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Sheffield to Bamford (via Burbage Rocks and Stanage Edge) or to Moscar Lodge

Start: Sheffield Station

Finish: Bamford Station or Moscar Lodge Bus Stop

Sheffield (Midland) Station, map reference SK 359 870, is 227 km north north west of Charing Cross and 54m above sea level. Hollow Meadows (adj. Moscar Lodge) bus stop, map reference SK 231 879, is 13 km west of Sheffield City Centre and 359m above sea level. Both are in **South Yorkshire**. Bamford station, map reference SK 207 825, is 16 km south west of Sheffield, 151m above sea level and in **Derbyshire**.

Length: 25.6 km (15.9 mi), of which 5.7 km (3.5 mi) on tarmac or concrete.

Cumulative ascent/descent: 598/501m.

For a shorter walk and Alternative Endings, see below **Walk Options**.

Toughness: 7 out of 10

Time: 6 ½ hours walking time.

For the whole outing, including trains, sights and meals, allow at least 13 hours.

Transport: Sheffield (Midland) Station is the terminus of the Midland Main Line from London St. Pancras, with up to two trains per hour (journey time from 118 mins Mondays-Saturdays, longer on Sundays). Bamford Station is on the Hope Valley Line, with a journey time from 23 mins to Sheffield. Hollow Meadows, Moscar Lodge is served by Line 257 (Bakewell/Bamford – Sheffield, seven days but Sun during BST only).

Saturday Walkers' Club: Take a train no later than 09.00 hours.

OS Landranger Map: 110 (Sheffield & Huddersfield)

OS Explorer Map: 278 (Sheffield & Barnsley) and OL1 (The Peak District – Dark Peak Area)

Walk Notes:

This walk leads from the centre of one of the most populous British cities through gradually less urban areas into excellent wild walking country (think ancient woodlands, tumbling streams and panoramic views) on to the rugged moorlands and dramatically sculpted gritstone outcrops (or 'edges') of the Peak District's iconic Dark Peak area. All in the one day, on the same walk, just two hours from London.

Escape from Sheffield's City Centre, first along streets and through the atmospheric landscaped Victorian General Cemetery, then the woodlands of the municipal Endcliffe Park and the narrow wooded Porter Valley to moorlands at the edge of the Peak District for lunch at one of two pubs. Continue through the Dark Peak area along the Yorkshire/Derbyshire boundary, characterised by rugged, desolate moorland, and the otherworldly gritstone 'edges', once extensively quarried for their rough, coarse stone. From Burbage Rocks to the famous Stanage Edge, the route covers a unique landscape, the greatest possible contrast to the start of the walk, before a scenic descent through lush scenery into the Hope Valley to Bamford Station.

An Alternative Ending follows Stanage Edge to its end and descends to a bus stop on the A 57 Manchester Road, with an optional extension to the Ladybower Reservoir and its Inn for a longer stay in the area.

Walk Options:

To cut some – or all – of the tarmac-heavy urban stretches at the start take one of the bus shortcuts, either from Sheffield Interchange (150m from the train station), or a little higher up the hill in the City Centre along Arundel Gate (bus stops change all the time, check online for up-to-date information). Details about the bus stops to disembark at and the exact route from there to the walk route are provided at the end of the main walk text under 'Bus Shortcuts'.

-> cut 1.6 km net: **bus 218** to **Sheffield Cemetery**;

-> cut 3.2 km net: **buses 6/65/181/271/272** to **Endcliffe Park**);

-> cut 3.8 km net: **bus 120** to **Whiteley Wood**;

-> cut 6.2 km net: **bus 120** to **Forge Dam Café**.

An Alternative Start from Grindleford (up Padley Gorge to The Fox House Inn) cuts 10.1 km/6.3 mi.

Bus 181 (Sheffield – Dore) serves **Ringinglow**/Sheephill Road, outside The Norfolk Arms pub/hotel (Mon-Fri only, 2 buses out, 3 back).

You can shorten the walk around lunch at The Fox House Inn, cutting 2.9 km/1.8 mi and 165m ascent/descent (lunch would need to be in Ringinglow, or a picnic).

To terminate the walk after lunch at the recommended lunch stop **The Fox House Inn**, take **Buses 65/271/272** to Sheffield or Bamford stations (seven days, at least hourly).

An Alternative Route from the Fox House Inn to Burbage Bridge leads over **Carl Wark and Higger Tor**.

An Alternative Ending at Moscar Lodge (Line 257) on the A57 Manchester Road follows Stanage Edge to its end (cuts 750m, but adds 45m ascent).

An Extension of the Alternative Ending to the Ladybower Inn in the Derwent Valley enables a longer stay in this excellent walking area (adds 4.2 km and 175m ascent) or a bus journey back (Line 257).

Elevenises/Lunch (details last updated 10/04/25)

Forge Dam Café Carr Forge Dam, *Fulwood, Sheffield, South Yorks, S10 4GN* (0114 230 9248, <https://www.forgedamcafe.co.uk/>). The Forge Dam Café is located 7.0 km (4.4 mi) into the walk on the fringes of Sheffield, on the border of the Peak District and open daily (except Christmas Day) 09.30-17.00. The café opened in the 1930s. Reportedly, it used to be Walkley Methodist Hall, until it was dismantled and brought, on horse and cart, to the park. There it was reassembled as the café, and has been open ever since. In 1968, the lease was taken on by Charles and Jean Chapman, Grandparents of the current owner. Regulars include(d) Richard Hawley and Jarvis Cocker. The café is, in fact, the one mentioned in the Pulp song *Wickerman*, which Jarvis wrote whilst sat in Forge Dam.

The Norfolk Arms 2 Ringinglow Village, *Sheffield, South Yorks, S11 7TS* (0114 230 2197, <http://norfolkarms.com/>). The Norfolk Arms is located 9.2 km (5.7 mi) into the walk. Open all day. Food all day. Its garden overlooks the Mayfield Valley in a beautiful spot right on the edge of Sheffield and the Peak District National Park. It originally served as an Inn for travellers on the Sheffield to Buxton turnpike road.

The Fox House Inn Hathersage Road, *Longshaw, Sheffield, South Yorks, S11 7TY* (01433 630 374, <http://www.vintageinn.co.uk/restaurants/yorkshire/thefoxhouselongshaw>).

The Fox House is located 13.7 km (8.5 mi) into the walk. Open all day, Food all day.

