



## Hope village and the River Noe

1½ miles: Easy

*Practically level; short sections may be muddy after rain. Allow 1 hour.*

**1** Leave the Old Hall Hotel via the door facing the church, and turn right along the main road, passing the Edale turning and the village post office and other shops on your right. **2** Cross the end of Marsh Avenue, then turn right up a farm track by a bus stop. **3** Follow the farm track past a children's playing area to a gate. **4** Beyond the gate pass a house on your right, then turn right over a footbridge. **5** Cross a series of fields and stiles, then pass through a field gate at a crossing path. **6** When you reach the road, cross over and walk half-left down Bowden Lane opposite. **7** Cross the River Noe and turn immediately right. **8** Follow the driveway to a former mill building; beyond the building cross a stile at the foot of a telegraph pole. **9** Follow the footpath beyond through fields alongside the river to the main road bridge. **10** Climb the steps, cross the road carefully and turn right to cross the river. **11** Follow School Lane to the left of the church. **12** At a T-junction, turn right and walk up the hill back to the Old Hall Hotel.

## Win Hill

4¼ miles: Moderate

*One long climb and rocky ground around the summit. Allow 3 hours.*

**1** Follow the Edale Road from the road junction opposite the parish church. **2** Pass the primary school on your left, then turn right down Bowden Lane. **3** Cross the River Noe and keep straight along the road beyond, which curves left and uphill to a bridge under the railway. **4** Turn right beyond the bridge then follow the gravelly driveway as it curves left and uphill away from the railway. **5** At Twitchill Farm swing left then right between the buildings to a gate. **6** Beyond the gate follow the path half-right up the steep grassy slope above the farm. **7** Once past the next gate, follow a path up the slope beyond diagonally to the far corner of the field. **8** Cross the stile and follow the fence beyond, then continue ahead on a stony path uphill through heather. **9** Pass a couple of stone cairns, then as you approach a gate at the top of the ridge take the right fork to cut the corner towards the obvious summit of Win Hill. **10** Beyond a gate join the obvious ridge path and turn right towards the summit. **11** Just short of the rocky hilltop, keep left and then follow the stone-pitched path to the right of the rocky ridge, before climbing left to the trig point. **12** Having admired the view, continue along the ridge and pick up the pitched path that heads steeply downhill. **13** Beyond a wall keep on in the same direction downhill to enter a larch plantation. **14** When you meet a cross path along a wall, turn right signposted Thornhill. **15** Leave the woods and follow a delightful grassy path that contours below a stone wall. **16** Beyond a concrete water trough at a junction of paths turn right through the wall, signposted to Aston. **17** Follow the heathery path as it gradually descends to a stone step stile over a

wall into fields. **18** Walk down the field and beyond follow a shallow dry valley to a stile and gate. **19** Beyond the stile you reach a road; turn right past farm buildings and ignore a left-hand turning. **20** Once over a small shady stream, take a footpath up steps on the left and follow the footpath beyond behind gardens that joins a driveway. **21** When you regain the road, turn left, ignoring a road heading away to the right. **22** Pass the turning to Birchfield on your right, then take the next right, the entrance drive to Farfield Farm. **23** Beyond the farm cottages and just before a small caravan park, turn left over a stile into fields. **24** Walk down the field and pass under the railway at the bottom. Follow the edge of the next field to the river. **25** Turn left (downstream) and follow the river until you reach the main road. **26** Climb the steps and cross the road carefully. **27** Turn right and follow the pavement back into Hope, past the church to the Old Hall Hotel.

## Castleton and Lose Hill

7¼ miles: Moderately strenuous

*One stiff climb and several shorter ascents on the Great Ridge. Paths over pastureland may be muddy after wet weather. Allow 4 hours.*

**1** Turn right from the pub entrance and then left between the church and the Woodroffe Arms (signposted Pindale). **2** Cross the river, and pass the pinfold on the right-hand side and the end of a road on the left. **3** Just before the road bends right, take a footpath over a stile on the right. **4** Keep along this well-marked path through several fields, with Peakshole Water on your right. **5** Cross the railway line (a mineral line serving Hope quarry) with care. **6** Continue along the path in similar vein beyond the railway, leaving the river temporarily but returning to it shortly as you pass a copse and water treatment works on the far bank. **7** Follow a streamside track to a farm, and then veer away from the river with a ruined mill building over the wall to your right. **8** When you reach the main road, turn left and walk into Castleton, passing the end of Weaving Avenue, and then the Peak Hotel on your left. **9** Beyond the Post Office follow the main road as it bends left, then follow Back St next to the Olde Nags Head. **10** At the village cross head right, then follow the signposted no-through road below the entrance to Peveril Castle. **11** When you reach the stream, cross the bridge and turn immediately left; follow this metalled path between cottages to view the impressive entrance of Peak Cavern, returning the same way. **12** On your return, do not recross the stream but head straight across the road into a footpath that runs along the left-hand side of a car park. **13** At the main road, cross over, take a few steps to the left and then follow an inconspicuous walled path between houses on your right. **14** In the field beyond, swing left to a stile above the stream on your right. **15** Keep along the stream beyond, until you reach a farm drive. Cross straight over. **16** Near the end of the next field, cross to the other side of the stream and turn left, now with the stream on your left. **17** Head towards the farm buildings ahead; keep straight on at the farm

entrance. **17** Go up some steps to enter an area of Access Land; follow the obvious path uphill and then down to cross the stream below the crushing wheel. **18** Regain the road beyond and turn right past the bus stop and turning area, with the entrances to Odin Mine on your left. **19** When the former main road bends sharp left, turn right over the stile to the left of the farm drive. **20** As you approach the crest of the first slope, take a path on the left, which merges with the upper of two obvious paths heading up to the ridge. **21** When you reach the paved ridge path at a gate, turn right. **22** Follow the path past the obvious junction of multiple paths at Hollins Cross and keep on along the ridge over the rise beyond. **23** Before the obvious crag ahead, cross a stile on your left to switch to the other side of the fence; ignore the path into the wood on your right and climb the rocky pitched path to the top of Back Tor. **24** Keep along the ridge, climbing a relatively gentle incline (paved towards the end) to the topograph at the summit of Lose Hill. **25** Follow the paved path beyond the summit to a stile. **26** Cut the corner of the next field (often rather boggy), then negotiate a stile on the right and turn left (downhill). **27** Follow the obvious path downhill until it curves left above the buildings of Losehill Farm. **28** Ignore the first footpath on your right, then beyond a stile (signposted Hope) turn right over a second stile and head down a field with the farm wall on your right, heading for an isolated stone barn. **29** Cross a further stile and pass to the right of the barn, then swing left over a stile and footbridge. **30** Cross the field beyond to a further stile, then pass through a series of stiles and fields. **31** Eventually you pass through a metal gate and along a path with a hedge on the right and fence on the left. You switch to the right of the hedge partway along, emerging among farm buildings. **32** Keep straight on through the buildings, then pass through a stone squeeze stile and wooden gate at the farm entrance. Cross a narrow field and then the railway footbridge. **33** After a series of fields separated by stiles and gates, you swing right along a fenced-in field edge, and then ignore a crossing path to keep along the field edge with gardens on your left. **34** When you reach the road, cross straight over to the right of the clinic; when the road bends right take a driveway on the left reading "Leading to Nos 1-4 Eccles Court". **35** Swing right and a metalled path leads through a paddock to emerge on the main road just west of the Old Hall Hotel.

### The Old Hall Hotel, home of The Hope Valley Beer and Cider Festival

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