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# INTRODUCTION

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**B**aslow is an amazing base for walkers offering a plethora of options straight from the door of The Devonshire Arms.

These walks have been kindly put together by the parish council and spread in each compass direction from The Devonshire Arms.

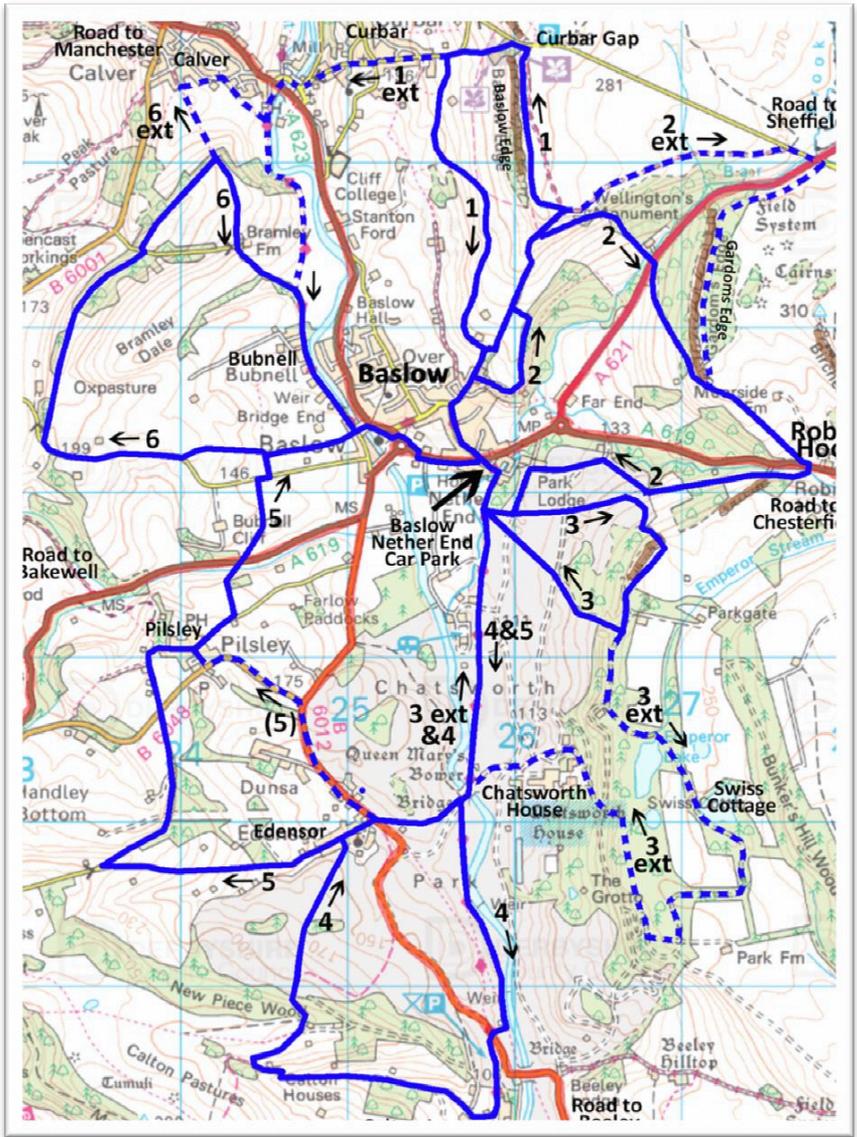
The following 6 curated walks predominantly have a short version 3-5 miles or an extended version (dotted line) of 6- 8 miles. The actual mileages are stated on each walk.

- Most of the walks are on uneven terrain so walking boots, or stout shoes are recommended.
- As Baslow is in a valley all the walks climb upwards (approximate elevation shown on each walk) so we suggest allowing an hour for every 2-3 miles.
- It is always best to let us know before you set out just in case.
- Dogs can be taken on any walk but may need to be on leads at times, and should always be under control.
- All walks start and return to The Devonshire Arms.

More information on the points of interest marked in orange in the walks can be found on the [Baslow website](#).

There are many other walks that link into these walks- our choices aim to provide varied round walks, all starting from Baslow. Below is a map of the village with the walks marked for use joining the walks from other places in the village.

We take no responsibility for the accuracy of the published information in the walks, but they are all walks done repeatedly over the years by local residents.



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# A POCKET HISTORY

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**B**oth Baslow Basselau and Bubnell Bubeneli appear in the Domesday Book (1086) as Berewites in the Manor of Aisseford (Ashford).

The name Basselau is derived from the word hlau or burial ground of Bassa, who would have been a local chieftain some time around AD 600. Bubeneli means the hyll or hill of Bubba.

Bubnell Hall is probably the oldest dwelling house in Baslow and Bubnell, built about 1670. It may have replaced an earlier manor house.

After the Norman conquest the manor of Baslow was the property of various Norman courtiers, eventually falling to the Vernons and then the Dukes of Rutland. He finally gave up his rights with the sale of his remaining properties in 1920.

The Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth have never had much to do with the village, except for taking over some of the land across the Barbrook when the Park was extended in 1823.



# WALK 1 - BASLOW EDGE

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Distance: 4.2miles (m) (extended route 5m) Elevation: 630ft

Difficulty: A steep climb and uneven paths. Medium with easy options.

Start point: Baslow Carpark DE45 1SR

Grid reference: SK 25877217

## Summary

A walk up the old Bar road out of Baslow, along Baslow Edge past the Eagle Stone, and back either below the Edge, through farmland, or down to Calver Bridge and back to Baslow along the river Derwent and past the church.



## Directions

Exit the car park and cross the corner of the green to the pedestrian crossing. Cross the main road and go up Eaton Hill ahead of you. Take the 3rd road on the right, Bar Rd, by the Prince of Wales Triangle. (To your left is the village shop) Continue up Bar Rd, past the houses until it becomes a lane. Follow the lane, past Ladywall well (0.6m), on your left, for about half a mile to a gate onto the moor, the original Top Bar

Gate for the village. The views behind you are of Chatsworth House and the Derwent valley towards Matlock.