Tea (details last updated 10/04/25)

The Anglers Rest Main Road, *Bamford, Derbyshire, S33 0DY* (01433 659 317, <https://www.anglers.rest/>). The Anglers Rest is located 1.1 km off-route, 1.2 km from the end of the walk. In 2013 it became the first community pub in Derbyshire when it was purchased collectively by over 300 people. As a LocAle pub, they mainly source beers from the local area and have been awarded the Sheffield and District CAMRA pub of the month award for their selection of quality ales. As of early 2025, management has been handed to Atlantik Inns, a small local PubCo. The new opening hours are not yet clear.

The Ladybower Inn Bamford, *Hope Valley, Derbyshire, S33 0AX* (01433 627 660, <https://www.ladybowerinn.com/>). Open 12.00-19.00 Tue-Sat and 12.00-18.00 Sun. Food served. The Ladybower Inn is a quaint stone pub with rooms (some offering views of the picturesque Ladybower Reservoir) and the destination of the extended Alternative Ending, enabling a longer stay in the area.

The Showroom 15 Paternoster Row, *Sheffield, S1 2BX* (0114 249 5432, <http://www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/food-drink>). The Showroom is a multi-purpose venue based in a former car showroom, with an independent cinema, bar and café. It is located just a few hundred meters from the station, opposite where the bus from Moscar Lodge drops you off from the Alternative Ending. Food served until 20.30 Mon-Sat (-16.00 Sun/Bank Holidays).

The Sheffield Tap Sheffield Station, *Sheaf Street, Sheffield, South Yorks, S1 2BP* (0114 273 7558, <http://www.sheffieldtap.com/>). The Sheffield Tap is located within Sheffield Railway Station (in the former Edwardian Refreshment Room & Dining Rooms), and accessed either via Platform 1B or from Sheaf Street. Open all day. It is famous for the restored early 20th century interior and its selection of quality cask ales and beers from around the world. The bar has won the National Railway Heritage Award and the Cask Ale pub of the year award.

Notes:

Sheffield

Sheffield is a city and metropolitan borough in South Yorkshire and historically part of the West Riding of Yorkshire. It is in the valleys of the River Don and its four tributaries, the Loxley, the Porter Brook, the Rivelin and the Sheaf (from which the city's name derives). With around 584,000 citizens it is the 4th most populous British city outside of London. The area is believed to have been inhabited since at least the late Upper Palaeolithic period, about 12,800 years ago. In the Iron Age the area became the southernmost territory of a tribe called the Brigantes. After the departure of the Romans, the area may have been the southern part of the Celtic kingdom of Elmet, with the rivers Sheaf and Don forming part of the boundary between this kingdom and the kingdom of Mercia. Gradually, Anglian settlers pushed west from the kingdom of Deira. The settlements that grew and merged to form Sheffield, date from the second half of the first millennium, and are of Anglo-Saxon and Danish origin, when the area straddled the border between the kingdoms of Mercia and Northumbria.

In the 19th century, Sheffield gained an international reputation for steel production. Many innovations were developed locally, including crucible and stainless steel, fuelling an almost tenfold increase in the population in the Industrial Revolution. Today, 61% of Sheffield's entire area is green space, and a third of the city lies within the Peak District National Park. There are more than 250 parks, woodlands and public gardens in the city, and several million trees, giving Sheffield the highest ratio of trees to people of any city in Europe. The city has a long sporting heritage, and is home to the world's oldest football club and oldest football ground.

Sheffield (Midland) Station

Sheffield station, formerly Pond Street and later Sheffield Midland, is a combined railway station and tram stop, and the busiest station in South Yorkshire (but only the 15th busiest outside London). The station was opened in 1870 by the Midland Railway and was the fifth and last station to be built in Sheffield city centre. The original station buildings have been preserved and are between island platforms 2 to 5. On 21 December 1991, the station was flooded by the River Sheaf, which flows under it. A log that was part of the debris commemorates the event on platform 5. In December 2009, following the restoration of the station, a new pub – the 'Sheffield Tap' – opened next to platform 1B.

Porter Brook

The Porter Brook River descends over 300m from its source among the sedge grass on Burbage moor behind a small farm on Hangram just inside the Peak District National Park in the west of the city at Clough Hollow, near the village of Ringinglow. Porter Brook derives its name from its brownish colour, similar to the colour of Porter, a brownish discolouration obtained as it passes over iron-ore deposits on its course. It meets the subterranean River Sheaf beneath Sheffield Station.

The Porter, like the other rivers in Sheffield, is ideally suited for providing water power, as the final section falls some 140m in just over 6 km. This enabled dams to be constructed reasonably close together, without the outflow from one mill being restricted by the next downstream dam.

[Note: Dam is the normal local term for the lake, rather than the structure that creates the lake.]

Park Hill Flats

Park Hill is one of the seven hills on which Sheffield is built, south of the River Don, and east of the River Sheaf. The Estate occupies a prime position just outside the city centre and provides a striking backdrop to it. It is Grade II* listed since 1998 and remains Europe's largest listed structure. The building alone covers an area of 69,000 m² and currently contains around 1,000 flats, the whole site covers 130,000 m².

Park Hill was the first completed post-war slum clearance scheme of an entire community in Britain (the area colloquially known as "Little Chicago" due to the incidence of violent crime there). It was the most ambitious inner-city development of its time. In 1954 work began on the design and it was built between 1957 and 1961 in the Brutalist style: an exposed concrete frame with a progression of purple, terracotta, light red and cream brick curtain walling. However, as a result of weathering and soot-staining from passing trains, few people realised this and assume the building to be constructed entirely from concrete.

Within the old Park Hill area architects recognised there was a strong sense of local community and, in the design of the new Park Hill, tried to preserve this community spirit. Where possible, neighbours were rehoused alongside each other in the new complex and each flat opens out onto a 3m wide deck. This provided access for milk floats and communal areas, enhancing the image of 'streets in the sky'.

The slope of the site inspired the idea of a continuous roof line which results in the height of the blocks varying dramatically from 4 storeys at the top of the estate, rising to 13 storeys towards the city centre. Following a period of decline, the estate is being renovated by developers Urban Splash. The renovation was one of the six short-listed projects for the 2013 RIBA Stirling Prize.

Even now, inhabitants of Sheffield are split on the matter of Park Hill: many believe it to be a part of Sheffield's heritage, while others consider it an eyesore and blot on the landscape. Public nominations led it to the top 12 of Channel 4's *Demolition* programme. The 2014 film '71 used the buildings to recreate Belfast's notorious Divis Flats during The Troubles.

