



KINDER RESERVOIR, PEAK DISTRICT

25km (15.5 miles)



WAY TO GO

01 **START (OS110/SK035869) Hayfield Information Centre Car Park**

Head out the far end of the car park and follow the Sett Valley Trail for 1.5km to the road. Turn L to the main road and then turn R for 200m to a turning on the L (Overhill Road). Take this and climb to a waymarked X-roads where you turn L onto a wet track. Follow this through gates and climb steadily to a T-junction at a wall corner.

02 **(SK832044) Junction on Chinley Churn. Distance so far: 5.3km**

Turn L and follow the track alongside the wall. After a sharp R-hand bend, go through a gate and bear R (effectively SA) to descend then climb to another gate. Now descend steeply through Hills Farm down to the main A624. Turn L and then R, onto a broad track and follow this to a X-roads of tracks, where you keep SA to a gate, and then SA again to traverse the hillside before dropping steeply to a junction in Coldwell Clough.

03 **(SK053860) Coldwell Clough. Distance so far: 9.1km**

Turn R and keep SA at a gate to climb steeply beside the river. When the track swings R, keep SA, through a gate, and climb for 1km to a way-marked BW on the L. Continue around the hillside, joining a broader track then following a wall to a gate. Keep SA across fields and down towards Kinder Reservoir. Turn L at the woods then R to drop over a road to the reservoir track. Turn R, then keep L of the gates to climb steeply. Turn L to climb out onto White Brow.

04 **(SK049883) Kinder Estate. Distance so far: 14.1km**

Keep L at the next junction and again at the top; then fork R at the top (Glossop and Carr Meadow). Cross a bridge, drop to a ford, then continue for 1.5km, to the A62. Turn R for 1km then L for 1.2km, where you turn L opposite Plainsteads Farm. Turn L again after 100m, then follow the lane R then L, then take a track on the L. At Blackshaw Farm, go through a gate on the R to keep SA, then bear R to a good track and a gate. Climb then drop to a lane and turn R then L to drop to another lane. Turn L to the Sett Valley Trail and L to finish.

TOTAL DISTANCE: 25KM (15.5 MILES) TOTAL ASCENT: 950M (3,117FT)

GETTING THERE

Start at the Information Centre in Hayfield (OS110/SK035869). Signposted Sett Valley Trail from the A624 between Chapel-en-le-Frith and Glossop. Nearest rail access is New Mills, a few kilometres from the route.

BEST TIME TO GO

Mostly good, well-drained tracks, but the moorland sections can get a little sticky. Watch out for walkers, dogs, horses, pushchairs and just about anything else on the Sett Valley Trail.

MAPS & GUIDEBOOKS

Memory Map V5 OS Landranger (1:50,000)

OS Landranger Series (1:50,000) 110 Sheffield & Huddersfield

OS Explorer Series (1:25,000) OL1 Peak District, Dark Peak Area

Harvey Superwalker (1:25,000) Dark Peak

Dark Peak Mountain Biking by Paul Evans and Jon Barton (Vertebrate Publishing)

REFRESHMENTS

Surprisingly, you'll not find anything on the route...

FACILITIES

Plenty of facilities in Hayfield.

The Waltzing Weasel in Birch Vale is highly recommended.

B&B in the Waltzing Weasel, 01663 743402, w-weasel.co.uk

B&B in the Navigation Inn at Buxworth, 01663 732072, navigationinn.co.uk

The nearest Youth Hostel is at Edale, 0845 371 9514, yha.org.uk

Glossop TIC, 01457 855920.

OTHER OPTIONS

We brought you an Easy from nearby Ladybower Reservoir in Aug 2015, and a Medium from the northern Peak in Feb 2015. Or check out the guidebook for stacks of great riding.

