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Hazards

This is a reasonably high-level route so proper preparation and equipment is necessary. The higher parts of the route regularly have low visibility, make sure you know where you are at all times and have a map and compass for navigation. In winter conditions the route will become slippery and dangerous, especially when covered in snow and ice – winter clothing and footwear will be required. Kinder Scout is exposed to winds and storms with limited shelter. Steep and uneven ascent and descent. Sections of peat bog and muddy ground. Streams to negotiate, extra care needed after heavy rain. When approaching point 11 head upstream to avoid a dangerous scramble near the stream. Do not take shortcuts across the featureless plateau unless you are a highly competent navigator. Poor mobile coverage.

Accessibility

This is a demanding route with a steep start and finish and constant undulations once on the plateau. Large stretches of rough, uneven ground with large boulders, exposed uneven bedrock and sections of muddy peat bog. There are several gates and stiles on route.

Facilities

No facilities on route. Pub and café in Edale village.

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Ensure you are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for the route and weather, and that you take the right kit – learn more at yha.org.uk/walk-skills.
- Download the OS Maps and what3words apps to your phone.
- To be able to contact emergency services by text visit relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms or text 'register' to 999.
- For more information on staying safe in the outdoors visit adventuresmart.uk.
- Complete a route notification card (yha.org.uk/route-card) to provide essential information for the Emergency Services if you do not return when expected.
- Check all members of the group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.

In case of emergency:

- Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.
- To attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash a torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location, number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to yha.org.uk/map-guidance

If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk

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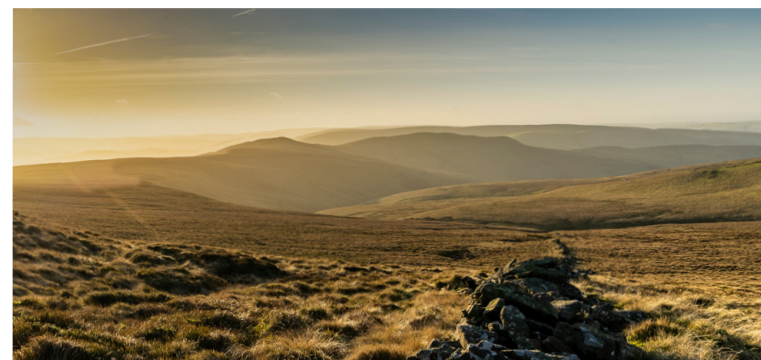
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Kinder Scout Plateau walk



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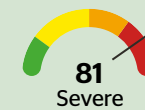
Hill and moorland walk

A classic circumnavigation of this high Peak District plateau with great views throughout including Ladybower Reservoir, Snake Pass, Greater Manchester and sweeping views of the Peak District National Park.

Distance: 16.9 miles (27.2km)

Ascent: 858m (2,815ft)

Time: Allow 8h 45m to 9h 45m (caution slow walkers, may require up to 14h)



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Route directions

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL1) Peak District – Dark Peak area

Start/Finish: Grid ref SK 139 865

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- 1 Head around to the back of the hostel, climb the steps, head to the two conifer trees, cross the stile and follow the path uphill.
- 2 Bear left to walk alongside the collapsed wall.
- 3 When the wall meets another, turn right and continue uphill.

- 4 When another wall joins from the left, turn left, cross the wall and continue on the path uphill.
- 5 As the path begins to level out turn right onto the obvious and undulating path and follow it along the edge.
- 6 At Crookstone Knoll turn left to follow a less well trodden path along Blackden Edge, then Seal Edge, to Fairbrook Naze, then along The Edge.
- 7 Bear left to join the Pennine Way and follow the distinct path to Kinder Downfall.
- 8 Cross the River Kinder and turn right to stay on the Pennine Way and pass Kinder Low and Edale Rocks.
- 9 At the T junction turn left and head slightly uphill to Noe Stool, then follow the well-trodden path and occasional paved sections and pass Pym Chair, Wool Packs and Crowden Tower.
- 10 Pass the top of Grindsbrook Clough to remain on the edges path.
- 11 When the path heads north alongside a small steep sided valley containing a stream, head upstream to find a safe place to cross, then pick up the path heading downstream on the opposite side of the valley. Continue on the ridgeline path past Hartshorn and Ringing Roger.
- 12 Leave the edges path where you joined and retrace the route downhill to the hostel.

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