



13 DERBYSHIRE WHITE EDGE



▶ Distance: 5¼ miles/9.25km ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate

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Wild walking out
on White Edge.



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The famous edges of Froggatt, Curbar and Baslow are well known to many walkers; less so the parent ridge that hides behind them: White Edge. This intriguing walk sets that right by taking you out along the crest of this hidden hinterland to explore its delights, then sweeping down to return along the more frequented (and spectacular) paths of Froggatt Edge and Curbar Edge. There's also a pleasant pub stop halfway round at the Grouse Inn, if you fancy it.

1 Start

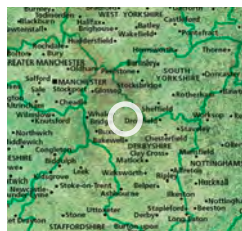
Leave the car park via the eastern exit through a kissing

gate onto a track signed for White Edge. Where the track divides, do not go L with the wall but head straight ahead on a track which soon begins to curve L. Descend to cross the footbridge, then climb on the far side with a wall on your L, climbing to the crest of White Edge.

2 ½ mile/0.7km

Where the wall ends, turn sharp L and follow a clear path along White Edge, looking down on the lower edges to your L. Continue for two miles to reach the wall-line. At this point, there's an optional detour R along the wall for 350 yards to reach the intriguingly named Hurkling Stone (it means 'crouching'):

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Free car park at Curbar Gap, S32 3YR, grid ref SK262747

Is it for me?

Mostly clear paths across open moorland, caution needed on cliff edges

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PLANNING

Nearest town Baslow

Refreshments

Grouse Inn on route (01433 630423)

Public toilets

None on route

Public transport

None to start

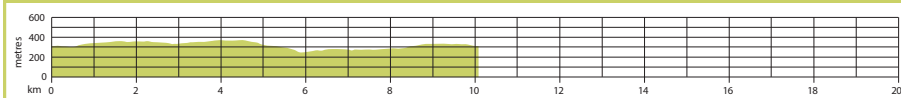
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a rock inscribed '+MB' which was as a boundary marker. Return along the wall-line to main path.

3 2½ miles/4km

Pass through the gap in the wall and turn immediate L, ➔

GRADIENT PROFILE



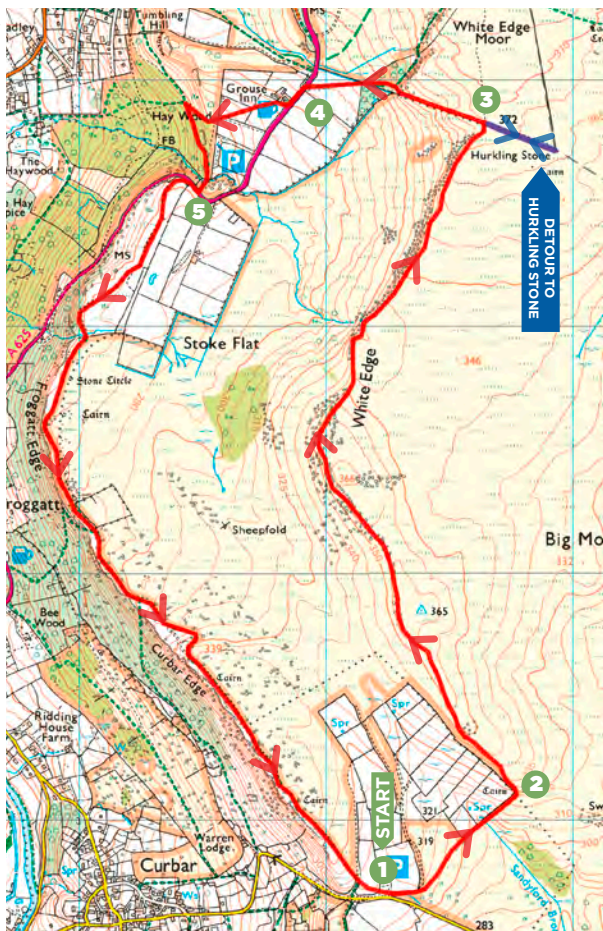
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signed for The Grouse Inn, heading downhill with the wall on your L. Continue downhill through woodland. At the crossroads of paths, continue ahead, still following signs for The Grouse Inn. Emerge from woodland through a gate and cross the broad meadow to reach another gate, emerging onto the road opposite The Grouse Inn.

4 **3 miles/4.85km** Crossing the road (or choose to stop at the excellent pub), turn L. Just after the inn, turn R across a stile to enter Longshaw estate and take the path heading diagonally across the field towards trees. Pass through two small gates and enter the woodland. After the second gate, turn immediate L, keeping the wall on your L. Descend through the wall-line and cross the stream. Continue on the far side, climbing towards the road. At the top, go through a gate to emerge on the road. Turn R and cross the road, then branch L on a track marked by a white gate (with a pedestrian sign to the side).

5 **3½ miles/5.6km** Continue on the track over Froggatt Edge, eventually passing through a gate. Shortly after the gate, a detour L leads to a small but impressive stone circle. Return to the path and



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continue southwards across Froggatt Edge and later Curbar Edge. After approximately two miles, pass through a gate. Continue ahead (ignoring the branching path R heading for Baslow Edge). Follow the wall line round to the L to return to the car park. **CW**

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