



Roman Lakes was the millpond for Mellor Mill, a six-storey cotton mill built by Samuel Oldknow in 1793 and burnt down in 1892. The main lake is now used for fishing and other recreation and attracts waterfowl such as Goosanders and Great Crested Grebes.



Black Lane, above Mellor Cross, offers dramatic views to Kinder Scout.



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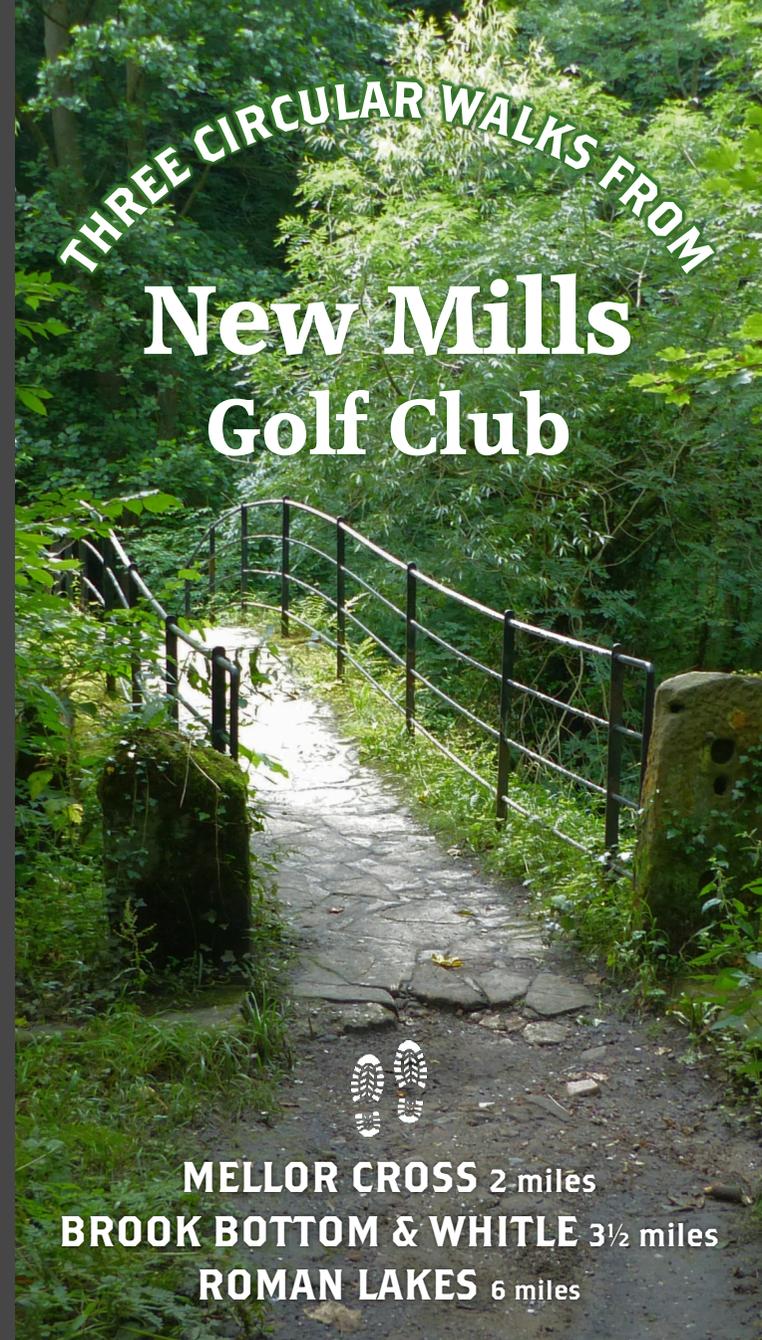
Brook Bottom is an isolated but attractive stone-built hamlet at the end of a no-through road from New Mills. It retains a popular pub, the Fox, and most of its buildings are listed by Historic England. The boundary between Derbyshire and Greater Manchester follows the stream through the village.



New Mills Golf Club

THREE CIRCULAR WALKS FROM

New Mills Golf Club



MELLOR CROSS 2 miles
BROOK BOTTOM & WHITTLE 3½ miles
ROMAN LAKES 6 miles



Mellor Cross (2 miles: Fairly easy)

Field paths and green lanes to a local landmark and viewpoint.

Paths are uneven in places and may be muddy after rain, and there are some moderate climbs and several stiles. Allow 1–1½ hours.

1 From the Clubhouse, cross Eaves Knoll Road and join the track to Shaw Farm, with the course on your left. **2** After 400 yards, turn right into the farm entrance. **3** Turn left in the farmyard and walk in front of the farmhouse, joining the track to the right of a wooded valley. **4** Ignoring a path down to the stream, pass a gate. When the track and wall turn right, cross the field ahead, descending slightly to a stile. **5** Contour along the top of the next field, keeping fairly close to the wooded bank on your right, and go through a gate on the far side. **6** Climb the bank on the right above a poultry shed through patchy heather and rocks. **7** In the top right-hand corner of the field, beyond a footpath sign, follow a short walled section then keep along the wall uphill to a stone stile by a gate at the top. **8** Turn right and follow the path between fence and wall up to a stile into a driveway. **9** Walk up the drive and at the entrance to Higher Capstone Farm bear left, ignoring the large “FOOTPATH” sign on the wall ahead. **10** When the driveway bends right by a grit bin, take a footpath through a gate on the left, with an inconspicuous waymark. **11** Follow this path below a house (Three Chimneys) and through three fields separated by farm gates. **12** On reaching a driveway near Mellor Cross, turn right. **13** Turn right at the crossroads along the metalled lane below the cross, past the sign for Higher Capstone Farm. **14** Pass Three Chimneys Cattery and when the drive swings right, continue along the green lane ahead. **15** Keep straight on when a footpath is signposted to the right. **16** At the end of the track, cross Rachel’s Stile into a field. **17** Head across the field, initially above a gorsy bank then dropping right to a gate in a fence. **18** Cross the next field to a stile at the right-hand end of a wood. **19** Turn left after the stile and walk below the wood to another stile by Peak and Northern Footpath Society sign no. 334. **20** Turn right (“New Mills”) over a second stile and cross the field diagonally to the far left-hand corner. **21** Go through a hand-gate and follow a path above a large pond and across the grass to a driveway. **22** Turn right down the drive and follow it round a left-hand bend to Castle Edge Road. **23** Turn right and follow the road back to the Clubhouse.



