

WALK 2

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Notes: Total distance 4.50 miles – rocky tracks / paths which can be muddy in wet weather - poles optional - walking boots advisable.

Classification - moderate with no long climbs.

Start: Take the Stockport to Mellor bus **375** (Hourly service Monday to Friday, very infrequent on Saturdays and no Sunday service) from the main road outside Rose Hill railway station or Marple town centre and alight at Moorend where the bus turns down Shiloh Road just before the terminus. (Ask driver if he would let you alight just before he turns the corner).

Due to frequent changes, we advise you to check bus timetables at <https://tfgm.com/public-transport/bus>

Stage 1

Alight here



Cross the road and take the rough straight track known as Pole Lane (not Boggard Road). The Derbyshire border sign is on your left.



Pole Lane

The track leads up the slope through an area of small oak trees, past Nature Reserve



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Eventually you reach a junction with a metalled road. Turn right here up Primrose Lane which is signed as 'a restricted byway'. Some riding stables will be on your left. Follow the lane past the farm on your right and log piles on your left, with a high hedge on your right. Ignore the white arrowed signpost on your left and carry on past the four trees to the junction with Black Lane.

Turn left on to Black Lane and carry on up the track to the crest of the hill with good views of the Dark Peak and Kinder Scout uplands and moors. You should be able to see a trig point on your left. From the top of the ridge you get good views of the Cheshire Plain and Manchester. From here the track starts downhill and you soon reach the Mellor Cross landmark on you left and a crossroad. (Look out for 3 Chimneys House which features in the Railway Children).



Distance so far **1 mile**.

Stage 2

Continue downhill on the tarmac road with the metal barn on your right. There are views of Strines, Marple, Marple Bridge and Mellor on your right. Marple Church is in the trees across the valley and Mellor Church is on a hilltop to your right.

Follow the track through the wooded area ignoring the marked path on the right over the golf course. Follow the path round to the left, past the old stone gate

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stump with the metal hook embedded in it. Do not go straight on downhill past the smaller stone gate stump on the right.

The path goes gently downhill with a fence on the right and a view of Strines. A right-hand bend in the path takes you through a small group of cottages and on to a 'T-junction'. On the horizon to the right can be seen the Cage in Lyme Park. Your next target is Strines Railway station. You have two options - one direct - and the other via Brookbottom Hamlet with the Fox Inn.

Turning right here down the lane is the direct route. Follow the lane downhill until you reach Strines station railway bridge.

Turning left up the hill, past the remains of the old gate, the lane eventually after a walk of around ten minutes leads down in to Brookbottom hamlet and the Fox pub. (Lovely old pub opens all day and food is serve except Mondays).



Outside the pub the signposted 'Goyt Way' leads downhill until you reach Strines railway station bridge.

From Strines station trains run to Manchester, New Mills and Sheffield.

Distance so far **2 miles**.

Stage 3

Go under the railway bridge and down the cobbled slope. At the bottom turn right on to the red signposted Goyt Way. Carry on up the hill and over the railway. Pass a farm on the left, cross the stream bridge and turn immediately left on the signposted Goyt Way.

Where the path divides take the right hand fork up a gentle slope. The path takes you through a scrubby area and the railway comes in on your left. Follow the path alongside the railway and it eventually drops down to a farm on your left and then bends round under the railway to run alongside the river Goyt.

Follow the lane until you come to a signpost for Strines Road on your left by the old packhorse bridge over the river.

Distance so far **3.50 miles**

You now have two options either return to Marple by the Peak Forest canal or via the 'Lakes' up the valley to Marple.

Option 1 Marple via Peak Forest canal

Cross the packhorse bridge, and follow the path left past the horse mounting block ignoring the steps going up into the wood on the right. Carry on up a tarmac road on to the main Strines Road. At this point two hundred yards to the left is the Sportsman Inn.

Cross the road and go up Plucksbridge Road to the Peak Forest canal bridge. Turn right on the towpath and follow it through to bridge 1 at Top Lock Marple, and then down Lockside to lock 13 and the main road at Possett Bridge. Left on the main road takes you into the centre of Marple and then on down to Rose Hill railway station.

Marple station can be reached by continuing down the canal towpath to lock 9 and then right down the hill to the station.

Option 2 Marple via the 'Lakes'

Continue along the lane past the weir and under the railway viaduct. Follow the lane with a large lake to your right to the 'T' junction with Bottoms Hall visible through the trees to your right. Here turn left with another lake on your right. The road eventually divides.



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At this point is where Samuel Oldknow's Bottoms Mill cotton mill once stood. It was burned down in 1892. Take some time to look at the information board and at the recovery and restoration work being done.

Taking the left-hand fork over the river bridge and up the hill will bring you to the canal at Possett Bridge and the centre of Marple and on down the main road to Rose Hill railway station.

Taking the right-hand fork Bottoms Mill Road will lead you up a hill and drop you down into Marple Bridge turning left over the river and up the hill to Marple railway station.

Total distance 4.50 miles.

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