

Trip Report: The Peak District

Date: 15th July 2006

Group: Jim G (Leader), Colin, Tony and 2 other Old Dogs

Route: Kinder Downfall from Edale

Total Distance: 11.7 miles

Total Ascent: 2427 ft

Weather: Very hot and very sunny!

Time: 5 hours

Originally going to be a two man one dog trip but after too many ales on Friday night Tonio and another dog appeared. How long before the dogs outnumber the Mountaineers?

7.30am start and an uneventful drive to Upper Booth courtesy of Colin's Tom-Tom. The weather is superb and promises a fine day on the High Peak. Quote from Tonio, "you can't get lost in this weather" all agreed that this was the first time any of us had been on Kinder Scout in good weather! We started from the car park just below Upper Booth going up the road to the village before heading up Crowden Brook. This turned into a nice easy scramble once the brook had disappeared and we were forced by a large chock stone (dog barrier) to climb up the left hand side before emerging onto the Moorland. This is where the navigating fun begins. Heading northwest, using a compass bearing we follow faint and disappearing paths to Crowden Head (possibly). We make a beeline for the Pennine way and then head for Kinder Downfall. The leader is by this stage not convinced that the squad is heading in the correct direction and consults the map and compass on numerous occasions against a growing clamour from Scotchio and Tonio to get out the GPS. Heading South from Kinder Downfall we appear to be trending East and the expected views of Kinder Reservoir are not forthcoming! More demands for the GPS are rebutted by the Leader who is now confidently lost!

Checking with a wazark or two we continue to head East having over shot the Pennine Way turn off! Tonio's dog has acquired a Rabbit and carries it for several miles, much to the amusement of wazarks heading past us. We continue East along the edge until we arrive at a feature called "Ringing Roger" where we can clearly see Edale way below us. Check with another wazark, who hasn't a clue where he is (a bit like us) we head down a broad path that descends to Edale Village. We then pick up the start of the Pennine Way and return to Upper Booth and the car where we have lunch before the drive back.

Arrive in the Dysart at 3.40pm for re-hydration therapy.

Jim G