Sheffield General Cemetery

The General Cemetery was one of the first commercial landscaped cemeteries in Britain upon its opening in 1836 as a Nonconformist cemetery. It was a response to the rapid growth of Sheffield and the relatively

poor state of the town's churchyards. As the principal cemetery in the Victorian era it saw over 87,000 burials, is home to some of the most famous Sheffield industrialists and benefactors, but was closed for burials in 1978. The cemetery, with its Greek Doric and Egyptian style buildings, was designed by Sheffield architect Samuel Worth (1779–1870) on the site of a former quarry, occupying a north-facing hillside site, with the Porter Brook running along its north-west edge.

An Anglican cemetery with a neo-gothic chapel (Grade II listed) was consecrated alongside the Nonconformist cemetery in 1846 – the 'Dissenter's Wall' that divided the un-consecrated and consecrated ground can still be seen. Other notable buildings are: The Gatehouse, the Egyptian Gate and the Nonconformist Chapel (all Grade II* listed), the Registrar's house (Grade II) and the Grade II Catacombs (there are two rows of catacombs built into the hillside, this type of burial was unpopular though). Today it is a listed Landscape (Grade II*) on the English Heritage National Register of Historic Parks and Gardens. It is also a Local Nature Reserve, owned by the City of Sheffield and managed on behalf of the city by a local community group, the Sheffield General Cemetery Trust.

Endcliffe Park

Endcliffe Park is located 3 km south west of Sheffield City Centre, and is part of the Porter Valley Parks sequence. It is 15 hectares in size, and was acquired in stages in 1885, 1887 and 1927. The park was opened in 1887 to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The entrance to the park was a toll bar on the Hathersage Road. Next to the entrance is a Grade II listed pavilion. The park features two monuments dedicated to Queen Victoria (a statue and an obelisk). There is also a memorial stone marking the crash site of the USAAF B-17 Flying Fortress "Mi Amigo" on 22 February 1944.

Sheffield Round Walk

A 24 km (14 mi) waymarked circular path through the picturesque south west of Sheffield, it starts at Endcliffe Park and rises through the Porter Valley to the moorland edge at Ringinglow. The walk then descends through the Limb Valley, Whirlow Brook Park and Ecclesall Woods before climbing once again through Ladies Spring Wood and Chancet Wood to Graves Park, continuing through the Gleadless Valley, Meersbrook Park and Chelsea Park back to Endcliffe Park. The waymark is an acorn.

Shepherd Wheel

A working museum in a former water-powered grinding workshop, it is one of the earliest wheels on the Porter Brook, and one of the few remaining – and effectively complete – examples of this kind of enterprise, one that used to be commonplace in the area. Its 5.5 m diameter overshot water wheel is powered from a large dam stocked with water diverted from the Porter Brook. The present buildings date from c1780, during the time that Edward Shepherd – after whom the site is now named – was the tenant of the wheel. The workshops, dam, goit and weir are Grade II listed, and the site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Sheffield Country Walk

A 86 km (53 mi) waymarked circular Long Distance Path through parts of Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. The varied route around the outskirts of the city passes many sites and buildings of archaeological, historical and industrial interest. It follows woodland and riverside paths, crossing undulating farmland and the open gritstone moorlands to the west of the city. The waymark is yellow arrows and sheaf symbols.

The Peak District (National Park)

The Peak District is an upland area at the southernmost end of the Pennines.

The Peak District National Park is one of the UK's most popular, and is located within the boundaries of five counties (Derbys., Ches., Staffs., Yorks. and Greater Manchester). Founded in 1951, it was the first national Park in England. The Park spans an area of around 1,440 km² (550 mi²) and – despite its name – its terrain consists mainly of rolling hills, farmland, moorland and some gritstone escarpments (the "edges"). It is however significantly higher than much of the terrain in the surrounding area.

The Peak District is formed almost exclusively from sedimentary rocks dating from the Carboniferous period. They comprise the Carboniferous Limestone, the overlying Gritstone and finally the Coal Measures, though the latter occur only on the extreme margins of the area. In addition, there are infrequent outcrops of igneous rocks including lavas, tuffs and volcanic vent agglomerates.

The northern Dark Peak (whose geology is gritstone) is one of the most famous landmarks in the Peak District National Park, known for its exposed and isolated tracts of moorland, as well as its expansive rolling plateau which is covered by cotton grass bogs and heather moorlands. The soil of the area is composed of moorland peat which provides the perfect environment for the plant life in the area. The areas to the flanks of the high moorland host numerous copses which are composed of Oak and Birch.

The southern White Peak (whose geology is mainly limestone) is another distinctive area within the park due to its gently sloping Limestone plateau, crisscrossed by the Limestone Dales. The Dales provide the areas' drainage and vary in steepness throughout the area.

Stanage Edge

The largest and most impressive of the gritstone edges, it stretches for 6 km and is crossed by the old Roman Road from Navio (Brough) to Doncaster. It is a famous location for rock-climbers (with over 800 recorded rock climbs) and a popular spot for walkers. The rock face itself attains a maximum height of 25m. Historically this has been a private grouse moor with access forbidden.

WALK DIRECTIONS

[For the Alternative Start from Grindleford (up Padley Gorge to The Fox House Inn) find the directions at the end of this text under **Alternative Start from Grindleford.**]

Alight from the train in **Sheffield (Midland) Station** and leave it via an overbridge in a westerly direction (to the left, from the direction of travel), signposted **Main Entrance** or **City Centre**. Exit straight through the main entrance (note the food store on the left, your most convenient option for stocking up later for the return journey) on to the large forecourt (**Sheaf Square**), with a long curving terraced vertical fountain wall (**The Cutting Edge**) in front of you. This may or may not be fed by the **Porter Brook**, who runs a little to the left and whose valley you'll broadly follow for the next 8.5 km.

Walk to the left of the fountain wall, and to the right of another cascading fountain, *curving up left* with the path. In 100m – where some steps join from the left – *turn around* to admire the view up across and beyond the station to one of the most famous building estates in Europe, the **Park Hill Flats**, a sympathetically updated renowned gem of Brutalist architecture. *Turn right* to cross **Sheaf Street** (the A61) at a pedestrian crossing and in 25m – with **The Howard** pub ahead on your right and a new building of **Sheffield Hallam University** ahead on your left – *turn left* along **Paternoster Row** (unsigned). This continues as **Brown Street** and later, after passing **The Rutland Arms** pub on the right, as **Sidney Street**. In 25m *turn left* along a path to the side of a car park and in 30m *turn right* along a tarmac path through a landscaped area by the Porter Brook. In 80m *turn right* along Matilda Street back to Sidney Street and *turn left* along it.

