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Beech Croft Farm is located at Blackwell in the Peak, a
small hamlet with just 10 houses and a few small farms.
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Buxton by bike *(continued)*

“Chelmorton”) and descend to a T-junction. **8** Follow the track opposite (signposted “PENNINE BRIDLEWAY High Peak Trail 1¼”). **9** On meeting a road, turn left and ride on to the A515. **10** Cross and follow the Pennine Bridleway right (alongside the road) then turn left down a track. **11** Pass the end of the High Peak Trail and continue ahead, with a quarry on your right. **12** On meeting a narrow lane, turn right and follow it to a junction below High Wheeldon hill. **13** Turn right for 500 yards, then leave the road to follow a track (marked “Unsuitable for motor vehicles”) on the left, which descends to meet another road by a farmhouse. **14** Turn right and ride past a pond and through Earl Sterndale to a crossroads. **15** Follow the road straight ahead (signposted to Dalehead and Axe Edge) with emerging views of Parkhouse and Chrome Hills to your left. **16** Beyond a farm on your right the road climbs, before descending to a cattle grid. **17** Just before the cattle grid, turn right onto the White Peak Loop (WPL). **18** Follow the crushed-stone track, which climbs a little before levelling off to a gate, then descends (with a zig-zag at the steepest part) to another track. **19** Turn left along this level track, through a series of gates with quarries on your left. A gap in the fence at the end of a wall gives unofficial access to the Blue Lagoon. **20** Continuing on the WPL, turn right at a waymark post, descending towards Harpur Hill village to join a tarmac section which emerges by the Parks Inn. **21** Turn right past the pub, then immediately left, signposted “Town centre (A515)”, and follow the road until you meet the main road. **22** Turn left and follow the A515 uphill then down into Buxton town centre.



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Routes to Tideswell and Buxton from Beech Croft Farm Blackwell, Derbyshire



Tideswell on foot
5 miles (one way): Fairly easy
Via the stunning Wye valley and pretty Tideswell Dale.

Buxton on foot
6½ miles (one way): Moderate
A varied walk via hill and dale into historic Buxton.

Buxton by bike
10¾ miles (one way): Fairly strenuous
A quiet mountain-biking route with several off-road sections.

