

Lantern Pike Trip Report

Wednesday 24th May 2017

Distance- 10.5 miles with 2055ft of ascent

Weather- A little overcast to begin with, but a fine afternoon

Attendees –Selina and Mike, Lesley and Mike A, and Dave C

This 'midweek' walk was moved closer to the middle of the week to enable us to avoid the bank holiday Friday afternoon traffic. The squad met in the pavilion car park for an 8am start. Although there were only 5 of us we decided to take 2 cars and the first navigation challenge was getting to the start at Hayfield which took somewhat longer than anticipated...but hey ho we were soon booted up and on our way.

We started out along the Sett Valley trail before taking the first diversion from the instructions to cut off a corner and pass a small reservoir to join up with the Pennine Bridleway, as per Lesley's advice, she having done this part of the walk before. We carried on up to Lantern Pike enjoying the fine views, although the Kinder Plateau remained mostly under clag. We stopped for a coffee break where the leader for the second time 'lost' the walk instructions. Dave kindly went back to retrieve them, only to find they were actually in the leader's pocket. but hey ho we were soon on our way again.

The intended route was to descend into the hamlet of Rowarth but we missed the turning, but we zig zagged our way up the escarpment to meet the intended route along the ridge to Cown Edge rocks where we found an ideal lunch stop sitting on the rocks on the very edge and looking over to what was now a clear Kinder Plateau.

The second half of the walk was uneventful navigation wise as we crossed over to the other side of the valley following a path across Hollingwood Clough and up towards a white shooting hut on Middle Moor, before descending into Hayfield along the Snake Path. A short walk through the village stopping to admire the Blue Plaque marking

the birth place of Arthur Lowe en route, took us safely back to the car park.

The return route was thankfully much quicker and we were soon back in the Dysart for the usual rehydration.