Where the road veers right, its name changes again, to **Sylvester Street** (the Porter Brook runs a little to the left behind a wall) and in 80m you *turn right* into **Jessop Street**, where Sylvester Street ends in a dead end. In 80m at a T-junction with **Eyre Street**, cross this busy road using the pedestrian crossing just on your right and *turn left* on the other side. In 50m *turn right* into **Cumberland Street**. In 50m you *turn left* along **South Lane**, soon passing some large (government) office buildings on your right. Make sure you walk along the right-hand side of the road, in 200m cross **Young Street** joining from the right by a Premier Inn and walk down a slope to an **underpass under the dual-carriageway A61**. You emerge on the other side of the junction, with busy **London Road** on your left, but *veer right* to the right of an angular building (Chinese Fireworks Co.) along the pedestrianised end of **Cemetery Road**. Follow its right-hand side uphill for 450m until you cross **Summerfield Street**, which joins from the right. Continue in the same direction and in 30m cross **Sunderland Street**.

*) In 20m you pass a bus stop for Line 218 and in 20m **[!]** *turn right* along a tarmac path through a small green. In 20m *turn left* to in 20m pass a large bouldering rock and in 50m cross **Montague Street** to enter **Sheffield General Cemetery** through a gap in a stone wall and pass a **War Memorial**. Continue along the atmospheric gravel tree-lined central path (**Sandford's Walk**) with a signpost for 'Samuel Worth Chapel', passing numerous ancient gravestones, mausoleums and memorials to the left and right. In 250m continue in the same direction at a four-way junction of wide paths (the one from the left runs down from the **Egyptian Gate** entrance) to the impressive **Nonconformist Chapel** 50m away. *Turn right* at the chapel down some steps and *right again* at their bottom (the interesting grave at the bottom is for **George Bennet**, a missionary who travelled around the world supported by the **London Missionary Society**) along a gravel path and in 40m *turn left* at a T-junction with a wider path running down from the four-way junction. (In 10m on your right is a terrace, which sits atop some large **Catacombs**, and overlooks a **Geological Stone Spiral**.)

Continue down the path, en route passing a large info panel on the 'The Catacombs' and in 150m leave the cemetery through the Grade II*-listed **Gatehouse** to in 20m **[!]** *turn hard left* along a tarmac path (**Frog Walk**). In 35m cross the **Porter Brook** on a metal-railed footbridge **[!]** and *turn right* on the other side, gently uphill with a high wall on your left-hand side and the river on your right. In 80m continue between walls, where the river turns right and in 40m ignore a left turning driveway. In 65m walk up some steps onto **Sharrow Vale Road** and *turn right* along its pavement. In 200m you pass **Tonca Bakery**, with the **Corner Store** opposite and continue along Sharrow Vale Road. This is lined by lost of independent stores, cafés and delis, and some pubs and taprooms as well. In 300m you reach the **Hunter's Bar** roundabout and *turn right* to in 25m *turn left* at some pedestrian lights across **Eccleshall Road** (the A625) to then *bear left* to also cross **Brocco Bank** (road) and *turn left* on the opposite side past the cascading Porter Brook to find the entrance to **Endcliffe Park** in 40m on your right.

******) Enter the park along a tarmac path, in 30m coming to a T-junction of paths by a statue of **Queen Victoria**. **[!]** *Turn right* here to cross the Porter Brook and continue along a tarmac path on the other side of the river. In 80m *fork right* off the tarmac path, signposted 'Mi Amigo Aircraft War Memorial', and follow a gravel-and-earth path for 1 km through woodland, always staying close to the river but on its right-hand side, until you leave Endcliffe Park. **In more detail:** in 170m, where the path turns left with the river, take the earthen path veering away from it, not the tarmac path along it; some stepping stones across the water a little further along lead to the **Endcliffe Park Café**; in another 25m you pass the Mi Amigo Memorial with several info panels and continue along a tarmac path. In 120m, by a bridge over the river on the left, you *bear right* to the higher lying **Holme Wheel Pond** and pass it to its left. At the end of the pond, ignore some paths and another bridge across the river off to the left, as well as a tarmac path up right, but in 40m *fork right* to stay to the right of the river. Ignore another track up right and in 90m walk between the river and a high wall. In 300m *turn left* with the path across the Porter Brook and *turn right* along a tarmac path to exit the park with a **Sheffield Round Walk** (SRW) signpost.

*******) Cross **Rustlings Road** and *turn right* along its opposite pavement to a mini-roundabout 15m away. *Fork left* along a tarmac path through **Bingham Park** (signed **Whiteley Woods – The Porter Valley**), ignoring the continuation of the road (Oakbrook Road). Soon you have a **Hanging Wood** on your left. In 280m and in another 125m ignore bridges on the right, but in another 60m, with a marked footpath running down the hill on the left, **[!]** *veer right* across a third bridge to carry on along the right-hand side of the brook. In 120m you reach the historic **Shepherd Wheel** water-powered grinding workshop (open 10-16 weekends/Bank Holidays), and (on the left of the river) an info panel and its hand-powered audio guide! Stay on the right-hand side of the river to rise gently and continue past the dam of the Shepherd Wheel to another info panel and audio guide. In another 110m walk up some steps and *turn left* along a road (**Hanging Water Road/Highcliffe Road**). In 20m – just after crossing a bridge – *turn right* to follow a SRW signpost into a wooded valley (ignoring a bridleway a little further along). In 250m walk up some steps to cross **Whiteley Wood Road** and continue a little to the left along a signposted footpath.

In 30m you have a choice:

- either use stepping stones to cross the river and follow a bridleway through the wood or, to avoid the stepping stones, follow a footpath on the right to re-join the bridleway a short way ahead,
- or follow the SRW through a squeeze gate on the left.

In either case, in 900m you emerge on a tarmac lane (**Ivy Cottage Lane**) and *turn left* along the lane to then *turn right* at a multi-directional signpost after 75m (or after 25m if you followed the SRW).

****) Pass a sign for **Forge Dam** and cross the river to – in 30m – *turn left* down some steps into **Forge Dam City Park** and in 60m pass the **Forge Dam Café**. Walk up a slope and continue along a tarmac path along the right-hand side of the **Forge Dam**. [Note: Dam is the normal local term for the lake, rather than the structure that creates the lake. It used to be completely silted up, but has been dredged in 2021-22.] In 100m *turn left* with the path and a SRW marker post and in 40m cross Porter Brook and *turn right* through the wooded valley on a gravel path. In 380m walk through a gap to the left of a metal barrier to cross **Wood Cliffe** road and continue in the same direction through a drystone wall gap and along a gravel path, signed **Porter Clough** ('clough' is Old English, meaning steep valley/ravine, and related to High German 'Klinge' = blade). In 80m you *fork down to the right* with the signposted footpath, where another path forks off to the left, and in 25m cross Porter Brook on a bridge. In 140m ignore a footbridge on the left leading to the parallel running **Clough Lane**. In 100m emerge through a wall gap onto **Mark Lane** to cross it to continue in the same direction through a wall gap. Ignore all ways off and in 450m (by a bench and a stile on the right) go through a wall gap onto a gravel lane at an unsigned five-way junction of footpaths, bridleways and byways at the bottom of the **Porter Clough**.