Go through the gate and take the main path ahead up to a seat on your left at the top of the hill. Where the track divides

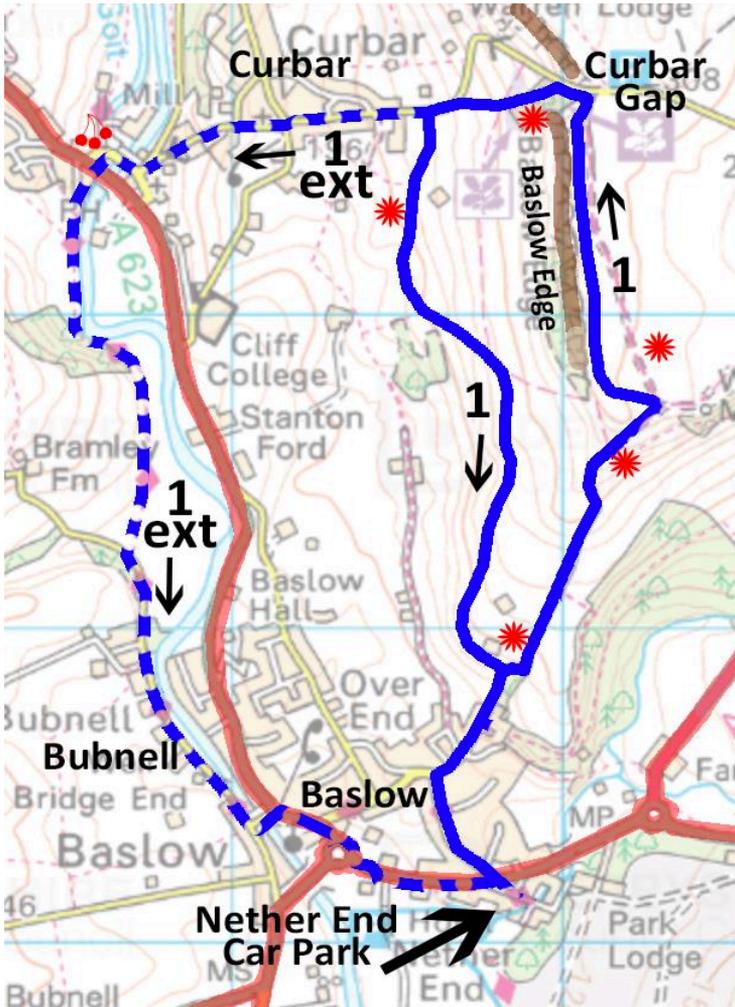
above this, there are 2 options. The easier bridle path bears left across the moor towards the Eagle Stone, though better views of the valley are seen by taking a sharp left, back on yourself and slightly uphill for 5 meters on a minor path. Following the latter path is very rocky but it follows Baslow



Edge closely. You can still see Eagle Stone from this path.

The walk continues along the path by the edge to a view point near Curbar Gap (nearly 2m from the start, and 3/4 mile from the junction). The legend at this point shows all the villages and landmarks within view. From there continue to follow the path round and turn left to re-join the main bridle path coming from Baslow. Continue to the gate at Curbar Gap and turn immediately left after going through the left hand gate, down a narrow path above the road. It is possible to walk down the road but beware of traffic as the visibility is poor and the road narrow.

After about 200yds take the signposted path to your left by the national trust sign for Curbar Gap. Follow the path down the hill and through the stone gateway. Ahead of you is a wooden gate. Go through the gate and down the left hand side of the field to a gate on to the road at the bottom. After about 50yards take the signposted footpath to your left, immediately in front of the Curbar village sign. (2.3 miles from the start) [Alternatively from here you can take the walk extension by continuing down the road).



Follow this path on the left, over a stile and through 2 gates, out onto moorland, and along the hillside below the Edge. Initially keep to the right but slightly uphill until you reach a memorial and graves of the Cundy family, who died of the plague in 1632. Continue ahead along this path for about 350yds, then take the left uphill fork and continue until you reach a Footpath Society signposted junction. Take the path

to Baslow, effectively right, and go through the gate into farmland. Once in the field keep the wall to the right and cross the field to a walled track. Go along the track out into the next field. The track does a sharp right hand turn to go down to the farm (private land), but cross the grass to a stile in the bottom right hand corner. Go over that stile into the next field and continue with a wall on your left to the next gate. As you round the bend Chatsworth House appears in front of you as Baslow is seen below in the valley. Go through the next gate and straight on down the field to a stone drinking trough and gate. Go through the stile at the side and you are back onto Bar Rd, just below Lady well. Turn right to retrace your steps back to the car park.

### **Walk 1 Extension**

Continue straight down the road through Curbar village, down the hill to Calver Bridge. The old Calver cotton mill is on your right as you descend the last part of the hill.

At the T junction at the bottom, nearly 3m from the start of the walk, turn right in front of the Bridge Inn, over the river, on the pedestrian bridge. Once across the bridge, immediately cross the road and take the signposted path ahead, under the main road alongside the river. Go past the backs of the houses and across a small footbridge into the field ahead. Keeping the river on your left, go through the gate at the far end. The path initially follows the curve of the river, but then continues along the valley side. Go through a gate in a dry stone wall ahead of you. Enter the next field through the pedestrian gateway. On your left, across the field and river is Stanton Ford House, an 18c Charity school. As the field widens out there is a wall ahead with a pedestrian gateway to the right, and across the field a gate on the far side. This field can be very waterlogged in winter. If it is impassable don't go through the gateway in the wall, but follow the raised grass track to your right. This comes to a farm gate and exit onto Bubnell Lane. From either gate, turn left and climb the gentle hill to Bubnell (4miles from start). Continue along Bubnell Lane, past the weir with Bubnell Hall on your right, to the old

Baslow Bridge\*, with its watchman's gate and Toll Bar cottage on the far side (4 1/2 m). Cross the bridge and turn right past Baslow church\*.

Cross the Bakewell road at the roundabout and continue straight on past Baslow Sportsfield and the Cavendish Hotel on your right. Turn right at the village green and hall to the car park.

## Points of Interest

- **Baslow church** and the **Old bridge** and ford are described in the walk around the village.
- **Ladywall Well** - This trough on Bar Road provided water for horses before the long pull up to the moors
- **Top Bar Road** - The word Bar is an old word for scarp or cliff: a long line of them can be seen up and down to valley, in fact 20 miles from Derwent to Matlock. The gate is the entrance to the open moorland. On the right below the gate is a **holloway**, a ditch that used to be a main road out of Baslow.
- **Eagle Stone** - This large isolated rock, weathered by rain and wind, has been a landmark for millennia. It is suggested that it was the Haggie Stone where villagers bartered goods.
- **Curbar Gap** - Travellers have always taken advantage of this gap in the Edges. The 1759 turnpike road, the first in the area, came this way connecting Manchester with Chesterfield.
- **Cundy Graves** - The Cundy family lived in Grislow Fields, a nearby farm. All died in the 1632 epidemic of the plague. A plaque and their gravestones mark the spot where they were buried. (Eyam plague was later in 1666). Underneath lies the main water pipeline from the Derwent Dams down to Derby and Leicester. It had a diversion to avoid the graves.

# WALK 2 - ROBIN HOOD

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Distance: 4.6miles (Extended 6.6m) Elevation: 590ft

Difficulty: A steep climb and uneven paths. Medium.

Extended walk is easier and flatter.

