

Burbage Edge Circular Walk

Distance: **7 miles / 3 hours approx. Can be made shorter.**
Going: Mostly field tracks, boggy in places.
Pace: Moderate walking with uphill sections and three stiles.

A lovely moorland circular walk which will take you past the Burbage Edge trig point and reward you with great views of Buxton.

- 1 From the station turn right and cross the road at the pedestrian crossing on the left. Continue down Station Approach and pass the taxi rank. Cross Terrace Road at the pedestrian crossing and continue straight ahead past Cavendish Arcade, formerly the Thermal Baths, and Turner's Memorial.
- 2 Continue past the Crescent hotel on the right and the Pump Room and St Ann's Well on the left. At the end of the buildings cross The Square and enter the Pavilion Gardens. Continue ahead and take the path to the right across the bridge. Take the path to the left and exit the gardens at Burlington Road.
- 3 Cross Burlington Road and enter the Serpentine walks opposite. Continue along the path keeping the river to the right. Continue up the slope to St John's Road. Cross St John's Road and continue left along the road. As the road bends round to the left turn right onto Bishops Lane. After about half a mile take the signed footpath up the lane on the left just before the stone gate posts.
- 4 Turn left through the stile at Plex Farm, cross the yard following the small footpath signs to the side of the building and through the gate on the left. Pass the duck pond on the left and through the gate on the right. Follow the footpath along the bottom of the field and cross the stile at the far-left corner to enter Shay Lodge Wood. Follow the path through the trees to the gate in the wall opposite. Continue across the field to the top left corner keeping the wall on the left and cross the stile which is a series of steps.
- 5 Continue following the path keeping the wall on the left. Go through the gate and cross the field towards the farm buildings. Go through the gap in the wall at the side of the farm building and through the gap in the next wall, cross the farmyard and continue along the path straight ahead.
- 6 Continue to Macclesfield Old Road. If you want to make the walk shorter turn left along Macclesfield Old Road. At the traffic lights continue along St John's Road and retrace the route to the train station.
- 7 To continue the walk, turn right on Macclesfield Old Road and continue uphill as the tarmac path becomes a wide track. Follow the signed footpath on the right through the gate and head up the slope turning diagonally right at the corner of the stone wall. Follow the narrow path as it slopes down and then up, towards a small gate beside a tree on the horizon. Turn right through the gate, keeping the wall on the right. This part of the walk is Burbage Edge, with wonderful views over Buxton. It can be boggy in places.
- 8 Keep the wall on the right and you eventually pass the trig point at the highest spot on the ridge. Continue and go through the gate on the right and follow the faint path as it winds across the open moorland to the right, and then the left. Continue along the path until you meet another path joining from the left identified by a pile of stones. Take the path to the right. Continue along the path and go through the small gate in the stone wall, following the path first to the right, and then left, until you come to a series of steps. If you want to make the walk shorter turn to the right at the foot of the steps and continue down Bishops Lane and retrace the route to the train station.
- 9 To continue the walk, turn left at the foot of the steps and head up the narrow lane past the farm buildings on the left. Continue through the gate and along the private road. Follow the path to the right in front of the houses and through the gate and then through another gate at the right-hand corner of the garden. Follow the path down the slope, keeping the wall on the right. Continue through the gate into the farmyard and through the next gate taking the footpath to the right. At the end of the path turn right past the static caravan and continue until you reach the gate.
- 10 Go through the gate and follow the designated path across the golf course. Follow the path keeping the club house to the left at the tarmac road take the footpath to the right past Gadley Wood. Continue across the bridge and up the road ahead turning left at the signposted path after the last house on the left. Cross St John's Road back to the Serpentine walks and retrace the route to the train station.



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