[!] *Turn down to the left* to cross **Porter Brook** for a last time, then briefly follow **Clough Lane** but in 20m *turn right* up some steps by a footpath signpost and go over a stile into a grassy hillside. Continue on a clear path up the hill (with fine views to the City Centre on the left) to a point to the right of a short line of young trees (due S), eventually along an engineered path at the steepest part of the ascent. At the top of the field walk through a wooden gate in a drystone wall and continue in the same direction for 330m between fences or walls, through a couple of gates and over some stiles until you reach **Ringinglow Road** at a T-junction. *Turn right* along its pavement and in 150m pass a **bus stop for Line 181** by **The Norfolk Arms**, opposite a remarkable octagonal **toll house** of this former turnpike road, at the corner of **Lady Canning's Plantation**, and also right on the boundary of the **Peak District National Park**.

Turn left along **Sheephill Road** with a SRW signpost (i.e.: cross the road if you come out of the pub), with the Roundhouse toll booth on your right. In 100m you cross a stream and in 10m the **SRW turns left** over a stile, but you continue in the same direction along the road. In 130m (where the road curves to the left) you continue in the same direction up **Sheephill** along a signposted public byway (initially on a car wide tarmac track, then gravel). Ignore all ways off to the right into the plantation and – with fine views en route on the hard left over your shoulder of Sheffield's City Centre – in 700m go through a metal gate to the right of a metal field gate into open moorland. You have entered **Access Land** and follow this rough ancient track (**Houndkirk Road** on the OS map, in fact the old Sheffield to Buxton turnpike) **for 3 km** past remnants of drystone walls, occasional standing stones and the odd old milestone through this evocative moorland (**Burbage Moor** to the right and **Houndkirk Moor** to the left).

In more detail: In 280m cross a car wide byway, in 100m further the wind sculptured **Ox Stones** (on the OS map) are visible on the horizon to the right, then you pass a **milestone** ('Tidewell 10, Buxton 17') and cross a couple of streams, and in 800m from the byway crossing you continue on the level.

In 600m, by a footpath signpost by a fence gap on the right, **you have a choice:**

For the shortcut, cutting out **The Fox House Inn**, *turn right* through the gap and pick up the directions at the end of the main walk directions under **Shortcut**.

For the main walk continue in the same direction along the car wide track to reach the highest point of this stretch (at 426m above sea level) in 300m by a red-topped white

marker post (for a gas pipeline) and a wooden kissing gate (currently missing) on the right. You can see Higger Tor and Carl Wark on the right, plus – on a good day – Kinder Scout, the Great Ridge, Win Hill Pike and even Bleaklow. In 600m go through a metal gate to the right of a metal field gate and in a further 130m through a second metal gate to the right of a metal field gate, just before crossing a gravel driveway to **Parson House** (Outdoor Pursuit Centre). In 260m continue in the same direction to the right of **Hathersage Road** (the A6187) along a clear grassy path. In 170m the **Sheffield Country Walk** (SCW) joins from the left through a wooden kissing gate in a drystone wall. [You will follow this waymarked Long-Distance Path for the next couple of hours.] Continue along the road and in 190m *turn right* into the car park of **The Fox House Inn**. You find the entrance on the left-hand side of the building and a large garden area to the right with the impressive table-mountain shaped bulks of **Carl Wark** and **Higger Tor** across the moors (from this angle looking like one and the same hill).

After lunch, *turn left* out of the pub through the car park (i.e. turning right from the pre-lunch direction). In 50m at the corner of the pub building cross a tarmac drive and continue through a grassy area with some pub tables and in 25m *fork left* through grass and bracken along a faint path (280°). In 70m (close to the road now) *turn right* through a wooden kissing gate into the open heathery moorland (**Access Land**). Follow the path across the moor in a broadly north westerly direction for 440m (walk through a gate in 60m, ignore a right running path in 350m and in 30m you get...) to the edge of the moor at a T-junction with a narrow path coming up from the road a couple of hundred metres down on the left. You are looking (assuming the weather permits views) into the **Burbage Brook** valley, with **Burbage Bridge** on the left by the road and **Carl Wark** promontory (thought to be an Iron Age hill fort site), **Higger Tor** and **Hathersage Moor** and **Over Owler Tor** opposite.

Here you have a choice:

For an alternative route over Carl Wark and Higger Tor to Burbage Bridge, go down a narrow path between boulders a little to the right and pick up the directions at the end of this text under **Carl Wark and Higger Tor Route**.

For the Main Walk *turn up right* and in [!] 40m *fork up right* (the left fork leads to a parallel running footpath at the bottom of the escarpment and to a car wide permissive bridleway at the bottom of the valley, both possible easier alternative routes) along an unmarked and unsigned, but always clear path **through moorland and heather or over rock slabs or boulders**. Continue broadly in the same direction **for about 1.1 km** along a rough path along **Burbage Rocks**, always close to the dramatically dropping escarpment (or 'edge') on your left. Then, just after the path starts to descend, *turn left* with the edge at a three-way junction towards a couple of cairns 60m away (these may not be visible in low clouds), with remnants of a brick wall on your left (310°), i.e.: [!] ignoring the narrow continuation of the path straight ahead (20°) through the heathland. At the first (large) cairn you reach a marked four-way footpath junction. The path from the right out of **Burbage Moor** is the Shortcut. The path from the left out of the **Burbage Valley** is the lower lying path that forked off earlier. Continue in the same direction along the edge, to the left of the first (large) cairn, then to the right of the second (smaller) cairn.

*****) In 240m ford a stream and in 200m cross a rocky segment along an indistinct path and then continue in the same direction along a clearer path along the edge, with the – partially wooded – valley still on the left, while passing occasional red-topped white marker poles. **In 1.8 km** (from the four-way junction of paths) you reach a wooden kissing gate into a car park on **Ringinglow Road**, with **Upper Burbage Bridge(s)** to the left and two bubbling, cascading brooks from the higher moorland ahead streaming down picturesquely under the bridges (after wet weather). The bottom

of the valley-permissive bridleway joins the road a little to the left as well. Continue by *turning left **this side of the fence*** along a narrow path to an info panel 50m away ('Upper Burbage'), in 50m and in another 90m cross the two brooks utilising some flat boulders and in 30m *turn right* through a metal kissing gate into a car park. (*If the stepping stones across the brooks are not passable*, walk through a wooden gate by a footpath signpost and *turn left* along the road's verge to cross Upper Burbage Bridges).