Start point: Baslow Carpark DE45 1SR

Grid reference: SK 25877217

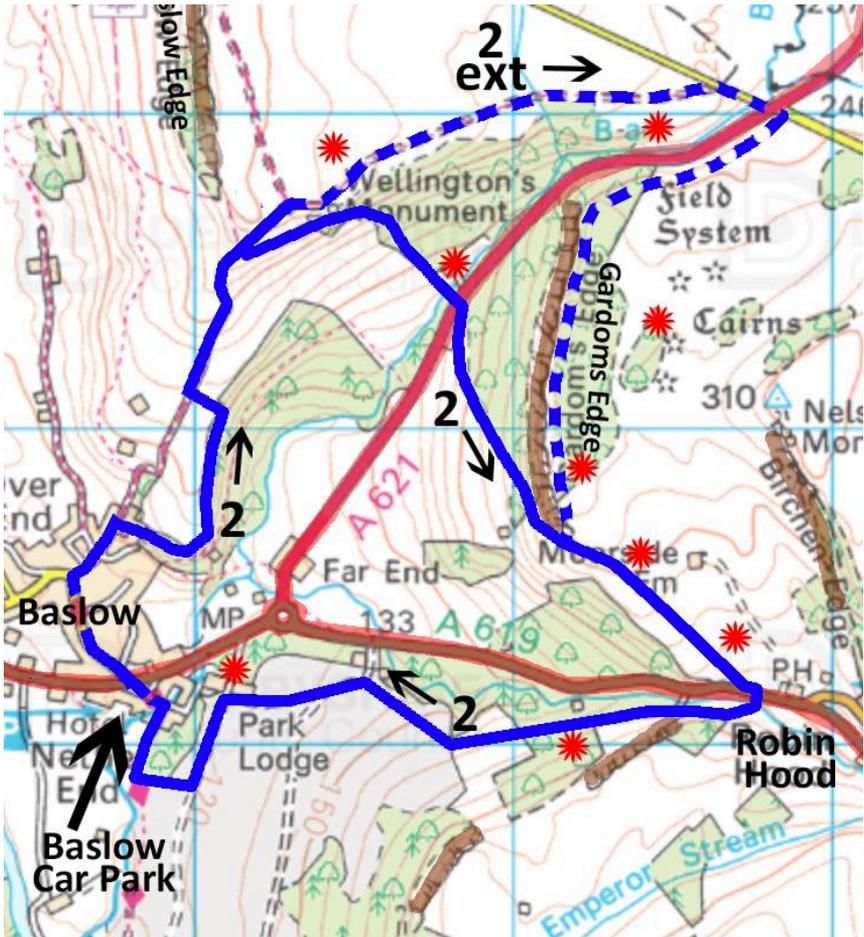
## Summary

A walk that explores the old carriageways out of Baslow and crosses the new roads, to circle the edges from Wellington's monument on Baslow Edge to Gardom's Edge, then back into Chatsworth Park to the main Golden Gate entrance.

## Directions

Exit the car park and cross the corner of the green to the pedestrian crossing. Cross the main road and go up Eaton Hill ahead of you. Take the 3rd road on the right, Bar Rd, by the Prince of Wales Triangle. (To your left is the village shop) Continue up Bar Rd, turning right by Moor cottage and entering Yeld Wood through the gate at the end of the cul-de-sac. Take the upper path and climb up the hill, following the edge round above the Golden Gates roundabout in the valley below. The path gradually comes along a wall on your left. Follow the wall to its end then take a sharp left back onto Bar Rd, following the wall. Continue right up the hill to the gate onto the moors (approx. 0.8m from start). The views behind you are of Chatsworth House and the Derwent valley towards Matlock.

Go through the gate and follow the wall on your right on the outside of the field. It is not very distinct at first but becomes more so once the hill rises to your left. [Alternatively you can follow the main track up the hill to a seat at the top for a longer walk. (see extension)]



Follow the path keeping the wall/wire fence in sight until you come to a point where it turns a right angled bend down the hill, with the path following it. Go down the hill, again keeping the wall on your right. The wall veers away at times but the path returns to it further down. Eventually you come to the back of a garden and a gate. Go through the gate between the garden railing and the wall, and follow the path down some steps and across a foot bridge. Above is the newer road access bridge to 2 bungalows. The path then turns right, past some ruins, believed to be the old lead smelting furnace

(Cupola). Continue up to a gate and stile onto the main Sheffield Road. (1.9m from start)

Cross the road carefully and go over the stone stile to the left of the house in front of you. After about 50yds you go over another wooden stile and into a birch wood. Keep right along the back of the garden then diagonally up the hill. Above you is debris from the millstone mining above on Gardom's Edge. At points the trees thin out to moorland before going into a mixed wooded area. Continue through the wood to a large flat stone at the top with views back over Baslow. (2.4m from start.)

The extended walk re-joins the main walk from here.

Continue through the gateway and follow the path diagonally downhill for approx. 700yd. On your left, beyond the wall, is the Baslow coal field. In the far bottom corner is a gate and stone stile onto the Chesterfield Rd. (2.8m from start)

Cross the wall and turn left on the footpath for about 30yds until you see a signpost for "concession path to Chatsworth" on the opposite side of the road. The Robin Hood pub is about 100m further along on the road. To continue the walk, cross the road carefully, and take the steep steps down to Bar Brook at the bottom. Cross the river on the footbridge and follow the path until it rises, up a few steps, to a flat wide grassy path. Turn right and follow this old 1759 turnpike road, over a stile, along the track and into the field at the end. Continue straight across the field to the steps in the wall at the far side. Cross the wall and follow the grassy track ahead of you. You are now in Chatsworth Park. (3/4 mile from crossing the main road) At the brow of the hill, just past the first 2 trees on your right, branch right down the slope towards the bottom right hand corner of Chatsworth Park. Cross the stile at this point then turn right and follow the stony track. Turn left after going through an open farm gate into the fenced off area. Follow the track through this area and emerge with the 'Golden Gates', the main entrance to Chatsworth House, on your right. (4.1m from start)

Follow the main drive left towards the house until you see a sign on your right (about 300m) 'Footpath to Baslow'. Turn right onto this to the revolving kissing gate. Once through the gate, follow the path round to Bar Brook bridge. Turn left over the bridge back to the village green and car park.



### **Walk 2 Extension**

Continue up the main track ahead to the top of the hill where there is a 4 way junction, just over a mile from the start. Take the right hand path along to Wellington's monument on your right. Continue along the path, past the Guide stoop of the old road to Chesterfield and the stone sculpture to its right, until the path meets Clodhall Lane. To the right of the guide stoop about 50 yards off the path is an old millpond. (1.9m) Go through the gate and turn right towards Sheffield Rd. Cross the main road with care and go through the gate on the junction. Take the stone footpath ahead then, after the stone finishes, take the right hand fork which goes parallel to and above the main road, towards the birch trees on Gardom's Edge. As you get to the trees go through a gate and straight ahead to the edge. The path here is very indistinct, but follow

the edge. Along the edge are the remains of millstone quarries. Cross a dry stone wall, where it has collapsed and then proceed alongside the wall, keeping it on your left. You come to 3 cairn like structures, The 3 men. Go through the gateway in the wall ahead and follow the wall to the large stone on the edge where you re-join the main walk (3.3m)

## Points of Interest

- **Cupola.** This hamlet takes its name from the cupola lead smelting furnace which was built here in 1760. Lead ore for smelting may have come by packhorse over the bridge that you have just crossed.
- **Bronze age clearance mounds.** Near the top of the long field leading down to the main road, are a series of mounds alongside the path, made up of stones piled up by Bronze age farmers as they cleared the land.
- **Baslow coal field.** A seam of coal outcropped at Robin Hood. It was developed into the small Baslow coalfield worked from mediaeval times to the early 1800s.
- **The 1759 Turnpike.** The first proper road was the 1759 Turnpike from Chesterfield through Baslow to the Manchester area. It is now a farm track leading down towards Chatsworth Park from Eastmoor.
- **Golden Gates.** These gates were originally in the gardens of the house in the 1700s. They were retrieved from storage and used at the northern entrance to the Park when it was enlarged in 1824.
- **Wellingtons Monument.** Dr Wrench a local doctor had recently served under General Wellington in the Crimea. He decided that Wellington should have his memorial as did Nelson. He built it as his own expense - £10 in 1866.
- **Millpond.** There is a small pond by the stream 200 yards below the road bridge. This originally served a lead smelter, from 1624 to about 1760. Later there was a flour mill. No traces of these old structures remain, only that of a fairly recent water pumping station.

