, keeping the wall to the right.



At base wall IGNORE gate on right.

Turn left downhill, keeping trees on right.

Turn right through gate, heading downhill (sign for cyclists)

Continue straight ahead on path – ignore right turn.

At fork (with house and farm to the right) continue on the road to the left (Uphill)



Garden Centre on the right. **Note** – WC facilities in the Garden Centre

Pass through car park and gate, turning immediately right over road.



Pass through gate with cattle grid on right.

Follow path straight on towards Chatsworth House, keeping river on right.

Pass Chatsworth House on the right

Cross bridge, turning left immediately afterwards.

Continue straight along the path.



Past Cricket ground on the left.

At the fork, follow the path to the right.

Pass through the kissing gate.

Turn left at the bridge onto road

Arrive in Baslow. Check in. Get yourself into the pub and have a celebratory pint!