*****) *Turn right* through the car park and in 20m cross a road and *turn left* along the opposite grassy verge. In 100m, where the road bends to the left, you continue in the same direction along a clear path through heather across **Cam Height** ('No Cycling'), in 25m passing a horizontal boulder on some rocks and then a **SCW** marker post just beyond. A rocky outcrop at the southerly end of **Stanage Edge**, at 457m above sea level the highest point of the Main Walk, is looming ahead. Just before the ascent up to the outcrop, you pass **Cowper Stone**, a large gritstone boulder (on the OS map), away on the right and in 800m from the road reach a trig point, a tremendous vantage point. If you walk to the edge of the drop to the left of the trig point and look down into the valley, you will see some old abandoned millstones lying just at the base of the rock. Continue by *turning right* with the edge on your left (300°), initially through some boulders, then through more heathery moorland with some scattered boulders.

In 430m a path joins from a car park on the left below, **by a popular rock-climbing area**, later another. You pass some random fence parts, ruined enclosures or drystone walls on your right, as well as a faint path turning right through the moor, then walk through a drystone wall gap and eventually go through a low wooden fence with a SCW marker by a wall to its right, where a footpath joins from the right (**2.0 km from the trig point**). In 50m you reach a three-way junction with a public bridleway, on the back of a post signed for '**Redmires Reservoirs, Hollin Bank Car Park**'. In 90m an unmarked footpath joins from the left below. In 180m at a three-way junction with a bridleway (**Long Causeway** on the OS map, an old **Roman Road** running down from **Stanedge Pole**, a nearby top), you *turn down left* along it with a SCW marker post.

In 70m you reach a fork in the path, where you have a choice:

For the Alternative Ending at Moscar Lodge bus stop, *fork up right* with a narrow path and pick up the directions at the end of this text under **Moscar Lodge Ending**. **[!] This is not recommended**, if you are already **tired of the bleakness** of the moorland and/or **the rough ground** of the edges. The remaining distance is 4.1 km, with 110m height gain, so will take about an hour of walking. Also: the bus stop is on a busy road without any amenities, not even a bus shelter. **[!]**

For the Main Walk ending at Bamford Station, you *fork down left* with the car wide bridleway (leaving the SCW) and follow it for 1.5 km, ignoring all gates, stiles and paths leading off it, eventually *turning left* with it **away from Stanage Edge** and around a fenced wood, through a gap to the right of a metal barrier, then past **Hollin Bank Car Park** and to a bend in a road. Continue in the same direction along the road with a drystone wall to your left and **Dennis Knoll** wood behind it, across or around a cattle grid. In 300m – about 50m after the far corner of the wood on the left – you *continue in the same direction*, ignoring a right turn up **Bole Hill** (road). On the left you have **Stanage Edge's** escarpment towering over the valley, with **Over Owler Tor** and the **Millstone Edge** away to the right of it.

In 160m *turn right* with a footpath signpost through a metal (kissing) field gate into the grassy hillside and *bear left* on a clear track in a gully between earth banks. In 50m **[!] fork left** along a narrow path (160°) to keep contouring around the hill on your right, initially parallel to the road below, but then in 80m *not dropping down* with the path to the road and a farm, but gently *curving away from it to the right* towards the corner of a

wood (260°). In 100m walk to the right of the wood and in 80m descend with the path. In 130m you reach a three-way footpath signpost and continue in the same direction ('**Gate House**'). In 15m *turn left* over a stile in a fence to the left of a drystone wall corner and head down a grassy field *veering left* towards a stile 60m away (30m left of a metal field gate), i.e. head towards the left of some farm buildings (**Upper Hurst Farm** on the OS map). Continue in the same direction for 400m over several stiles and through various sloping grassy areas, until you go over a last stile to the right of a large tree onto a tarmac lane (**Hurstclough Lane** on the OS map).

For the next 900m you have **two options**, the lane (somewhat more straight forward, but without views) or footpaths through fields (views into the valley, but plenty of narrow gates to negotiate):

either you *turn right along the* (initially) **tarmac lane**. In 60m a couple of footpaths join from the left, in 70m you pass the driveway to **Upper Hurst Farm** on the right, in 50m a footpath joins from the left, in 20m you pass a bench and the driveway to **Nether Hurst Farm** on the left (the lane continues as gravel), in 370m a bridleway joins from the left between hedges (also from Nether Hurst Farm), in about 400m the now tarmac track *turns right* to descend steeply; in 290m *turn sharply left*, by now inside a wood, with **Upper Hurst Brook** below at the bottom of this secluded valley; in 20m ignore some steps down to a bridge over the brook; in 30m a footpath joins from the left;

or you walk through the wooden gate opposite and *turn right along a footpath* which shadows the lane all the way, first through grassy fields, then a steep wood, while re-joining the lane for 30m along the way. You will eventually emerge from the wood through a wooden gate and down some steps to turn left along a tarmac track at the bottom of the valley.

Continue through **Hurst Clough** with the brook on your right below. The track then ascends and you ignore a couple of wooden gates on the left into woods.

In 230m, near the top of the rise by a stile on the left, **you have a choice:**

For a diversion to the pub and café in Bamford (adds 1.5 km; for a total distance of 2.3 km to the station) continue in the same direction along the tarmac lane and in 200m at a three-way junction, with **Saltergate Lane** joining from the left, continue ahead along **Joan Lane**. In 800m cross a tarmac lane (**The Clough**) and in 100m find **The Anglers Rest** on your right-hand side, by the **Ashopton Road/Main Road** (A6013) at a T-junction. From the pub *turn left* down Main Road all the way to the station. It changes name to **Station Road** and in 1.1 km you *fork left* along **Station Approach**.

For the Direct Route to Bamford Station, *turn left* over the stile and walk through a narrow, wooded strip and then a grassy area (in fact: **Sickleholme Golf Club**) to the right of a clump of firs directly in front of you, then veering on a bearing of 260°. You cross a few fairways as you walk through a gap in a line of trees in 120m and cross a footpath by a marker post and head downhill in the same direction towards the end of a row of houses, all this with views into the **Hope Valley** and to **Shatton Edge**. In 270m leave the golf course over a stile between trees in a fence line onto **Saltergate Lane** and *turn down left* along it. In 220m you pass the clubhouse and in 65m, just before a junction with the **A 6013**, *turn left* along **Station Approach** to **Bamford Station**. Sheffield bound trains depart from the near platform.