- **Gardoms Edge.** The flat land to the left is covered with traces of Bronze Age cultivation: huts enclosures and field walls, which was later abandoned.
- In the flat area at the top of the slope there are old **millstone quarries** littered with the millstones, some incomplete and damaged. Several tracks lead down to the quarries, which were abandoned in the 1700s.
- **The Three Men.** The Three Men are stone cairns on the crest of Gardoms Edge, erected it is said, in memory of 3 clergymen, 2 of whom died in a blizzard in 1740.

# WALK 3 - STAND WOOD & CHATSWORTH

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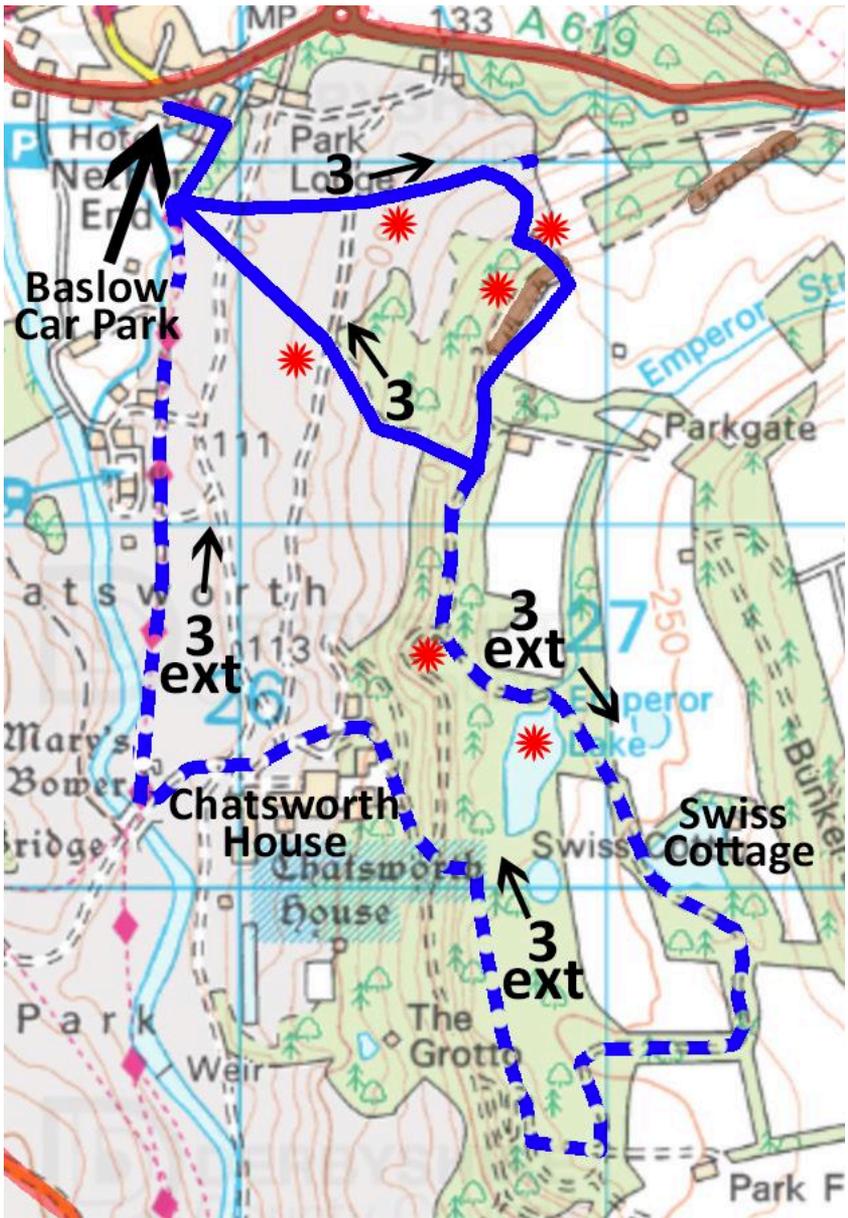
Distance: 2.6 miles (m) (6.2m with extension) Elevation: 330ft  
Difficulty: Easy with the main walk very short. Start point:  
Baslow Carpark DE45 1SR  
Grid reference: SK 25877217

## Summary

This walk goes towards Eastmoor before looping back through Stand Wood, either through Chatsworth Park or via Chatsworth House. The extended walk gives great views of the lakes and waterfalls that supply the cascade in the gardens at Chatsworth House.

## Directions

Exit the car park and turn right crossing the old bridge by the Malt House. Immediately turn right and follow the path to the rotating kissing gate entrance into Chatsworth Park (350yd). Go through the gate and turn left, alongside the fence, on the left hand one of 2 grass paths, to the main drive. Cross the drive and look diagonally ahead to the left. Keeping 3 trees to your right cross the park to a double farm gate on the upper side of the park. If you reach the upper track and can't see the gate follow the track to your left until it appears, then go over a stile to its right. The old turnpike road (Walk 2, a grass track) goes ahead up the hill. As you ascend the hill the Victoria Jubilee stone is on you right about 50 yards off the path, by a group of trees. Return to the path and 350yd from the stile, just before the crest of the hill, take the grassy path to the right uphill. Follow this path, crossing a gully, which was named 'Coal Pit Lane', and turn right by the stone wall.



Continue until you come to a junction with a stone stile on your left. Ignoring the stone stile branch right, climbing higher. The path comes up to the far wall and follows the wall along the edge. Below the edge here are old stone quarries.

After 500yds climb over the stone stile, sited where the wall starts to descend back downhill, then turn left, until you come to a track. Turn right on the track and, ignoring a track to the right and left, continue until you see a footpath to your right going steeply downhill, signposted to Baslow (1.6m from start). At this point you can take the walk extension by continuing on the track, or return to Baslow down the steep path.

At the bottom of the steep footpath take the stone steps down into Chatsworth Park. Pass the big tree on your right and follow the path to the right, downhill to a track on your right. Follow the track left, downhill, to the junction. At the junction go straight on across the park, keeping the 2 trees ahead on your left, back towards the Kissing gate, and return to Baslow car park the way you came.



