

THE DUNFORD ROUND WALK

A walk of just over 20 miles which can be broken into short sections or a continuous one day challenge

This walk starts from the Yorkshire water/Peak Park car in the village of Langsett on the A616. There are toilets located in the Barn. A cafe across the road and an adjacent pub The Wagon and Horses. This is a busy car park and a lay-by and 2nd car park are located nearby.

Some of this walk is over isolated moorlands so it is advised that wet weather gear is carried. A map is an essential and all of the walk is covered on the OS Dark Peak map.

Leave the car park by the footpath in the corner of the park keeping to the upper path which runs parallel to the A616. passing a quarry. Other paths join and cross but follow to its junction with concrete patched lane and turn right follow this until it tees with a broad lane. Turn right here to join the A616. Cross this road with care and turn right away from the overspill car park to join a lane raising to the left follow this to a junction with Gilbert Hill lane. Turn left here and follow to the A628 this is a good point to cross as you can see both directions. Turn right here and follow for a short way passing Green House and look for signpost to the left. Follow this path soon crossing a bridge over the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT). Keep the chapel and Hall to your left and cross the farm yard to a field gate. Pass through this and follow the well-marked stone lane keeping a look out for the path on the left which raises to the TPT embankment Look for a tunnel under the trail and pass under turning right onto a lane, follow this to a stile by a bridge over the TPT cross this and follow the way down to the river Don cross on the footbridge. Climb up the path on the right hand of Hazlehead Hall watch for a footpath sign to your right. Join this and follow the way to Catshaw lane then turn left follow to the tee junction with Lee Lane and turn left follow for a short way to find a path sign on the right join this path to Flash House Farm which you skirt to join a minor road where you turn left and follow passing Illions and onto Kiln hill turn right and after a gentle climb up to Whitley Road where you turn and follow left pass a tee junction with Brown Edge Road. then the way side cross to Upper Maythorn Lane follow this to a tee junction on a right hand bend the turn for a very short distance onto Dick Edge Lane and join the path to Cheese Gate Nab. Follow this to a junction with an unadopted lane turning left to a tee junction and then right away from Meal Hill towards Jackson Bridge. Turning left again. To join and cross the A616. Do not cross the Bridge. The Pub on the other side is the White Horse, but we turn left and passing through some garage and Mill buildings follow to a footpath sign on the left which we join walking through woodlands and eventually a kissing gate. Cross the river by the bridge a join the road in front of Hepworth School. Turn left and follow up hill recrossing the river by another bridge. This is a normally quite road but does twist and turn so care should be taken.

When you reach the hamlet of Barn Side look out for the footpath sign on the right. Follow this a short way then take the right had fork heading for Ox Lee. This area is being open cast mined for clay, so it is subject to diversions usually well marked. You climb the hill towards Crow Hill joining a minor road on the left hand side of what was farm workers cottages. Follow the road right to a cross roads turn left and follow the road passing The Fox House Pub. Then look for the sign on your right joining this path it can be bit wet. but is well used and the fields give way to a small area of moorland, follow the path uphill to a walled field turn right and follow this around to exit in a quarry. At the road turn right and follow this very quiet road through Townhead and the downhill into Dunford bridge. The TPT car park is on your left cross the second bridge over the TPT and climb the hill, this section of road is used as the TPT and is normally very quiet walk for some way to find a sign post on the left join the bridleway on the moor despite bridges etc. this can be a little damp as the

way drops down. Cross the feeder stream to upper Windledon Reservoir and then a second stream. Immediately start to climb the hill bank on the left to gain a drystone wall follow this to a gate and pass through the moorland path is quite evident follow this towards the A628. at Fiddlers Green Keep on this side of the road and follow via bridges to join The Snow road an obvious way which sweeps onto Thurlstone Moor and after some time rejoins the A628 at a Lay-by. cross the road here to The Dog and Partridge pub. Pass this keeping on the wide verge facing the traffic just before some farm buildings a lane takes you away from the road (signed on the right) follow this to the gated lane going left This is Swindon Lane follow this as it turns left and then right soon finding a lane going right passing through what was Swindon Farm. This area can be muddy. After the ruins look for a marked stile going right and follow the path for a short way as it turns into the woodlands a well-marked way goes downhill and comes out on a ridge above the infant Little Don river. Follow the ridge path left as it eventually drops down to the river bank before you is a bridge cross this and follow the path as it raises away from Langsett Reservoir and climbs onto the moor before you reach some standing stones on the hill top an obvious path goes left follow this passing the ruins of North America (Mauk Royd). Keep to the path through a gate and skirting some woodlands going down to a bridge over Thickwoods bridge. A short climb and through a foot gate keep to the main path to a barrier pass this and immediately take the lane raising to the left. at the top on a driveway turn left a then follow the lane right to join a road turn left and follow over the dam wall the via a path to the left climb up to Langsett Barn car park and the end of this walk.