

Trip Report: The Peak District

Date: 24th August 2009

Group: Jim W (leader), Jean, Mike, Lesley, Tony, Lynn, Colin, Lynda, Chris, Zoe, Jack, Roxie, Tilly, Fudge

Route: Black Hill

Total Distance: Unknown

Total Ascent: Unknown

Weather: Unknown

A civilised start from Bunbury at 8am, was the prelude to an easy days outing, to enable us to conserve energy for the festivities promised at the BBQ that evening.

A short trip to Crowden in the Peak District saw us setting out from yet another venue with proper toilets at the start.

Almost immediately we were faced with a path choice - do we follow the easy path shown on the map or the route which Jim G intended that we follow? Even in his absence the spirit of Jim G prevailed and we took his suggestion. This turned out to be a good choice and we were soon out of the wind, walking in a pleasant valley following the route of a brook. Soon the cry for a coffee stop was heard, and a pleasant waterside location was found.

The path now disappears and a flog across the moors is needed to gain the main path on Tolleyshaw Moor. In mist this would be difficult but on a clear day as today no problems were encountered. This is an area famous for grouse shooting and many grouse butts were passed on the way.

On regaining the main path en route to the summit of Black Hill it becomes apparent why people who walk in the Pennines are called 'Bog Trotters' as we all suddenly got wet and muddy feet.

Black Hill is quite a bleak place and as we were once again exposed to the wind a quick picture stop was taken before beating a retreat down the Pennine way to a sheltered spot for lunch.

It was then a simple case of following the Pennine Way back to the cars at Crowden, before the trip back to refresh ourselves at club headquarters aka The Dysart.

An easy trip of around 8.5 miles according to the guide book.

Jim W