### **Walk 3 Extension**

Continue along the track to a T junction. Turn left. After about 50yards you can take a narrow right hand path to visit the



Hunting Tower with views out over Chatsworth House and park.

Return to the main path and continue, ignoring the next track on the right. Keep left until you come to the Emperor Lake (350yds) on your right.

Cross the end of the lake, continuing along the track to Swiss Lake on the left (500yds), with Swiss cottage on the far side. Ignoring the left turn to the cottage, continue on the track to a crossroad, 3.2 miles from the start of the walk. Park Farm is to the left. Go straight ahead and after about 100 yards, immediately before crossing a small stream, as the path turns left which leads out onto Eastmoor and Beeley, go straight ahead onto a narrow path. As you come to the edge the Derwent valley is below you, with Beeley to your left through the ancient oak trees. After 500yards this path re-joins the main track from Park Farm. Turn left onto the track and after 100yards fork right, uphill, as the main track starts to descend.

This is the old route to Hardwick Hall from Chatsworth, used by Bess of Hardwick.

Follow this track for 700yds to a footpath junction with a group of yew trees on your left. Go between the yews down steps to the pond at the top of the waterfall and views down to Chatsworth House and Park. This is the stream from the Emperor Lake to the cascade. Follow the steps down to the left, ignoring a path off to your left, and follow the path of the stream to cross the aqueduct on a footbridge. The cascade is below you.

Keep right down to the road. When you meet the road go straight across into "The Dell" and follow the path to the bottom road, ignoring the path to the right. At the road, turn right and follow it down to the gates to Stand Wood from Chatsworth Park (4.4m from start). Turn left through the gate

and into the car park ahead.

Turn left towards the stables and either go through or round, to take the main drive downhill from the stables to the House.

Keeping the gardens and the entrance to the main house on



your left continue straight down towards the bridge over the Derwent, with views back to the front of Chatsworth House. Don't cross the bridge but turn right, go through the gate and follow the river, past Queen Mary's Bower, the showground, cricket pitch and lodge. Continue straight on to just before this road veers left through a closed

gate. Take the footpath straight on to the revolving Kissing Gate. Retrace your steps to Baslow car park.

## Points of Interest

- **Coal Pit Lane.** This holloway was one of the main roads out of Baslow leading to the south east until the late 1700s. On the flat above the crest of the hill was an outcrop of coal, which was developed as the Chatsworth colliery. Coal was brought down this road from the Chatsworth colliery above until about 1800.
- **Aqueduct -**
- **Queen Mary's Bower -**
- **Jubilee Stone.** This remarkable inscribed stone stands 6 feet high. It was constructed to commemorate the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. It was designed by Dr E M Wrench the local doctor.
- **Old Stone quarries.** Much of the stone from the edges was good quality and suitable for millstones, produced in Baslow in 1500s to 1700s. They are situated to your right as you ascend to the crest of the hill.
- **The "New" Park.** In 1824 the Duke of Devonshire took the opportunity to acquire additional land. He removed all houses, walls and fields to create the north end of the Park as we now know it. The Duke ensured that all displaced villagers were rehoused.
- **Hunting Tower.** The Hunting Tower or Stand is the oldest building in the vicinity, completed about 1582. Then, the surrounding land was a deer park, open ground with a few trees. The tower was a vantage point to view the hunt. Now there is a magnificent view of the park designed by Capability Brown.
- **Emperor Lake & Swiss Cottage.** The 6th Duke spent vast sums improving Chatsworth. He built these reservoirs to run the garden water features and several stylistic cottages. Swiss Cottage, built about 1840 was one of them.

# WALK 4 - CHATSWORTH CARLTON LEES

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Distance: 6.6 miles (m)

Elevation: 740ft

Difficulty: Easy

Start point: Baslow Carpark DE45 1SR

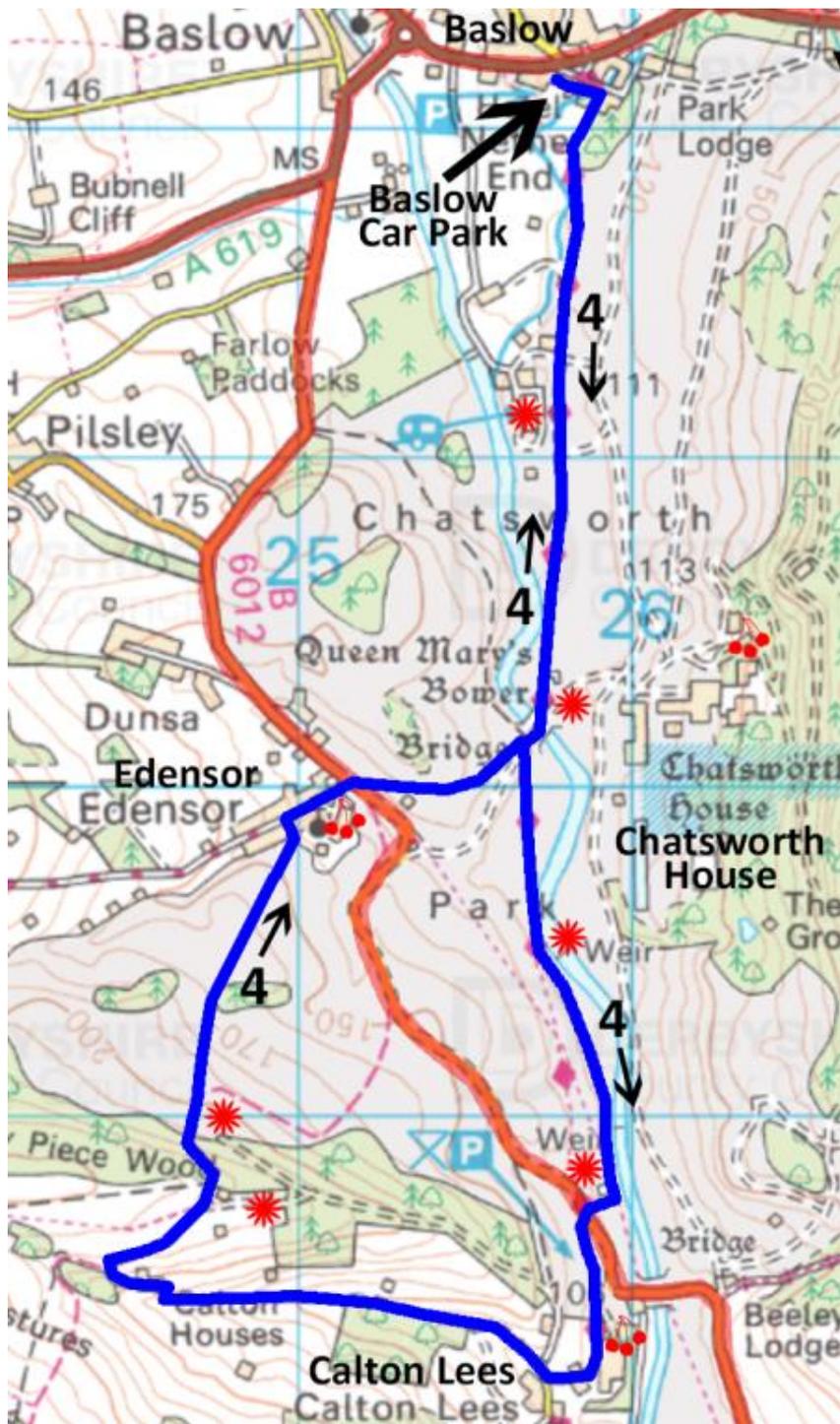
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## Summary

This walk goes south of Chatsworth Park, following the river Derwent before looping back to Edensor, then back to Chatsworth. Although longer than most it is easy terrain throughout.