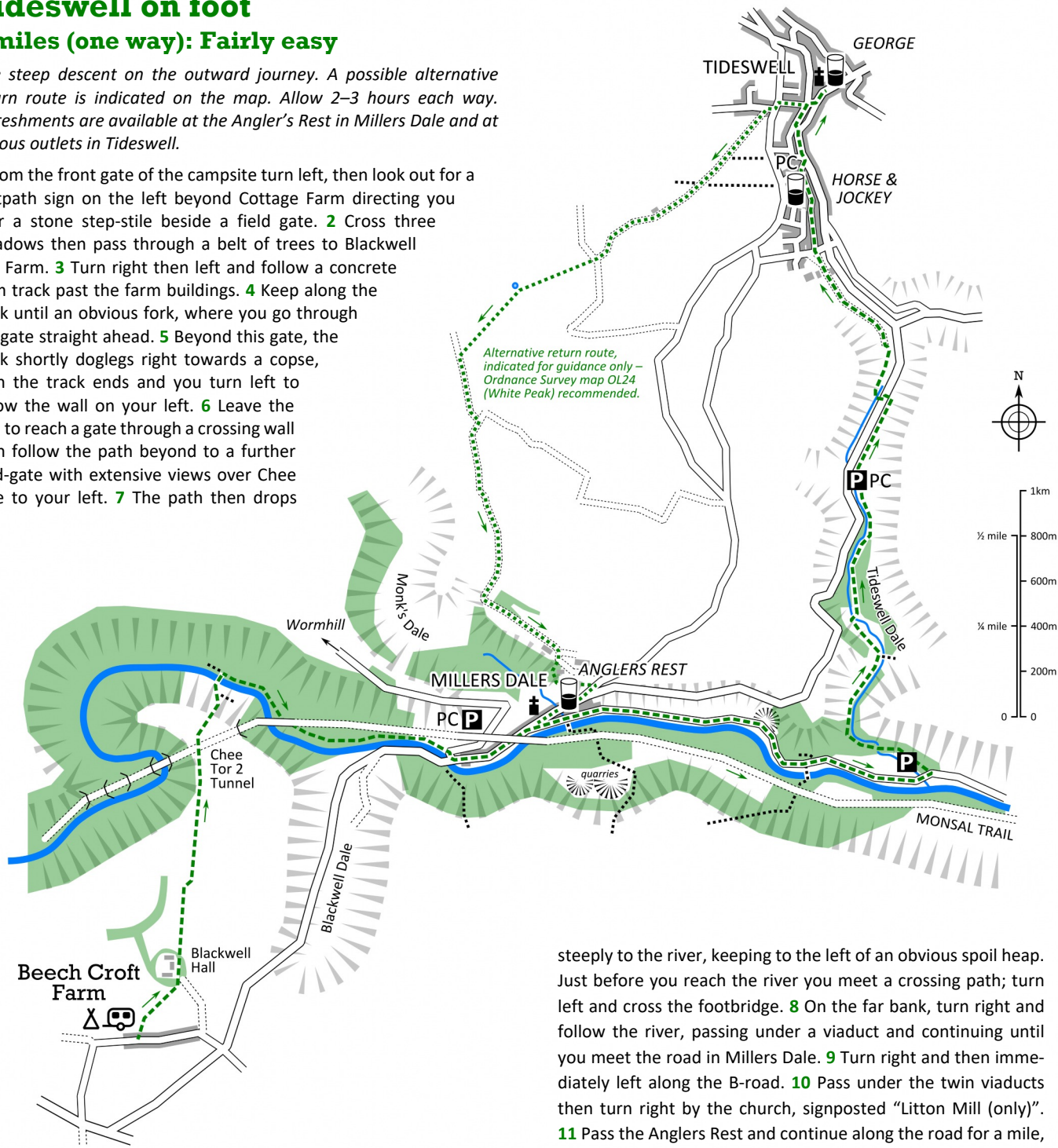
Tideswell on foot

5 miles (one way): Fairly easy

One steep descent on the outward journey. A possible alternative return route is indicated on the map. Allow 2–3 hours each way. Refreshments are available at the Angler’s Rest in Millers Dale and at various outlets in Tideswell.

1 From the front gate of the campsite turn left, then look out for a footpath sign on the left beyond Cottage Farm directing you over a stone step-stile beside a field gate. 2 Cross three meadows then pass through a belt of trees to Blackwell Hall Farm. 3 Turn right then left and follow a concrete farm track past the farm buildings. 4 Keep along the track until an obvious fork, where you go through the gate straight ahead. 5 Beyond this gate, the track shortly doglegs right towards a copse, then the track ends and you turn left to follow the wall on your left. 6 Leave the wall to reach a gate through a crossing wall then follow the path beyond to a further field-gate with extensive views over Chee Dale to your left. 7 The path then drops

steeply to the river, keeping to the left of an obvious spoil heap. Just before you reach the river you meet a crossing path; turn left and cross the footbridge. 8 On the far bank, turn right and follow the river, passing under a viaduct and continuing until you meet the road in Millers Dale. 9 Turn right and then immediately left along the B-road. 10 Pass under the twin viaducts then turn right by the church, signposted “Litton Mill (only)”. 11 Pass the Anglers Rest and continue along the road for a mile, passing the limestone crag of Ravenstor, a footbridge on the



right, and a path to the youth hostel on the left, about three-quarters of the way along. 12 Beyond a small car park, turn left onto a path signposted “Tideswell Dale”. 13 Follow the path up the dale, sticking to the main path along the valley bottom, until you reach a car park with toilets after a little under a mile. 14 Follow the path to the right of the car park exit. 15 When the path meets the road, go through the gate ahead, along a permitted path in the field next to the road. 16 After 200 yards or so, beyond a clump of trees, go through a gate on the left, into the road. 17 Cross over, take a few steps to the left, then turn right onto a signposted footpath. 18 Follow the path up the hillside through a mix of scrub, grassland and woodland until it joins a walled farm track beyond a gate. 19 The track leads past a farm to meet a road on the outskirts of Tideswell. 20 Cross over and follow the road ahead, which will lead you into the centre of the village.

To find the start of the suggested route back, walk up Parke Road (next to the Corner Chippy), turn left then right into Summer Cross, then immediately left onto the Slancote Lane track.

