



Tegg's Nose, a prominent lump of Chatsworth Grit formed by a huge prehistoric river, was quarried from the 17th to the 20th centuries.



The reservoirs of **Macclesfield Forest** were built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to supply drinking water to Macclesfield.



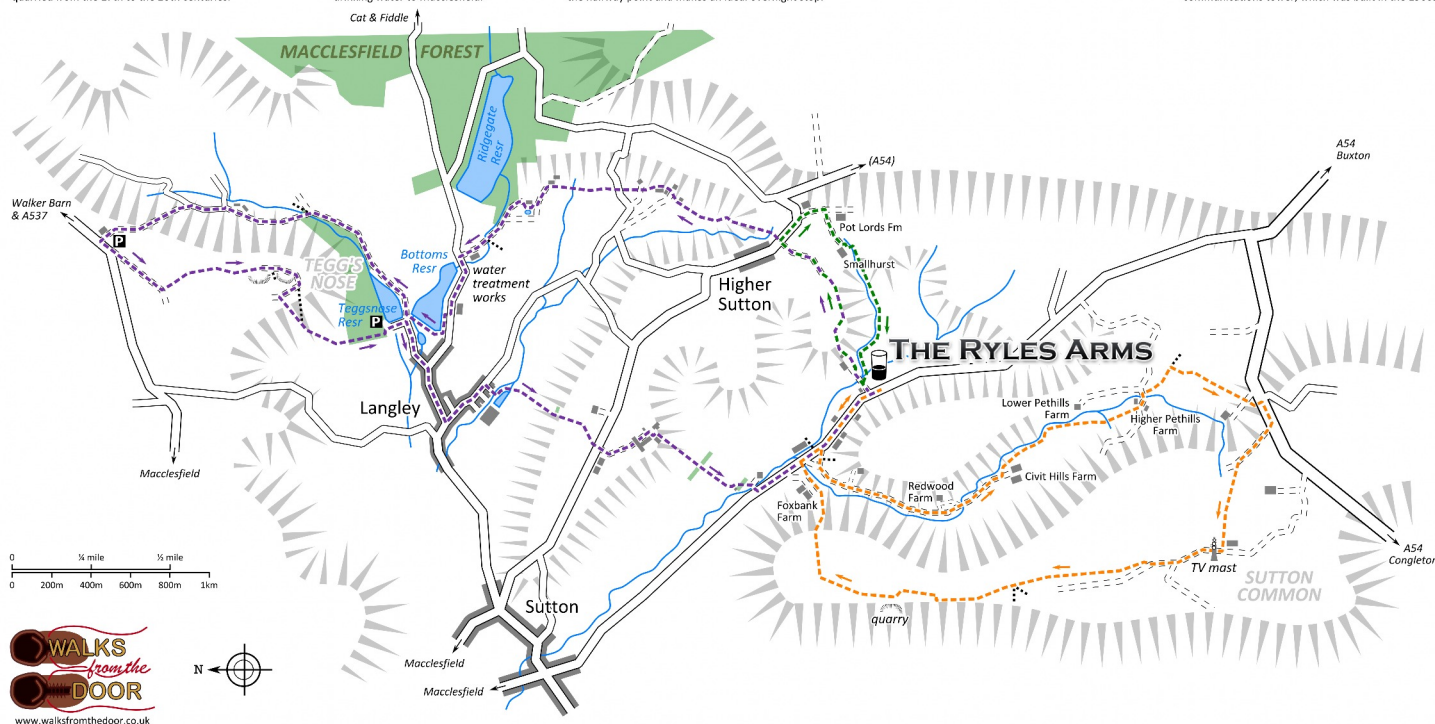
The **Gritstone Trail** runs for 35 miles (56 km) from Disley to Mow Cop. The Ryles Arms lies almost exactly at the halfway point and makes an ideal overnight stop.



Rossen Dale is a little-known stream valley studded with attractive upland farms.



Sutton Common is a prominent ridge with fine views over the Cheshire Plain and an obvious site for a communications tower, which was built in the 1960s.



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Right next to the pub is the converted barn, which contains six 4* rooms. Recently refurbished and redecorated 6 en-suite rooms: 3 double, 1 triple room (family) and 1 twin. They all have everything you need for a short break or overnight stay including free wi-fi. For the perfect home away from home we have the Superior room (room 6). This room additionally contains a dining table and chairs, a kitchenette, washing machine, sofa and 46 inch TV. Everything you need for a long weekend away.

The Ryles Arms is independently owned and has history dating back to the 1500s. In the past it has been a blacksmiths, the local sweet shop and for the past century has mostly been a public house for the locals to enjoy.