## Directions

Exit the car park and turn right crossing the old Bar Brook bridge by the Malt House. Immediately turn right and follow the path to the revolving kissing gate entrance into Chatsworth Park (350yd). Go through the gate and straight ahead on the rough path parallel to the river. Continue on this path, past the lodge, caravan park and the cricket field to Queen Mary's Bower, a stone structure by the river below Chatsworth House. Go through the gate to the bridge (1.3m). Cross the bridge and the road, to take the path on the left to Carlton Lees and Beeley. Follow the river Derwent, across the field, and up the steps on the far side. At the top of the steps (1.7m) you can take the lower or the middle path going forwards. Both follow the river at different levels, the middle path being drier in the winter months. You pass 2 weirs before coming to Paine's Mill. From the mill house climb sharply uphill on a narrow path or loop back on yourself to climb the wider easier path. When you reach the road by the cattle grid cross it and take the pedestrian gate on the far side, out of the park (2.3m).



Follow the pedestrian walkway towards Carlton Lees car park, keeping to the edge of the lane through to Carlton Lees village. Ignore the turning to the garden centre (toilets and a café available) and continue straight on. At the junction at the end of the village take the track ahead signposted to Rycroft and Pingle cottages.



Continue on this track with a stream on your left, past the spring, and up to the cottages. You look back from here across to Eastmoor down the valley. Continue past the cottages to the end of the lane (3.6m). Go through the right hand gate and veer right up the hill to the gate at the top. Across from this gate the Russian cottage is on your right and a barn straight ahead. To the left of the barn is the gate for the path. You are on the South Peak loop bridleway as you go through the trees, coming out through a gate at the bottom back into Chatsworth Park. There are great views of Chatsworth House from here (4m), with the parkland designed by Capability Brown to show the House at its best. Go straight ahead to a signpost in the grass, then continue forwards keeping the fenced coppice on your right. Keep the

next fenced coppice also on your right, and as you round this Edensor church spire appears diagonally ahead. The path here becomes very indistinct, so aim to the left of the spire until you see another short signpost in the grass. This marks the entrance into Edensor village in the valley below. Take the steps down into the village to the road (4.7m). Turn right to continue the walk, down to the church with the graves of the Cavendish family, including that of Kick Kennedy, sister of JFK. At the village green fork left down to the gates into the village. Leave the village, cross the road and take the path ahead that climbs uphill, over the Crobbs. This then descends back to the bridge by Chatsworth. Cross the bridge (5.3m) and turn left back along the river the way you came to the kissing gate, continuing on to Baslow carpark.

Queen Mary's Bower



# Points of interest

**Kitchen Gardens/Caravan Park** - The high walls of the caravan park hide the old kitchen gardens built in 1760. Joseph Paxton, the celebrated head gardener, lived nearby.

**Queen Mary's Bower** - This is an ancient structure, said to have been used by Mary Queen of Scots when she was detained at Chatsworth in the late 1500s. At the time it was a feature within the gardens of the house. Archaeologists say that it was built on the site of an even older prehistoric burial mound.

**Weirs** - There are two weirs downstream from Chatsworth, both designed to make the river look like lakes – a fashionable feature in the mid 1700s showing the house reflected in the still water.

**Paine's Mill** - Paine, the architect created many features in the area in the 1760s including the bridge by Queen Mary's Bower, the Stables, the weirs and this Mill– just before Capability Brown landscaped the main Park. It was used until 1950 grinding flour and cattle feed. It is now a ruin and a Grade 2 Listed Building.

**Russian Cottage** - Following a visit by the 6th Duke to Russia, he commissioned Russian Cottage to remind him of the trip. It is one of the quirky features dotted around the estate to amuse the Duke and his visitors.

**Gate into Park** - The panorama from here is of fields and trees, with Chatsworth House and the Derwent Valley in the distance. This rural scene, meticulously planned by Capability Brown, creates a feeling of English countryside. When viewed from Chatsworth House the adjacent woods frame the park, as in a painting.

**Edensor** - Edensor is a model village, a showpiece created by the Dukes of Devonshire in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Each house is different. It is still a Chatsworth Village, with most houses occupied by present or retired employees. The Church dating back to the 1100s, was completely rebuilt and expanded in the 1860s. Most of the Dukes of Devonshire are buried here, including Kick Kennedy, sister of John F Kennedy

and wife of William, who was killed in the war before he could become the duke.

**The Crobbs** - The first Duke spent vast sums of money in the late 1600s and early 1700s transforming Chatsworth. Part of the project was landscaping the hillside to create the gardens. Surplus soil was used to make the little hill between Edensor and Chatsworth now called The Crobbs.

# WALK 5 - PILSLEY

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Distance: 6.1miles (m) Elevation: 915ft

Difficulty: Easy, but with one steep downhill slope

Start point: Baslow Carpark DE45 1SR

Grid reference: SK 25877217

## Summary

This walk goes west of Chatsworth Park, following the river Derwent before crossing to Edensor, then up to Pilsley. From Pilsley the return over the fields gives excellent views of Baslow Edge.