Buxton on foot

6½ miles (one way): Moderate

Allow 3–4 hours. Multiple stiles; some paths may be muddy and the route includes a steep rocky path in and out of Deep Dale. Refreshments are available at the Church Inn in Chelmorton and in Buxton. Return via car, taxi (Allied Taxis 01298 72123) or High Peak Transpeak bus service – ask for “Blackwell Turn”.

1 From the campsite entrance, turn right and walk along the road round a left-hand bend, until you reach the main road. 2 Cross carefully and follow the no-through road opposite. 3 At a T-junction turn right, then left at a metal gate with a Pennine Bridleway waymark. 4 Follow this track uphill. 5 Just beyond a gate at the top of the hill, a concessionary path on the left offers a short there-and-back diversion to view the Five Wells burial chamber. 6 On returning to the main track, turn left and proceed. 7 Just beyond the entrance to Five Wells Farm (left), turn right into a footpath along a former lead rake. 8 This leads down into Chelmorton village, where you bear left between the Church Inn and church. 9 At a junction, turn right into a track by some barns. 10 Follow the track for ½ mile, passing left of a farm partway along. 11 At the road, take a few steps to the left then turn right into another track with a sign for Burrs Farm. 12 Follow the track for ½ mile, passing the entrance to Burrs Farm and later a modern barn, both on the right. 13 At a junction of tracks, turn left. 14 Just before a belt of trees, turn right over a stile in the wall. 15 Cross a narrow field, then a wider one, to a third stile, then bear left to a gate looking down into Deep Dale. 16 Follow a steep path that zig-zags down into the dale. At the bottom, there is an short optional detour to the left to view the impressive entrance of Thirst House Cave. 17 To continue, cross the stream and go over a stile. 18 Zig-zag up the opposite dale side to a stile. 19 Follow the wall and fence, passing to the left of a

house to the lane opposite King Sterndale church. 20 Turn left along the lane, then right through a hand-gate opposite the Old Vicarage. 21 Follow the fence to a kissing gate, then continue, with woodland on your right, above Kidtor Dale. 22 As you approach Cowdale, follow a wall and pass to the right of the farm to a stile into the lane. 23 Turn right briefly, then take a footpath on the left through a gap in the wall. 24 Cross a wall stile and follow the fence to a gateway. 25 Continue to a second gateway, with a large quarry away to your right. 26 Follow the fence and wall uphill to Staden. 27 Climb a stile beside a gate and follow the track between houses to the end of the lane. 28 Take the track opposite, passing another farmhouse on your right. 29 Go through a field gate and follow the track beyond. 30 Stay alongside the wall as the path descends with views over Buxton. 31 Go through a gate and descend a walled green lane to a gate into a farmyard. 32 Take the track opposite, to the left of a green-painted metal barn. 33 Follow the track behind the caravan site, crossing a stile then curving right to pass under the last arch of the viaduct. 34 Join a track beyond that leads downhill to cross the stream to a road. 35 Turn left, then right along the A515. 36 Pass Buxton Hospital, Hartwell Walk and Highland Close on your right. 37 Cross and turn left into Fern Road; when the road bends left at a parking area, turn right along the woodland edge. 38 In the far corner, pick up a walled path that leads past school grounds out to the road. 39 Cross over and walk down College Road, passing Spencer Road on your right. 40 Cross Macclesfield Road into Bath Road. 41 Beyond Burlington Road, take the first path on the left into Pavilion Gardens. 42 Walk round the end of the first lake and follow the lakeside path to the right. 43 At the end of the lake, go through a gate in the railings on your left, past a sculpture. 44 Bear left by the miniature railway to the riverside path. 45 Follow the river to the end of the park, and exit into The Square. 46 Turn right past the Old Hall Hotel, then left past St Anne’s Well and Buxton Crescent to reach the town centre. The Transpeak bus can be boarded at the railway station, or at the stop in Terrace Road (A515).

Buxton by bike

10¾ miles (one way): Fairly strenuous

Allow 2 hours. Not suitable for road bikes. Some moderate climbs and descents on loose-surfaced tracks. Busy road into Buxton. Return the way you came, or via A6. Refreshments at the Duke of York (Pomeroy – just off route), the Quiet Woman (Earl Sterndale), the Parks Inn (Harpur Hill), or in Buxton.

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