Back in Sheffield, **The Sheffield Tap** is to be found on Platform 1B.
Recommendation: Do check out ALL the rooms, nooks and crannies!

London bound trains usually depart from platforms 5 or 8.

Bus Shortcuts

→ **cut 1.6 km** net: **bus 218 to Sheffield Cemetery** (direction Bakewell, to stop Cemetery Road/Washington Road). Join the main walk at the asterisk *).

→ **cut 3.2 km** net: **buses 6/65/181/271/272 to Endcliffe Park** (directions Millhouses, Dore, Buxton or Castleton, to stops Ecclesall Road/Junction Road or Hunter's Bar). Join the main walk at the double asterisk **).

→ **cut 3.8 km** net (cut most of the urban stretches, while still experiencing some of the transformation from parkland to wild moorland): **bus 120 to Whiteley Wood** (directions Ranmoor or Fulwood, to stop Ranmoor, Fulwood Road/Riverdale Road). From the bus stop (just after passing The Florentine on the right and the entrance to Notre Dame School on the left), continue along Fulwood Road with the school on your left and *turn left* along Riverdale Road. Ignore all ways off for 380m and *turn right* along Oakbrook Road (unsigned, but with a low brick wall running along the far side); in 80m *turn left* down some steps onto a tarmac track and *veer right*; in 30m cross a bridge and *turn right* along a tarmac path to exit the park. Join the main walk at the triple asterisk ***).

→ **cut 6.2 km** net (cut all urban and semi-urban parts): **bus 120 to Forge Dam Café** (direction Fulwood (but not Ranmoor), to stop Brookhouse Hill/Silver Birch Avenue). From the bus stop (just before a right bend by a number of shops on the left), continue down Brookhouse Hill and in 40m *turn down left* at a junction with Brookhouse Hill. In 180m continue ahead along the road (now signed as a cul-de-sac). In 170m cross the Porter Brook and in 40m *turn right* at a multi-directional signpost. Join the main walk at the quadruple asterisk ****).

Alternative Start from Grindleford up Padley Gorge to The Fox House Inn (cut 10.1 km/6.3 mi) (last checked 01st July 2021)

Exit the platform through a wooden gate and up a tarmac path to a lane 50m away, where you *turn right*. You pass **Grindleford Station Café** and immediately afterwards *turn up left* along a tarmac signposted footpath that climbs steeply, with a cascading stream down below on the right, to a road above. *Turn left* along the road, in 50m pass a bus stop and in another 15m *turn left* through a wall gap past a National Trust **Padley Gorge** sign. Follow a clear earthen path through the wood, in 100m ignore a faint left fork to continue on the level initially, then gently uphill. In 250m, at a four-way junction, *turn left* downhill. In 60m ignore a left turn to *veer right* with the path and in 25m, where the path turns right and up, with the **Burbage Brook** below, *turn left* down a few steps (may be hard to spot with leaves on the ground) to the level of the brook.

In 20m from the steps, cross a two-railed wooden footbridge over the brook and on the other side follow the path up the steep gorge through a few turns and past a bench. At the top of the rise (50m from that bench), *turn hard right* along a clear path. Ignore all ways off, staying high up in the wooded gorge, close to the brook audible (and sometimes visible) down below on the right. You cross a stream along the way in 250m and in another 600m emerge from the wood through a metal gate into **Access Land**. In 60m the trees discontinue and you commence through heathland, picking up a path along the brook (ignore a footbridge on the right). **Carl Wark and Higger Tor** dominate the view ahead to the left. In 150m ignore another footbridge on the right across the brook by a signpost to 'Longshaw Visitor Centre'.

Follow the bubbling brook and in 600m *turn right* over a two-railed wooden footbridge and *turn left* with the path along the other side of the brook, soon rising away from the brook into trees. In 80m you cross a stream and in another 10m *turn right* with the main path and a marker post, ignoring a faint path to the left towards the audible main road. You re-cross the stream and follow the path up through the wood, shadowing the A road away to the left. In 110m walk through a wooden kissing gate, in another 110m

the **Sheffield Country Walk** joins from the left along a forest path, and in 370m you go through a wooden gate to the left of a white metal field gate onto a road. *Bear right* across the road and in 40m go through a white wooden gate to the left of a car gate by **Longshaw Lodge**. *Turn hard left* up a gravel path, signposted 'Fox House Inn' and 'Bus Stop'. In 20m ignore a right fork and in 120m walk through a wall gap (a missing gate) onto the A road opposite **The Fox House Inn**. The entrance is at the back through the car park (walk to the right of the Inn and in 40m *turn left* into the car park).

Shortcut (cut 2.9 km and 165m ascent/descent) Lunch is at The Norfolk Arms

Follow a clear rocky path through the heathery moorland of **Burbage Moor**, initially slightly uphill, and *turn left* with it in 60m then right in 20m. In 170m a path joins from the left and you go straight ahead through a wooden kissing gate, now heading slightly downhill. In 330m ignore a left fork by a first cairn and in another 60m you reach a four-way footpath junction by a large cairn (with a second smaller cairn a little to the right), with the **Burbage Brook valley** below and **Hathersage Moor** and the impressive table-mountain shaped bulk of **Higger Tor** opposite. The path joining from the left is the Main Walk. *Turn right* past the second (smaller) cairn and pick up directions in the main text at the quintuple asterisk *****).

Carl Wark and Higger Tor Route (this section last checked 01st July 2021)

You are aiming for the clear wide gravel track running at the bottom of the valley: in 60m *turn left* at a faint fork (280° initially) and in 50m *veer right* at a faint four-way junction of paths. In 55m *turn right* along the broad gravel track. In 40m you walk through some stone gate posts and in 20m *curve right* with the track. In another 35m by a bench on the right, **[!]** *fork left* off the gravel track along a narrow grass path (345°) in a direction just to the right of the right-hand corner of Carl Wark. In 80m *fork left* and start descending towards a ford across the **Burbage Brook**, which you reach in a deep gully in 70m. Ascend steeply up a bank on the other side and continue through a boggy stretch for a short stretch. Try staying on a bearing of 345° (as per the footpath on the OS map), ultimately heading in the direction of the right-hand corner of **Carl Wark**. The boggy area is replaced by bracken (also tough to walk through if you have lost what path there is). In 350m you reach the base of the boulder wall that surrounds Carl Wark in most directions and make your way up through it (some routes entail some scrambling, others – to the left – are more easily walkable).

