

The New Five Trig Points Walk

First completed on a warm Spring afternoon in April 1980 by Bob Tait and Graham Thompson, this 18-mile (29km) walk along lanes, tracks, footpaths and over the Pennine Moorlands is a companion to the 'Saddleworth Five Trig Points Walk' and 'Ten Reservoirs Walk'.

The walk is a circuit from the village of Delph, six miles East of Oldham on the A62, and for timing purposes starts and finishes at the 'Swan Inn', on King Street (GR. 985079). There is a car park nearby. Although the walk has neither the distance nor severity of terrain of the other two 'challenge walks' to the South, a height of over 1500' is reached along Blackstone Edge (1548') and on White Hill (1530'): parts of the Pennine Way can often be boggy, although nowhere as treacherous as on Black Hill, Featherbed Moss and White Moss!

Full waterproof and windproof clothing is advisable, together with maps - the O.S. Leisure 1 and 21, a compass, whistle, First Aid kit, and other items of emergency equipment.

The walk leaves Delph along King Street, past the Library, up Stoneswood Road, right up Knott Hill Lane and along Hill Top Lane to the trig. point in Bishop Park, 1229' (968081). From Grains Bar a footpath crosses Tame Scout, then over moorland across to the trig. point, 1284' (961105) by the transmitter station. From the A640 road at the Moorcock Inn (964112) there is a choice of routes down into the Ogden Valley (recommended way is W of Rooden Reservoir, and E of Piethorn Reservoir) and over to the M62 motorway bridge (953142).

Crossing Syke Moor to Lydgate (955165) the route climbs the 'Roman Road' to the Aiggin Stone, and to the trig. point on Blackstone Edge, 1548' (972164): it now continues S over Redmires, following the Pennine Way to the M62 footbridge, and to the A672 road at Windy Hill, where there is occasionally a mobile cafe.

The Pennine Way is followed to White Hill, 1530' (991132), and, crossing the A640, to the final trig. point on Standedge, 1471' (012104), overlooking the Castleshaw Valley. Now turning S, crossing the A62 below the 'Horse & Jockey Inn' (no longer trading but it is not far to the Swan Inn in Delph) then along Harrop Edge to Lark Hill (994075), the route descends W into Delph by Rumbles Lane, and across a footbridge over the River Tame.

Apart from the 'Swan Inn', refreshments are available at the Craft Shop/Art Gallery cafe on King Street (open daily from 10.00.am. – 5:00pm except Mondays), a short distance away.

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| The Route: | 1 | Bishop Park Trig Point | 1229' | 968081 | App. 1.5 miles |
| | 2 | Tame Scout Trig Point | 1284' | 961105 | 3.5 |
| | 3 | M62 bridge | 800' | 953142 | 6.5 |
| | 4 | Lydgate | 700' | 955165 | 8.0 |
| | 5 | Blackstone Edge Trig Point | 1548' | 972164 | 10.0 |
| | 6 | White Hill Trig Point | 1530' | 991132 | 12.5 |
| | 7 | Standedge Trig Point | 1471' | 012104 | 15.0 |
| | 8 | Lark Hill | 950' | 994075 | 17.5 |
| | 9 | Delph | 600' | 985079 | 18.0 |

Certificates (20p each) are available for authentic completions of the route _

Please enclose details of date, times etc.

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