Since taking on the Ryles in September 2010, Alex and his team have focused on providing all customers who walk through the doors with great-quality food and service.

The menu now boasts such variety that there truly is something for everyone, whether it be fine dining, pub favourites or a second-to-none steak from our flame grill.

Three walks from The Ryles Arms Higher Sutton, Cheshire



Gritstone stroll

1½ miles: Moderately easy

A fairly easy stroll up the hill behind the pub, offering good views to Tegg's Nose and Sutton Common.

Sutton Common

4½ miles: Moderate

After a pleasant ramble along a stream, the effort of climbing to the TV mast is rewarded by a scenic ridge walk.

Langley and Tegg's Nose

4 or 6½ miles: Moderately strenuous

Featuring rolling hills, wooded reservoirs and an optional climb to a viewpoint with geological and industrial interest.

Gritstone stroll

1½ miles: Moderately easy

A fairly gentle ascent and descent. Short sections may be muddy at times and there are several stiles to negotiate. Allow 1 hour.

1 From the front door, turn right and then immediately right again, between the pub and adjacent barn. **2** At the rear of the car park, follow the metalled drive downhill. **3** Cross the stream at the bottom of the hill (ignoring the path over a footbridge on the right) and go through the gate with the Gritstone Trail “G” waymark on your right at the beginning of the garden beyond. **4** Pass a duckpond and exit the garden through a kissing gate. **5** Walk up the field beyond to a further kissing gate on the brow of the hill. **6** Follow the top edge of the next field, then go through a third kissing gate on your left. **7** Follow the wall on your right; the path develops into a farm track and eventually meets a road with views to Tegg’s Nose. **8** Turn right. At the entrance to a house called The Steps, turn right along a farm drive. **9** Follow the drive to a junction just before Pot Lords farm; turn right here. **10** Follow this drive downhill to a house called Smallhurst. **11** Just before the property, drop down left below the garden and then go down some steps and over a stile to a footbridge over the stream. **12** Once across, turn right to a ladder stile by a gap in the wall. **13** Follow the stream through a series of fields, diverting as necessary to avoid boggy sections. **14** Finally, cross a footbridge to rejoin the metalled driveway you started out on. Turn left to return to the Ryles Arms.

Sutton Common

4½ miles: Moderate

One stiff climb up to the TV mast; Some muddy sections along the stream valley in winter. Allow 3 hours.

1 Turn right from the front door and walk downhill along the road for ¼ mile. **2** Just beyond a row of terraced cottages on your left, leave the road for a track on the left. **3** At a metalled drive, turn left again, past a farm. **4** Ignore a turning to the left and cross a cattle grid and follow the track as it descends to a second cattle grid and the stream. **5** Pass Redwood Farm on your left, then cross the stream and climb the track beyond. **6** After another cattle grid, and before you reach Civit Hills Farm, take a path on the left which drops towards the stream and then climbs slightly to a gate. **7** Pass a pond and keep to the right-hand side above the stream beyond. **8** Beyond another gate the path climbs then descends and then proceeds along the stream bank as it approaches Lower Pethills Farm (on the other side of the stream). **9** Beyond the farm, leave the stream to climb the bank to your right, to a gate and a crossing over a small side-stream. Cross the next field to a gate, then turn left between the buildings of Higher Pethills Farm. **10** Beyond the farm buildings, before a junction, turn right through a field gate. Head up the right-hand side of the field beyond, with the stream to your left. **11** At the end of the field turn right and walk up

a track that then swings left. **12** Bear right, with a gappy hedge on your right, to a stile by a gate, and walk up the hill beyond, crossing a further stile beyond a farm drive. **13** At the top of this field, cross two stiles to reach the A54 road, where you turn right. **14** After a short distance, turn right down a farm track. **15** Follow it until the hedge on the left ends, then leave the track to climb the field on your left in the direction of the TV tower at the top of the hill. **16** Cross a single then a double stile, before swinging left towards the farm to the left of the tower. **17** When you reach the access road, turn right and pass the tower compound. **18** Follow the track beyond, with wide views over the Cheshire Plain and beyond. **19** When the main track swings left and downhill, take a lesser track on the right, keeping to the ridge top. **20** At a gate, cross the stile to the right and keep along the ridge, with a wall on your left. **21** Descend to a gate, where the wall switches to your right. **22** Beyond another gate, pass through two kissing gates, the second on your right, and head round the right-hand sides of the next field to a third kissing gate. **23** Follow the path downhill towards a quarry, then bear right. **24** Beyond a fourth kissing gate follow a line of trees downhill, then turn right over a stile. **25** Cross the head of a small dry valley and follow it downhill. **26** Beyond a stile and gate, walk along a field edge and pass below Foxbank Farm on a paved path, before dropping down to the road. **27** Turn right and retrace your steps up the road to the Ryles Arms.