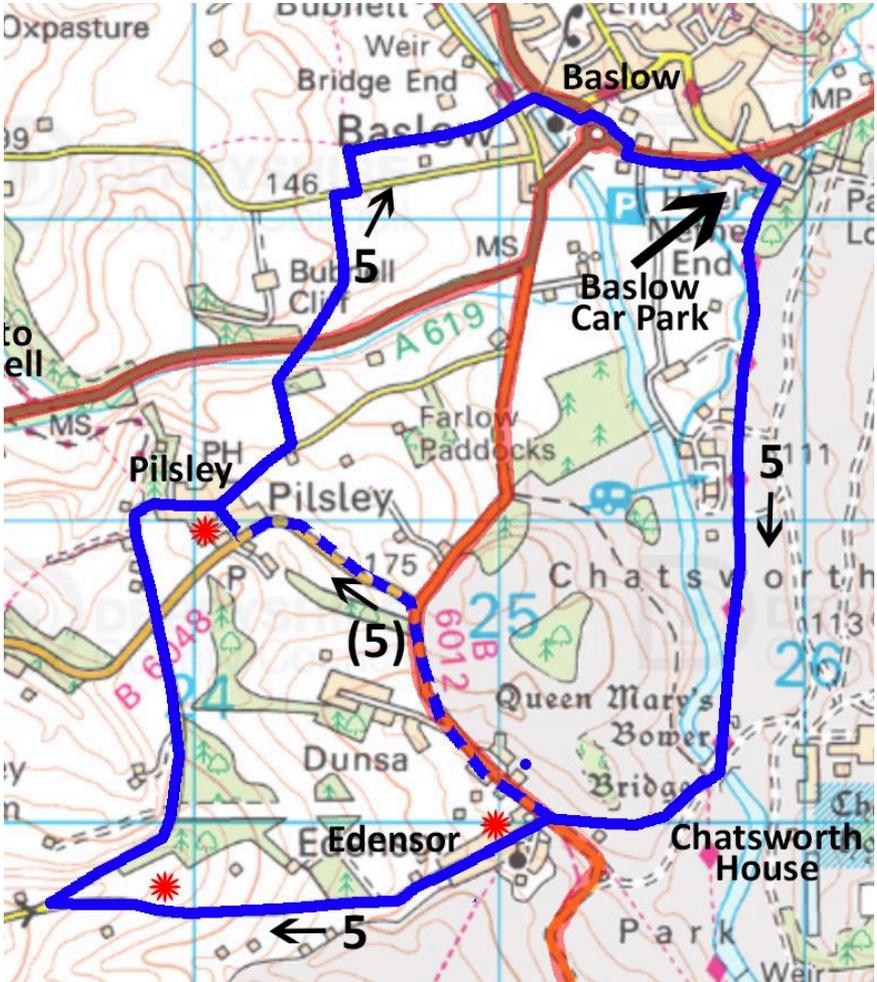
## Directions

Exit the car park and turn right crossing the Bar Brook bridge by the Malt House. Immediately turn right and follow the path to the revolving kissing gate entrance into Chatsworth Park (350yd). Go through the gate and straight ahead on the rough path parallel to the river. Continue on this path, past the lodge, the old Chatsworth House kitchen garden (now a caravan park) and the cricket field to Queen Mary's Bower, a stone structure by the river below Chatsworth House. Go through the gate to the bridge(1.3m).

Cross the bridge and the road to take the path on the right going uphill. When you come down to the road by the big tree, Edensor with its church is straight ahead of you.

[It is possible to take a short cut to Pilsley. Turn right at the road and follow the footpath keeping the golf course and the haha on your right. At the top of the hill bear left and follow the road to Pilsley. As you come into the houses of Pilsley take the first turning on the right, going downhill past the school and village green. The Farm Shop and Café is on the

left of the main road. At the Devonshire Arms (2.7m) re-join the main walk.]



The main route goes ahead over the cattle grid into the village of Edensor. Take the right hand road and walk uphill with the village green and the church on your left. (The tearoom and entrance to the church is on the left hand fork.) Keep straight ahead onto the track with fields to the left and trees on the right. Take care as this lane has an uneven surface due to damage from vehicles.

Eventually the track meets Handley Lane at a T junction, with a carved stone feature and guide stoop. Turn right and be rewarded with views over towards

Longstone Edge as you walk along the ridge. Follow the lane downhill to the main Pilsley road (3.6m from start) and cross into the field ahead over a stile. Directly ahead of you by the second tree on the



right are stone steps and a stile. Cross here into a grassy lane. Follow the lane round, into Pilsley and down to the Devonshire Arms on the left. (4.3m from start)

Leave the village and continue down the lane to a small stone barn on the right (350yards). Take the path to the left, and walk down the field keeping the wall on your right. At the bottom of the field on the

right is a gate into a steep sided field. Follow the path diagonally downhill, which can be slippery. At the bottom, go through the gate and cross the main Bakewell Road with care.

Enter the field opposite and climb diagonally towards the telegraph pole in the centre of the field. Continue past the pole in the same direction to the top right hand corner of the field with a signpost "Public footpath to Baslow". Ahead of you, as you enter the field, are views of Baslow Edge. Go through the gate and follow the wall right to the far end of the field and Wheatlands Lane. Exit via the stile and turn right. After 50 yards turn left into the field through a pedestrian gate. Go straight forwards to an old gate post by a projecting corner of the field. Turn right and follow the path through several fields along this wall. At the end take the footpath in the left hand corner and go down an alley to Bubnell Lane.



Ahead is Baslow old bridge\*, with its Watchman's hut, Toll Bar Cottage and Baslow Church\*.

Cross the bridge (5.6m) and turn right past the church. Cross the Bakewell road at the roundabout and continue past Baslow Sportsfield and the Cavendish Hotel on your right. Turn right at the village green and hall to the car park.

# Points of interest

- **Baslow church** and the **Old bridge** and **ford** are described in the walk around the village.
- **Edensor** - Edensor is a model village, a showpiece created by the Dukes of Devonshire in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Each house is different. It is still a Chatsworth Village, with most houses occupied by present or retired employees. The Church dating back to the 1100s, was completely rebuilt and expanded in the 1860s. Most of the Dukes of Devonshire are buried here, including Kick Kennedy, sister of John F Kennedy and wife of William who was killed in the war before he could become the duke.
- **Lane from Edensor** - This lane was part of the main road from Bakewell to Chatsworth and on to Chesterfield. In 1739 it became the first Turnpike in the area, but it was soon superseded by better roads nearby. Recently it has designated a Restricted Byway, banning motor vehicles the trail motor bikes, however they do still use it so take care. At the very top of the lane is a guide stone in the field on your right. It was erected in the early 1700s, confirming the importance of the roads to Bakewell, Sheffield and Chesterfield.
- **Pilsley** - Like Edensor, Pilsley is an estate village. Many of the inhabitants still work for Chatsworth. The old school built in 1849, was for the children of estate workers. Chatsworth Farm Shop and Café, across the main road was built in 1910 for the Duke's shire horse, then used for a dairy herd before being converted to its present use in 1977.

# WALK 6 - BUBNELL & CALVER

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Distance: 4.9miles (m) (extended route 5.2m)

Elevation: 804ft

Difficulty: Easy but medium/difficult section on extended walk

Start point: Baslow Carpark DE45 1SR

Grid reference: SK 25877217

## Summary

A walk up above Bubnell, along the Edge looking back to Baslow Edge and the villages of Baslow and Calver, then descending to return along the river Derwent and past the church.

## Directions

On leaving the car park turn left along the main road, past the Cavendish Hotel and Baslow Sportsfield to the roundabout. Cross the Bakewell road and continue past the burial ground and Baslow Church to the old ford and toll bridge on your left. Cross the bridge and immediately ahead is the entrance to a narrow alleyway. Go up the alley and into the field at the top. Keeping the wall on your right cross 3 fields to a pedestrian gate under a big tree. Go through the gate and follow the wall on the right. At it's corner go towards the top right hand corner of the field to a stone stile. Go over the stile, and another on the far side of the next field. In this field after about 100 yards is a signpost pointing diagonally left. Follow the direction of the signpost, even though the path is not clear to a gateway on the far left of the field. Exit onto Wheatland's Lane and turn right.

