

gate, turn right along the wall below limestone crags (an optional and worthwhile extension continues upriver to the tufa dam, returning the same way). **21** Follow the path up the side valley; near the top, the path curves left round the top of the dale to a gate below another limestone outcrop. Beyond, it climbs to a gate into a walled green lane. **22** Follow this lane to a farm, and bear right along the driveway out to the road. **23** Take a few steps to the left, then climb a stile on the right. Aim for the far right-hand corner of the field, to the right of a clump of trees. **24** Beyond these trees, head to the left of the next copse to a gate and stile into the road opposite Haddon Grove Farm. **25** Turn right along the road for 200 m then, opposite the turning to Over Haddon, turn left up a stony byway that passes a barn. **26** At the top of the lane, turn left along the road. **27** After 450 m, follow the road round to the left past the turning to Ashford. **28** About 150 m further on, turn right over a stile between two gates. Follow the right-hand field edge then bear left to a stile near the end of the opposite wall. Cross the next field to a projecting wall corner then bear left to the far side. **29** A gated squeeze-stile by a tree marking the site of an old mineshaft leads to another field. **30** Bear left across this grassy field to a fingerpost at a junction of paths. **31** Turn left to a gate into the access land surrounding Magpie Mine. Follow the path along a bank and then past the circular gunpowder house to the main engine house and chimney.

Now jump to step **14** of the **Magpie Mine** walk for directions for the return from the mine to Greenhills Holiday Park.

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Greenhills Holiday Park is just a short walk from the picturesque Derbyshire town of Bakewell. Set in 12 acres of beautiful countryside and surrounded by the slopes of the lower Wye valley, it is an excellent centre from which to explore the sites of the area.

The Park can accommodate 140 hard-standing touring units, all with 16 amp electrical hookup points, as well as 45 tent pitches on the separate camping fields. All pitches on the touring and camping fields carry uninterrupted views of the countryside, shelter being provided by the mixed woodland along either side.

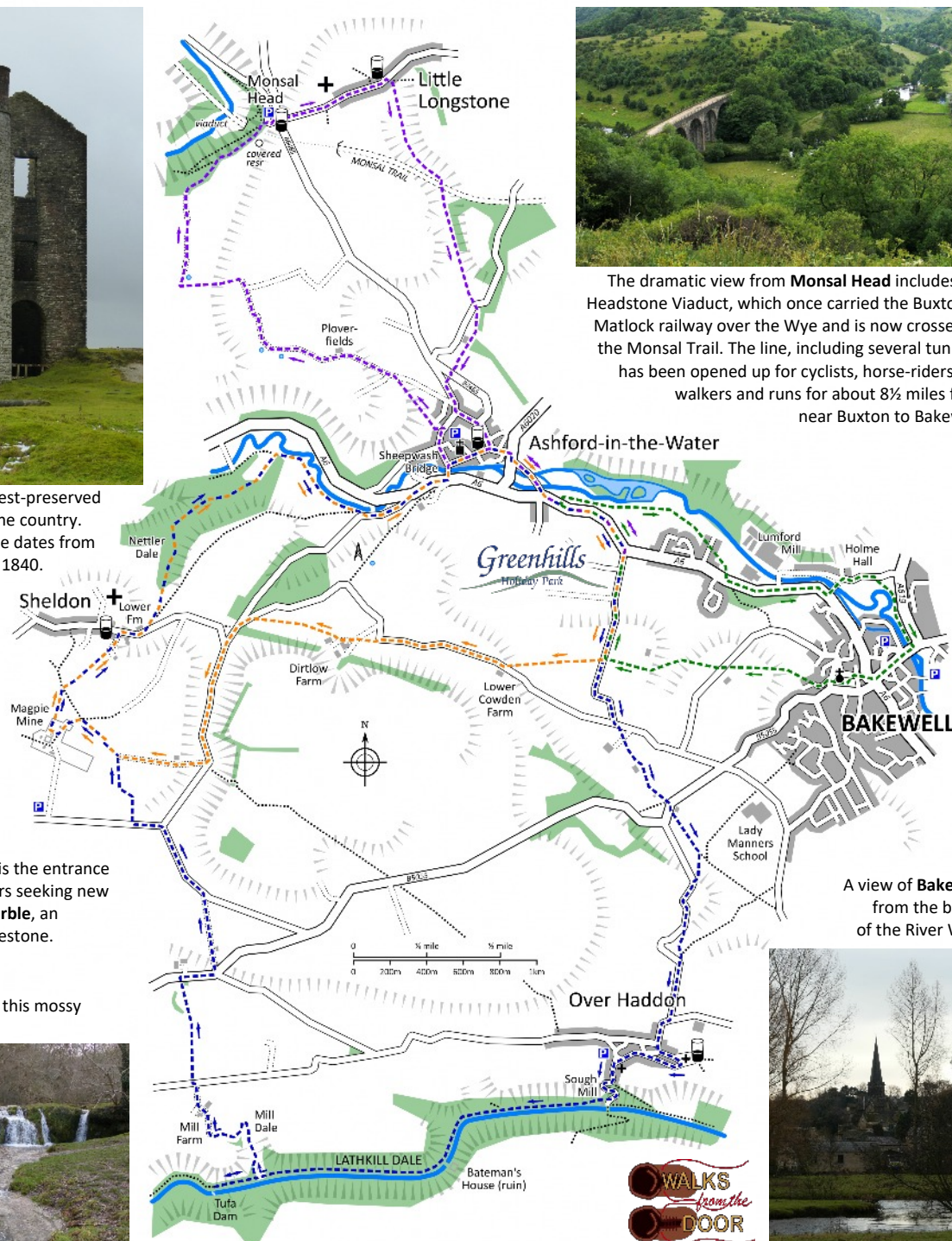
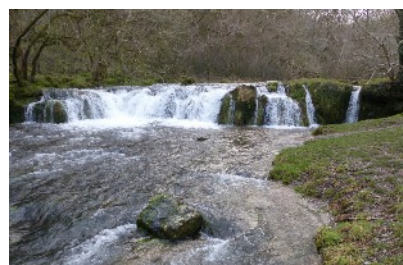