Langley and Tegg’s Nose

4 or 6½ miles: Moderately strenuous

There are no major difficulties on the 4-mile route; the 2½-mile extension to Tegg’s Nose involves a stiff climb, and a steep descent on sometimes rocky ground. Allow 2 hours for the shorter route and 3½ for the longer.

Start by following steps **1** to **7** from the **Gritstone stroll**, above.

8 Follow the footpath over a wall stile opposite, which descends to cross a stream by a spring. **9** Follow the contouring path beyond until you pass a wooden-clad building and descend to a farm. **10** Walk between the buildings, following the Gritstone Trail waymarks into a narrow path that leads behind more buildings. **11** At the entrance to Overhill Cottage, cross the drive and take the footpath opposite, through a kissing gate. **12** At the end of the next field, drop down into a sunken lane and take the continuing path opposite. **13** Pass through a couple of gates and ford a small stream to pass to the left of Greenbarn Farm. **14** When you meet the farm drive, turn left, then leave the drive to the right, passing through a wicket gate and skirting to the left of the next property with a pond on your left. **15** Once past the house, follow the drive beyond (ignoring a side footpath leading into Macclesfield Forest on the right) as it meets a stream and continues past Ridgeway Water Treatment Works. **16** At the road, turn left with Bottoms Reservoir on your right. **17** At the end of a row of cottages on your left, take the path on the right that skirts the reservoir and crosses the dam. **18** At the far end beyond the spillway

and a flight of steps, if you are omitting the Tegg’s Nose loop, turn left and jump to step **34**. **19** If continuing to Tegg’s Nose, turn right, with Teggsnose Reservoir on your left. Follow this track beyond the end of the reservoir, past a stone marking the beginning of Tegg’s Nose Country Park. **20** Just before the track swings right into open fields, take the Tegg’s Nose Trail on the left, which drops to cross a stream via stepping stones. **21** Climb the broader of the two stepped paths beyond, and then follow a walled track that emerges on the road by Clough House Farm. **22** Walk along the road for a short distance then leave it on a track to the left (signposted Tegg’s Nose Trail). **23** Climb this stone-pitched track until you reach the Tegg’s Nose car park. **24** Cross the car park, past the visitor centre, to the road. **25** Turn left, then follow the track straight on uphill when the road bends right. **26** At the second gate, turn left up some stone steps with a central handrail. **27** Follow the obvious path ahead, with a gully to the right, eventually passing between a quarry face on your right and some old machinery on the left. **28** Keep straight on past a further quarry on your right, and keep left at a junction of paths, with a further Tegg’s Nose Trail marker. **29** Keep right past a wooden bench with a fine view, and ignore two paths off to the left (the second opposite a semicircular stone memorial bench). **30** Beyond an overgrown pile of spoil on your left, by the marker for point 10 of the Geological Trail, leave the main path and take the Gritstone Trail downhill, slabbed at first. **31** Pass a couple of benches and continue downhill as a wall joins from the right. **32** Enter the wood and follow the wall to a car park, the last section down some steps. **33** Exit the car park across the dam to the road between the two reservoirs, and turn right. **34** Walk down the road with a lake on the left, then turn right down Main Road. **35** At Langley Methodist Church, turn left into Cock Hall Lane and pass a bus stop, telephone box and postbox. **36** Pass the ends of Forest Drive on the left, and Dawson Close and Whiston Close on the right, then take the next turning on the right indicated by a footpath sign. **37** Beyond the houses, skirt a fishing lake then swing right to a footbridge, a flight of steps and a stile. **38** Beyond the next stile, head diagonally across the field, passing to the right of a small mixed wood, then heading up the right-hand side of the field along a line of mature alders. **39** At the end of the field cross a stile and head half-right to the road in Ridge Hill. **40** Take the drive opposite (signposted “Foxbank”) and follow it as it swings left to Ridge Hall Farm. **41** Go through an archway then turn right beyond The Stables, by an old pump. **42** Dog-leg between buildings and then turn right at a flight of steps to a stile. **43** Follow the obvious footpath downhill over a series of stiles. **44** At a gap in a belt of coniferous woodland go straight on to a further stile. **45** Pass through a plantation of young oaks to another stile, beyond which swing left. **46** Beyond a black-painted building descend the slope through pine trees into the driveway of Ridge Cottage. **47** Exit to the road, and turn left. Follow the road for ½ mile back to the Ryles Arms.



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