

A Walk

Distance: approx 12.5 miles

Leader; Bob McConnell

This walk is along good tracks, grassy paths and a bit of tarmac (unfortunately a little more than intended as one of the paths is severely overgrown with ferns, nettles and brambles). There are a few long steady inclines and at least two short steep inclines. The highest point is 1290 ft and the total ascent is approximately 1800 ft.

We make our way up through Eyam and cross a few fields until we arrive at the village of Foolow. We then make our way along the road (including forced detour) for a reasonable distance. We then drop down a reasonably steep incline and cross the brook and then encounter our first short steep climb. This is followed by good grassy paths and stone tracks across Bretton and Offerton Moors. We then drop down to the River Derwent and follow a path alongside the river for a good distance. The next section is along the road some of which is a steady climb after which we encounter our second short steep path up across a field. Following another short distance up a road we then cross Eyam Moor and then descend through woodland back into Eyam.

Note: there are free toilets at the car park.

B Walk

Circular walk (clockwise) via Frogatt, Calver , Longstone Edge

Length: 8.5 MILES

Leaders: Ewa McAulay and Lin Thompson

From the car park, we walk along the main road towards Riley Wood and Riley Graves, where we join the path towards Derwent River. We follow the river up to New Bridge where we take a short steep path through the woods towards Calver Sough and after a short walk through the fields we descend through the wooded path to the outskirts of Calver. Then, after a short walk along the road we join the path on the right going gently up towards Calver Peak, skirting around it gently, towards Deep Rake and Rowland. At this point, we will have a possibility to shorten our walk in case of bad weather conditions. Otherwise, we continue to the Top Farm, where we turn towards Longstone Edge. There, we climb through a slightly overgrown path and eventually join a more gentle round track to get to the other side of the Edge and the multiple paths' junction. We choose the one leading down towards Black Harry Gate and Black Harry Lane crossing Stoney Middleton parish area with many disused mine shafts on both sides and Darlton Quarry on the right, in the direction of Eyam Dale.

After crossing the A623, we join the relatively quiet road, B6521, to the town only partially provided with a pedestrian side path. The road is not very busy but with a lot of curves, therefore, single file and a lot of caution required on this final part of our walk.

It is a long-ish walk with beautiful views, weather permitting. Some paths are overgrown with bracken but passable. Walking poles are advisable.

Enjoy the walk.

C Walk

Distance 7.1 miles

Leaders Lynn Clinton and Tony Stopforth

Eyam is best known for its courage when it agreed to self-imposed quarantine in the Great Plague of 1665/66. Around the village there are many memorials that can be seen on many of the cottages, 260 people died from this village.

We start our walk from the coach car park, going across fields with mostly gates making our way to the village of Foolrow it has a village green, pub and a small church.

From here our walk ascends to Barrell Inn, (we should have been going across a field but it has been closed off for some reason)so we have to continue up the lane. It goes across the valley here the peak meets the “dark” peak (gritstone) meets “white” peak (limestone).

We go towards Bretton Clough we are starting to descend down through paths of very large ferns going towards Stoke Fod.

From here the path starts to go uphill again, we follow the edge of the valley , eventually reaching a fairly straight path across Eyam Moor with good views (weather permitting) over the Derwent Valley.

Leaving the moor it is all down hill to Eyam, passing an alpaca farm.

Toilets are free but donation requested

The Courtyard is 5mins consisting of a coffee shop and some little crafty shops.

The pub is 10 to 15 min walk away, it is right in the centre of the village.