Follow the lane to the crest of the hill and start to descend. After about 100 yards the road briefly flattens, with farm gates on each side (1.8m). Take the stone stile by the gate on your

right and follow the path diagonally uphill towards the trees. Go over the stile and into the wood, then follow the path by the side of the wall.

After about 350 yards you go through a gate into Bank Wood South. Along this section are views on your right to Curbar Gap, Baslow Edge, Baslow and Chatsworth House.

#### Baslow from Bank Wood South

Continue through a gate onto open land with views to your left back to Hassop, Longstone and Longstone Edge. Below you are lead mining remains on the hillside. Enter into Bank

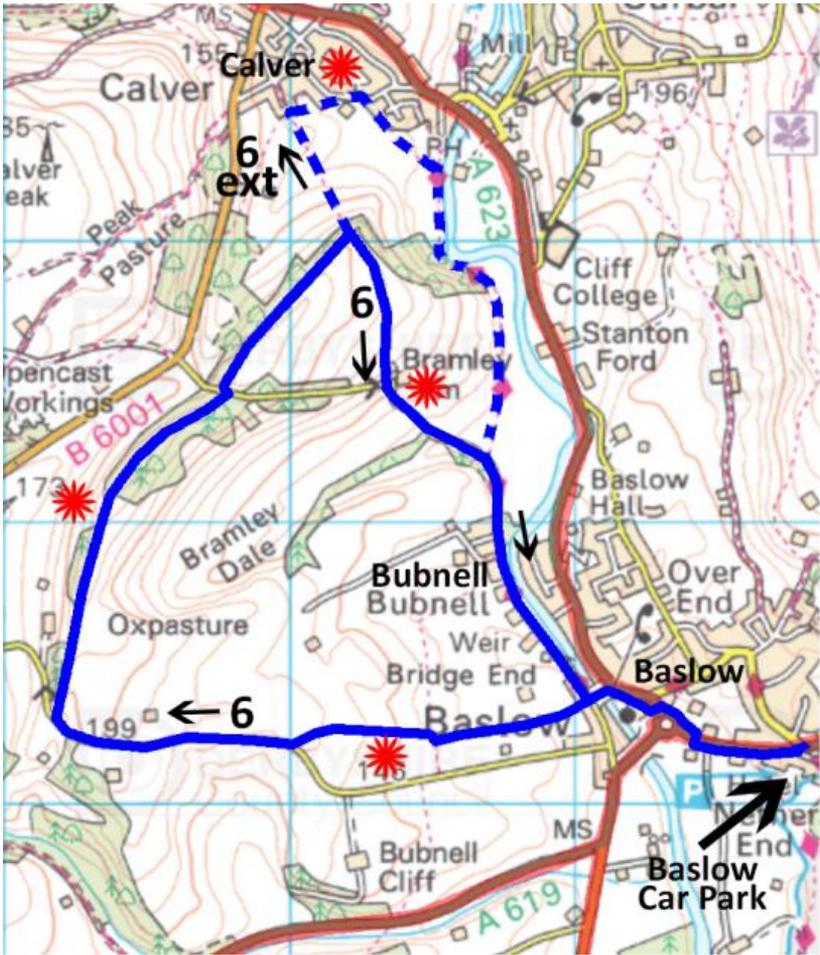


Wood North, following the Edge to a sign near the far end “Bank Wood North” on your left. Go through the gate to your right and turn left to Bubnell Lane (2.6m). Cross the road and go slightly left past an

old moss covered farm gate to continue along the edge in Bramley Wood. On this section you get views on the right to Baslow and Baslow Edge and to the left of Calver, below. Follow the path, through the banks of rhododendrons, until the wall turns right and trees are ahead. Continue for about 50 yards to a T junction and turn right for the main walk or left for the extended walk.

After turning right, cross the stile into the field and follow the direction of the signpost diagonally to the right to the far corner of the field.

Go through the pedestrian gate and look for the pedestrian gate on your right. Go through this and continue diagonally across the field as before. Go through the pedestrian gate and across the corner of the next field to another similar gate.



The next few gates come in rapid succession as you go round Bramley Farm, until the last gate gives onto a tarmac path beside a wall with a steep drop on the right. Follow the path round to descend to road level by the farm entrance (3.5m).

Go down Bubnell Lane. The extended walk joins the road in the dip, then climb the gentle hill to Bubnell, up the lane. Continue along Bubnell Lane, past the weir and Bubnell Hall, to the old Baslow Bridge\*, with its Watchman's hut and Toll Bar cottage on the far side (4.4m). Cross the bridge and turn right past Baslow church\*.



Cross the Bakewell road at the roundabout and continue past Baslow Sportsfield and the Cavendish Hotel on your right. Turn right at the village green and hall to the car park.

### **Walk 6 Extension**

Turning left above Calver follow the path downhill. It is very steep in places and curves to the right half way down. At the bottom, cross the stile, go straight ahead across the field, through the hedgerow in the dip, and up the far field. Almost at the top there is a dry stone wall on your right. Cross the wall where it has crumbled and go diagonally right across this field to the farm gate. Once through the gate stay beside the wall on your left to a signpost, then descend, through the stone stile to the lane below. Follow the lane to the right and curve round up to the road. At the road turn right and continue to Calver village hall.

On the left hand side of the village hall drive is a footpath. Go along this and cross a farm driveway at the top. Enter the field through the pedestrian gate and go straight ahead to the next gate. After going through this the path goes to the far left hand corner of the field in the trees. Go through this gate and down a short track between fields to the river Derwent. (3.3m from start) Turn right along the river. Keeping the river on your left, go through the gate at the far end. The path initially follows the curve of the river, but then continues along the valley side. Go through a gate in a dry stone wall ahead of you. Enter the next field through the pedestrian gateway. On your left, across the field and river is Stanton Ford House, an 17c

school. As the field widens out there is a wall ahead with a pedestrian gateway to the right, and across the field a gate on the far side. This field can be very waterlogged in winter. If it is impassable don't go through the gateway in the wall, but follow the raised grass track to your right. This comes to a farm gate and exit onto Bubnell Lane. Here you meet the main walk. Turn left onto Bubnell Lane.



## Points of Interest

- **Baslow church** and the **Old bridge** and **ford** are described in the walk around the village.
- **Footpath from the bridge** - The original mediaeval road went straight up from the bridge to the top of Wheatlands Lane. The Lane was diverted centuries ago.
- **Quarry & Lead mining remains** - The hillside on the left of the path was the site of lead mines that closed 200 years ago. The quarry (Backdale) was recently worked for limestone, but closed down after extensive legal action.

The valley below is the boundary between the White Peak (limestone) and the Dark Peak (sandstone and Gritstone).

- **Bramley Farm** - There has been a farm at Bramley for centuries. The Kitchen family were there in the late 1500s, and left in 1935. The current building dates from 1802. You walk past the footings of the earlier homestead just before reaching the road.
- **Calver village** - This started as a small lead mining community until the arrival in 1786 of the Cotton Mill. Other past industries included lime burning and boot making.

# GUIDES:

- **LOOSE LEAF TEA**
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