

Baslow Sunday, 27th September, 2026

A Walk

Distance approximately 11.5 miles

Ascent is 1317 Feet

Leader Eric Davies

Baslow is a charming village, located in the Peak District, and is close to Chatsworth House. There has been a settlement in Baslow since Anglo-Saxon times.

It is known for its picturesque setting, with the River Derwent running through it, it also has a lovely medieval bridge spanning the river.

It has a historic Church "Saint Anne's ", and the unique Watchman's hut on the Bridge & the Eagle stone also to be found on the Bridge.

We start at the car park, and head left on the main road, and then take the uphill street right opposite (Eaton Hill). This is where we take the bend past a small triangular green, where we turn right and head up to Bar road.

We pass the last of the houses, and the road turns onto a rough path and heads up the winding hill. Here we encounter a gate, and after a short distance, whilst still going uphill onto the moor, we reach the fork in the path.

Within 10 minutes we will see the Wellington monument, which was built in 1866, and from here we get a stunning view across the valley to Nelsons Monument erected in 1810 (Obelisk erected by three residents of Baslow in memory of Lord Nelson and in commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar; also, three massive rocks inscribed with the names 'Victory', 'Defiance' and 'Royal Sovereign' representing three ships.

Returning to the fork junction, we walk onwards passing the eagle stone.

We continue along the gritstone Baslow edge until we reach a road and take the track opposite till we get to Curbar Edge.

We then reach a walled enclosure, which is at the start of Froggart Edge.

We then gently bear right, along Froggarts Edge, passing the stone circle onto the Grouse Inn.

We then head east up to the marking stone, where we turn south to follow white edge, passing distinct field boundaries to the road.

We then turn west, following the road for a short distance to pick up the footpath towards Curbar before heading South along the Gorsebank lane, which takes us back to Baslow

There are Toilets at the car park, (free of charge); there is also a sheltered area where you could sit to put boots on if required

B Walk

Leader: Tony Mitchell

Distance: 9.5 miles. Total Ascent: 1076' High point: 870'

This is a circular walk that we last did three years ago. Virtually all of the route is on well-established tracks.

That said, we do kick off across and up a hillside, through long grass, before reaching the path. Lovely when dry, not so when wet. Gaiters??

We're in Chatsworth country and the walk circles the main house; although it's not until towards the end that we get to see it in all its glory.

Passing Jubilee Rock, we get up onto Dobb Edge and can take a short break to enjoy the Hunting Tower and its fabulous views. We continue, passing between two reservoirs (rather grandly named Swiss Lake and Emperor Lake).

We pass through Beeley Farm and across the river Derwent; where we can stop for (slightly later than usual) lunch, on its grassy banks.

After lunch, we've got a long, very steady slog past Lees Wood, turning right at Carlton Houses and reaching the custom-built model village of Edensor (pronounced Enza or Ensor). The village is owned by the Devonshire family of Chatsworth.

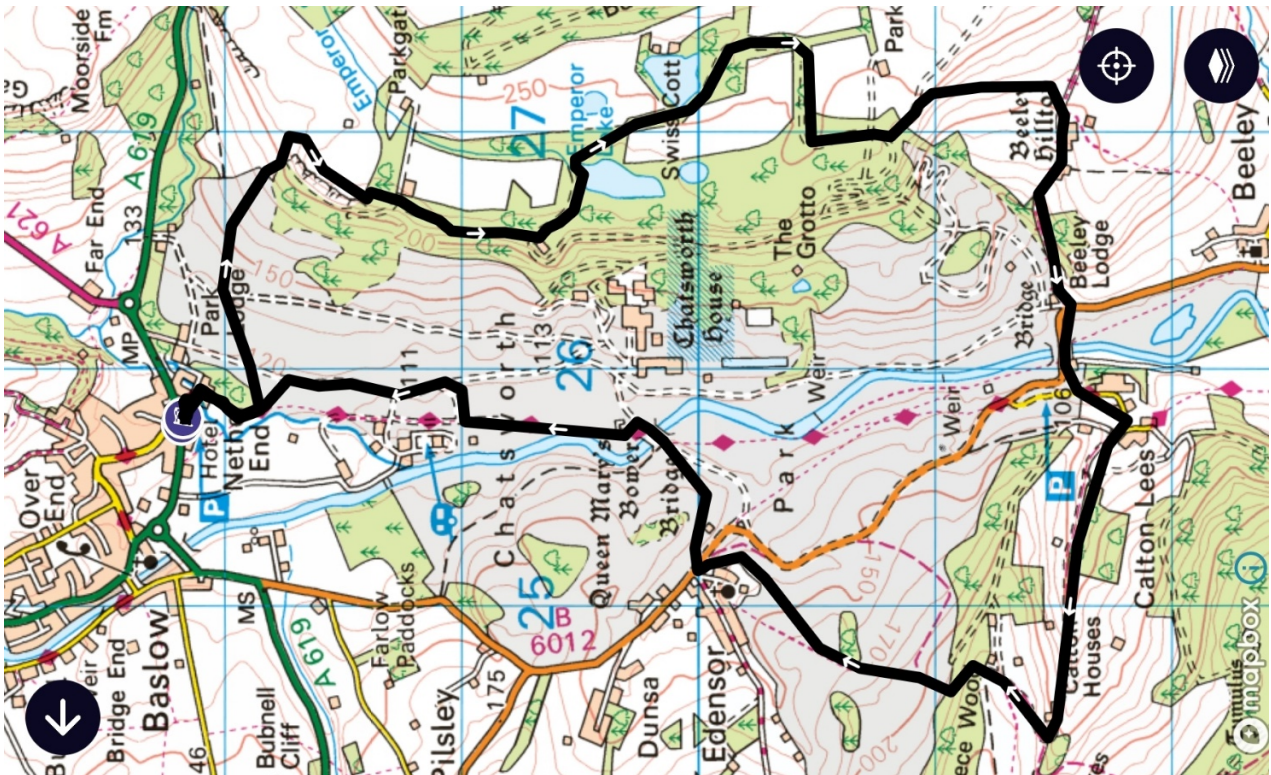
Enjoy views back across the valley, spotting Chatsworth and the Hunting Tower, as we make our way back into Baslow.

Here there are two pubs close to the car park. The Wheatsheaf and Devonshire.

Charlotte's café is lovely, but unfortunately closes at 4:00 (why do they do that!!!). Alternatively, there is the Pavilion Café & Bar. This is open until 4:30 and is a six-minute walk (left along main road – Cock Hill).

Free of charge toilets at the car park.

In summary: not a difficult walk at all. The climbs are long and steady. 4 or 5 stiles.



C Walk

Distance 6 miles

Leader: Hildah McAllen. Assisted by Ewa

From the car park we pick up the DVH Way walking through the Chatsworth Park to the bridge at Chatsworth House. Crossing over the river we follow the river to the next bridge. There are lovely views of the house and keep eyes peeled for the deer. This is an easy fairly flat section.

Crossing the bridge we turn off at Beeley Lodge onto a narrow quiet road and taking our time, climb steadily up to Beeley Hilltop.

Turning left over a stile we follow a footpath across a field to the next stile and follow a path through woods to the boundary wall of Chatsworth park. Crossing the stile we pick up tracks all the way down to Chatsworth House.

Time permitting we can have a quick look around the gardens and/or a cuppa or icecream.

Going through the carpark we then follow tracks back to Baslow.