

Win Hill Circuit cycle trail...20 miles

Hope Valley, Peak District

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Enjoy a great day out on this cycle trail through the beautiful Hope and Derwent Valleys.

Start: Hope Village car park – grid ref: SK171835 – map: OS Explorer OL1 Dark Peak

How to get here & local facilities

By bike: Pennine Bridleway (National Cycle Network Route 68) is 3 miles west on the road to Chapel on le Frith. Thornhill Trail is on part of the route

By bus: 260 Edale to Castleton, alight at Edale. See www.carlberry.co.uk

By train: less than 1ml from Hope  and 4ml from Bamford 

By car: just off the A6187 Castleton-Hathersage road

National Trust car park, National Park information centres (inc. WCs), tea-rooms and pubs in Castleton, roughly 1½ml from Hope. Also pubs and shops in Hope
Contact us on 01433 670368 or peakdistrict@nationaltrust.org.uk

Things to look out for...

Woodlands

The woods of the Derwent Valley are being actively managed for multi purpose use. You will see areas that have been clear-felled and replanted with native trees, as well as areas of woodland expansion. As the woods are opening up, new cycle trails are being laid out.

Wildlife

The woods of the Derwent Valley attract a wide variety of bird life. The Winhill area is the main area to see crossbills and you may well be lucky enough to see goshawks and buzzards circling above. The River Derwent also has a thriving population of wildlife including dippers, heron and water voles.

Jagers Clough

This ancient trackway was one of the main transport routes that criss-crossed this part of the Peak District. Since medieval times, and until the railways arrived, the packhorse 'trains' were the only way of moving goods, such as lead, wool, coal and salt across this rough ground. The packhorses were mainly Galloway or German Jaeger and the pony men became known as 'Jagers', after their horses.



Savour the dramatic landscapes and superb views on this cycle ride and if you venture over to Hope Cross, you will be rewarded with wonderful views right up the Edale Valley and over into the Ashop Valley.

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Completed in 1894, the Hope Valley Line is a railway line linking Sheffield with Manchester. It is a great way to savour the stunning scenery as you pass through the gritstone moors and edges of the Dark Peak and the limestone outcrops and dales of the White Peak.

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Ladybower Reservoir is located in the Upper Derwent Valley, surrounded by breathtaking Dark Peak countryside. The villages of Derwent and Ashopton were completely submerged when the reservoir was built between 1935 and 1943. It is now a popular place to fish for trout.

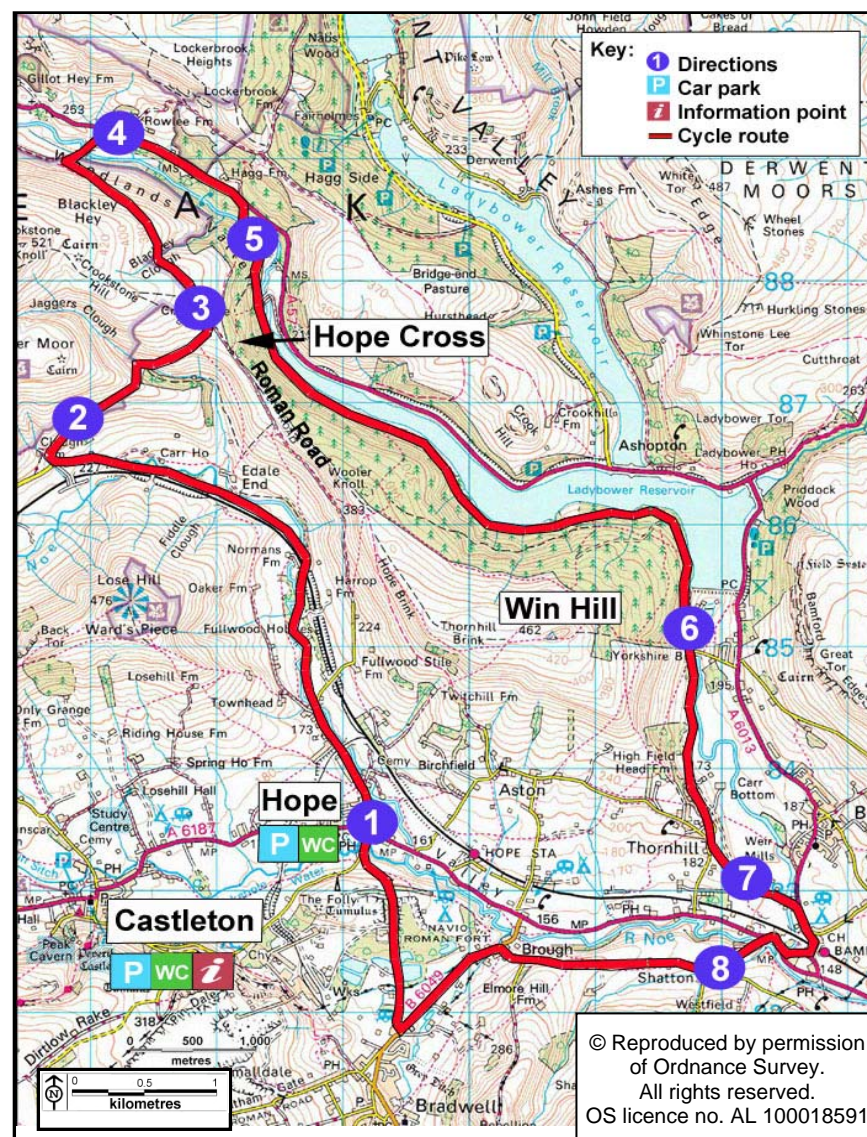
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Directions

1. From Hope Village car park, turn left, heading up the Edale road for just over 3 miles (6km), as far as the bridle track just past Clough Farm. Turn right up the track, behind the farm and continue along the track up the hillside.
2. Descend the steep track to cross Jagers Clough (GR 154873), a deep-cut stream coming off the eastern flank of Kinder Scout. Continue along this track, a steep, loose climb, passing below Crookstone Barn, until you come to the old Roman Road which comes from Hope over to the Ashop Valley (GR 160876). Hope Cross (an ancient guide post dating back to 1737) is about 200 metres down the Roman Road towards Hope Village.
3. Take a left and cycle down the Roman Road towards the River Ashop. Go carefully as it is fairly uneven. Follow the track almost to the Ashop River, then just at the point where the track improves, turn right down a tarmac track to a bridge across the river and up to the A57 road (GR 152892).
4. Cycle down the road towards Ladybower until just past Hagg Farm, then take another bridleway track to the right, down near the edge of the woods to meet another track which crosses by a bridge at the head of the reservoir.
5. Follow this flat and even track around the southern edge of Ladybower Reservoir until you come to Ladybower Dam (GR 197854).
6. Continue a short distance past the dam and then turn off right along the track of the former narrow-gauge railway (Thornhill Trail). Cross the minor road below Thornhill (GR 198838) and continue towards the River Noe and the A6187 road to a T-junction (GR 202830).
7. Turn left and carry along the track which crosses the River Derwent and emerges on the A6013. Turn right onto this main road and just after Bamford Station, bear right to go down to the A6187 road. Turn right again and then left after 200m down a small lane signposted to Shatton (GR 203826).
8. Go up the Shatton road and take the first right turn over a ford and then along a track which emerges at Brough. From here it is a short ride back to Hope.

Terrain and accessibility

20ml (30km) cycle route. One rough, fairly steep climb up from the Edale Valley and a rough descent down into the Derwent Valley. Remainder of route is quite easy going.



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