Mellor Cross, recently restored after losing its top, was erected by Marple Churches Together in 1969 and commands a fine view over Manchester and the Cheshire Plain. John Wesley is said to have admired the prospect.

Edith Nesbit immortalised the surrounding area in *The Railway Children* and adopted the name Three Chimneys for the house on the moors above the railway where the children come to stay with their mother.

Brook Bottom & Whitle (3½ miles: Moderate)

Another route featuring Mellor Cross, passing through two attractive stone-built hamlets.

Allow 1½–2 hours. One significant climb. Paths may be muddy after wet weather and are rocky in places.

1 From the Clubhouse, cross Eaves Knoll Road and join the track to Shaw Farm, with the course on your left and a marshy field on your right. **2** After 400 yards, turn right into the farm entrance. **3** Turn left in the farmyard and walk in front of the farmhouse, joining a track to the right of a wooded valley. **4** Just before a gate, cross a stile on your left, down a few steps into the wood. **5** Cross a small wooden footbridge then follow the path down to the stream, which you cross on another footbridge (with a footpath sign pointing in the opposite direction). **6** Walk up the other side of the valley and turn right through a stile. **7** Walk downhill along a fenced path with steps, then briefly divert left round a garden, along a permitted path (white arrow). **8** Follow the drive down to Brook Bottom and the Fox pub. **9** Turn right past the pub, and follow the lane as it winds through the village, climbing past the former chapel. **10** Pass Higher Cliff Farm on the right and descend beyond to a junction of tracks by The Cottage. **11** Bear right here on a path that climbs gently, with views to the left over the Goyt valley. **12** After 500 yards, pass a house entrance then turn right onto a stone-setted drive (unsignposted) between the stone cottages of The Banks and onto a path that bears left and climbs to a junction marked by an upright stone. **13** Turn right here to meet the end of a metalled driveway. **14** Follow this drive gently uphill to the crossroads below Mellor Cross. **15** Take the rough track opposite, which climbs to the left of the cross and then levels off, with views ahead to Kinder Scout. **16** Ignore a signposted path over a stone wall stile on the left and at a T-junction of tracks, look out for the old cross base hidden in the wall by the left-hand gate ahead of you. **17** Turn right at the T-junction and follow the track for a little under half a mile, passing Knapkin Hill Farm before you reach Castle Edge Road at the end of Broadhurst Edge Plantation. **18** Turn right along the road. **19** After a left-hand bend by the entrance to Castle Hill Farm, take a footpath on the left beside a gate, onto the golf course. **20** Follow the wall on the left (with the course on your right) past the 9th tee. **21** At a corner, cross a stone stile to the right of a gate, then go through a squeeze stile in the wall on the right. **22** Walk down the narrow field to emerge between two barns to another stile into Whitle. **23** Turn right through a gate and follow the walled path ahead, which leads back to the golf course via another stile by a second gate. **24** Follow the wall across the course and back to the Clubhouse.



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Roman Lakes (6 miles: Moderate)

A pleasant stroll with views to the River Goyt and the beauty spot of Roman Lakes.

Allow 2–3 hours. Two moderate climbs and several stiles. Paths are rocky underfoot in places and may be muddy after wet weather.

Follow steps **1–8** of the **Brook Bottom & Whitle** walk, left.

10 From the Fox car park near the telephone box, follow the track marked Goyt Way downhill. Go under the railway bridge and pass Strines Station. **11** After a short stretch of cobblestones, turn right by Strines Hall, following a bridleway over a stream then uphill over the railway and left to Greenclough Farm. **12** By the farm, cross a stream and follow the Goyt Way on your left. When the track splits, keep to the Goyt Way on the right (slightly uphill). **13** Stay alongside the railway, ignoring a signposted bridleway on your right. **14** Pass Windy-bottom Farm then go through the tunnel under the railway to meet the River Goyt. **15** Beyond Roman Bridge (on your left and worth the short detour) and Floodgates Cottage and a weir you go under the railway viaduct, then pass Roman Lakes on your right-hand side. **16** At the junction with Lakes Road, turn right past Bottoms Hall. **17** Ignore a track off to the left and continue along the track above Linnets Clough to the road past the scout camp and on to Mellor Golf Club. **18** Follow the road around a left-hand bend to the club entrance. **19** Turn right onto a metalled track (left of a gated car park) that climbs gently through trees and then contours across the course. **20** Pass a gated driveway on the left then, at a junction of tracks, take a path on the left that leads uphill. **21** The path winds uphill past an old quarry. **22** At the next path junction turn left and, on meeting a metalled drive, carry straight on, uphill and continue to Mellor Cross.

Now follow steps **15–24** of the **Brook Bottom & Whitle** walk, left.

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