Continue across the boulder-strewn plateau of this ancient hill fort site along its right-hand edge, towards the far northwest corner 170m away. Views on the left are across **Hathersage Moor** along the **Hope Valley** to the **Great Ridge** and the **Kinder Scout Plateau** (on a good day). In the far corner follow a descending stepped path down the boulder defences and continue along a clear path towards **Higger Tor** (330° initially). Ignore a left turning path in 200m and in another 50m an engineered path starts ascending the Tor. In 130m *fork left* along the left of three faint tracks up the last steep boulder wall (the other two involve more scrambling) to reach the plateau of Higger Tor. Continue in the same direction across the Tor, heading broadly for a car park near **Burbage Bridge(s)** on a bearing of 10°. At the end of the plateau avoid the left turn towards the nearby **Fiddler's Elbow** road and continue towards a rocky promontory and a large car park beyond it (30°). You walk through a dip and over the rocky promontory and in about 1.0 km from Higger Tor (20m before the Burbage Bridge(s)) *turn left* through a metal kissing gate by a two-way footpath signpost into **Fiddler's Elbow car park**. The Main Walk has joined from the other side of the Burbage Brook.

Pick up the directions in the main text at the sextuple asterisk *****).

Moscar Lodge Ending

(cut 750 m distance, add 45/162m ascent/descent and 1.3 km tarmac)

In 290m you go over a stile in a wooden fence and in about 800m you pass a brick shelter off to the right and in another 200m you reach the trig point on **High Neb**, the highest point on the walk (by 1m, at 458m above sea level). Due W from here you have **Win Hill**, on the other side of the **Derwent Valley**, and – a little to the right of it and 3 km behind – **Lose Hill**. In 250m a path joins from the left in a cleft. In 420m you pass a rocky outcrop on the left, where the path and edge *bear right* (**Crow Chin** on the OS map). In 250m a ruined building becomes visible ahead to the right, another 250m away. In 200m you pass another high rocky outcrop protruding into the valley on the left (**Stanage End**). Descending from that rise you can see some buildings and a road in the valley ahead and a moorland rising up to an edge beyond (**Moscar House**, **Strines Road** and **Derwent Edge**, featuring on SWC Walk Ladybower Circular via Derwent Edge and Strines).

In 165m you walk through a little dip on a clear path and in 70m (before descending more prominently) you get clear views of the A road that you are aiming for at the bottom of the valley. In 40m pass some drystone wall remnants on your left, where there are lines of scattered large rocks on the right-hand side (**Crows Chin Rocks** on the OS map). **[!]** In 80m *turn right* at a T-junction with a wider path joining from the half left (this is a bridleway that has been running parallel at the bottom of the escarpment), on a bearing of 40°, and follow it all the way to the road below, with occasional large rocks being the 'Boundary Stones' shown on the OS map (the boundary in question being Derbyshire/ Yorkshire). The building dead ahead on the other side of the road above and to the left of a wood is **Moscar Lodge**. After 750m, just before the final descent, you can see a layby by the road. In 220m you continue ahead with a **SCW** marker on a PNFS sign, ignoring the left fork to the layby and in 70m go over a stile by a footpath signpost onto the A57 **Manchester Road**. *Turn right* and in 55m you reach a 'City of Sheffield'-sign and a boundary stone on the left by the Lodge's driveway.

Here you have a choice:

For the Extension to Ladybower Reservoir and Inn, *turn left* to cross the road and walk up the driveway to **Moscar Lodge** and pick up the directions at the end of this text under **Extension to Ladybower Inn**.

For the bus back to Sheffield, continue along the verge and in 40m cross over to the **Hollow Meadows (adj. Moscar Lodge) bus stop of Line 257**. The journey takes a scheduled 26 minutes. You get off the bus on **Paternoster Row** by **The Howard** pub on the left and **The Showroom**, on the right, with **Sheffield (Midland) Station** further to the right across **Sheaf Street**. *Turn right* and in 20m *turn right* again at the lights to cross the street and in a further 30m cross Sheaf Street to the station. **The Sheffield Tap** is to be found on Platform1B (but also accessible from here on the left-hand end of the station building). Do check out ALL the rooms, nooks and crannies!

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Extension to Ladybower Inn (add 4.2 km, 175m ascent and 310m descent)

In 100m you pass the left fork to the lodge, in 40m the track turns to grass between drystone walls, in 200m you walk through a metal field gate and in 20m (just after passing a guide stoop on your left, sign of an ancient packhorse route junction) you *turn up left* with the wall on your left along a car wide farm track, ignoring a right fork. In 250m, at the top of the rise, you *turn left* over a stile to the right of a metal field gate and walk downhill along a track (**Moscar Cross Road** on the OS map) with the wall on your left (visible ahead is the Derwent Edge). In 250m walk through a metal field gate and in another 250m go over a stile to the right of a metal field gate by a Byway signpost. In 25m *turn left* along **Sugworth Road**, opposite the National Grid **Moscar Cross** gas facility. In 100m cross **Mortimer Road** and in 20m go over a stile to the left of a metal field gate into **Access Land** (with a footpath marker on a stile bar).

Follow a clear car wide grassy track through moorland scattered with rocks, along a barbed wire fence on your left. This is an ancient turnpike road (**Mortimer Road**, from the Hope Valley to Penistone), soon bending left and then (with Stanage Edge ahead) leading to **Moscar House Farm** in about 500m (after going over a **rock slab stile in a drystone wall** – or the metal field gate to the left of it – halfway along). Walk through metal field gates either side of the farm buildings and continue in the same direction along a car wide gravel track between drystone walls through a dip. In 100m after crossing a stream in the dip, you go over another rock slab stile and continue in the same direction to the left of a drystone wall. In 250m you pass a **guide stoop** on your right (inscription: 'Sheffield Road 7 m'), just before going over a ladder stile over a drystone wall. Continue in the same direction towards and then along lines of pylons and in 800m descend into **Highshaw Clough** to cross a stream at the bottom and re-ascend through a few boulders.

Halfway up you cross a path (it leads to **Cutthroat Bridge** on the A57, part of the **Snake Turnpike Road**, and named after a deadly 16th century incident). In 40m a path joins from the right and you continue in the same direction along a clear path with the lines of pylons to your right and the road below on your left. In 600m you walk through a metal gate (as part of a metal field gate) into **Ladybower Wood Nature Reserve**, then ford a stream and continue between trees. In 700m fork down to the left, ignoring a right turning bridleway signposted 'Ashopton', and reach **The Ladybower Inn** in 100m (and a **bus stop for services to Sheffield** a little further along).