

Stanage Edge

Walk Date: Saturday 13th April 2024

Distance: 11.0m Ascent: 1361ft Walk Duration 4Hr 54m

Walkers: Dave Bond (leader) and Christine, Jim, Ian L, Steve & Sarah, Mike W, Colin

A slightly longer drive than usual, meant an earlier meet up time at the Pavilion, and despite a change of drivers (leader pleads guilty!) a prompt departure ensued.

Good time was made to Shatton and luckily the chosen small layby was empty.

This being Grand National Day, the BUMS walkers were under starters orders at 9.25, with rain looking likely. The wise owls were already prepared, the optimists were quickly donning waterproofs as showers were soon encountered. The going was soft, very soft, and plenty of mud (the sticky, slidey sort) was encountered over the next 3 miles as we followed the River Derwent. Fortunately we didn't have any fallers (although one near miss).

Morning coffee was taken just before leaving the river.

Leaving the river, we took footpaths and quiet back lanes into Hathersage, and through the center of the village. The climbing commenced after we took the path through the graveyard of St Michael's church (passing the grave of Little John) then a steep lane and tracks up towards the Edge.



The wind increased steadily as we reached the Edge, and once amongst the shelter of the rocks and boulders, a decision was made to take an early lunch.

After lunch, a short clamber to the Trig Point meant that the hard work for the day was over.

The showers were now cleared and despite the low cloud, the impressive views over the hills and valleys of Derbyshire were enjoyed by some of the party. Others raced ahead (not mentioning any names!).



After almost 2 miles of flat, boulder hopping along the edge, the descent followed tracks and quiet lanes to lead us across a busy golf course and quickly back to the cars and onwards to the Dysart.

Despite the early showers and wind, weather conditions were not too bad.

Thanks to all those taking part. Hope you have now cleaned your boots!

Dave