Magpie Mine is one of the best-preserved 19th-century lead mines in the country. Its Cornish-style engine house dates from 1869, and the chimney from 1840.



This opening in Nettle Dale is the entrance to a trial level made by miners seeking new sources of **Ashford Black Marble**, an ornamental dark form of limestone.

The **River Lathkill** flows over this mossy 'tufa dam' in Lathkill Dale.



The dramatic view from **Monsal Head** includes the Headstone Viaduct, which once carried the Buxton to Matlock railway over the Wye and is now crossed by the Monsal Trail. The line, including several tunnels, has been opened up for cyclists, horse-riders and walkers and runs for about 8½ miles from near Buxton to Bakewell.

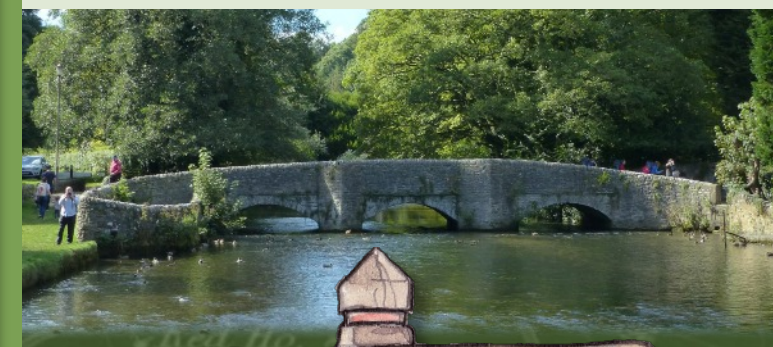
A view of **Bakewell** from the banks of the River Wye.



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Bakewell

3½ miles (2 miles one way): Fairly easy

Stroll along the Wye to our historic local town.

Monsal Head

5½ miles: Fairly easy

Walk via Ashford-in-the-Water to a superb viewpoint and an attractive village.

Magpie Mine

5½ miles: Moderates

Explore a monument to the lead industry, returning via the River Wye.

Lathkill Dale

9 miles: Fairly strenuous

Hike along a wonderful limestone valley, with fascinating mining relics.

Bakewell (3½ miles: Fairly easy)

Allow 2 hours for the full circuit. Several stiles. Sheep are likely in places. Refreshments at Ashford (¾ mile) and Bakewell (2 miles).

1 From the site entrance, turn left down Crowhill Lane. **2** Cross the A6 carefully and turn left along the pavement. Follow it for 500 m, to the outskirts of Ashford-in-the-Water. **3** Just beyond Derbygate Cottage on the left, turn right through a gate into a field beside the River Wye. Follow the footpath right, with the river on your left. **4** The path climbs beside a fence above a lake and descends to cross a side valley before climbing again to a hand-gate, shortly followed by another. **5** Continue over a stile to cross another field, passing through a line of trees to another stile into a narrow path between gardens. **6** Cross the road (Lakeside) and take another narrow footpath opposite. Cross a rough field to a squeeze-stile by a gate onto the A6. **7** Turn left along the pavement, passing Aldi, and continue past the bridge to Lumford Mill. **8** Take the next left, just before a speed camera, and cross Holme Bridge. **9** Turn right along the road, passing Holme Grange on the left, and continue for 150 m to West Lodge, also on the left. **10** Just after the lodge, turn right through a gate in the wall into the watermeadows by the River Wye. **11** Bear left to the river and follow it downstream. Take the gate nearer the river and continue through another gate and across another meadow to Bakewell Bridge. **12** Join the road via the right-hand gate, cross the road carefully and turn right over the bridge. **13** Follow Bridge Street past the Queens Arms, Market Hall (visitor centre) and Original Old Bakewell Pudding Shop to the roundabout and war memorial in front of the Rutland Arms. **14** Cross the A6 and head to the right of the Rutland Arms, then take North Church Street on your left by the telephone kiosks. **15** Walk up past Church House and the end of Church Alley, then climb the steps on the left into the churchyard. Follow the path up to the church, passing the first Saxon cross by the south transept of the church on your right. **16** Pass a smaller Saxon cross (and the church entrance) and take the upper path, which leads through a stone lychgate out to Church Lane. **17** Cross straight over into Parsonage Croft and follow it between houses. When the lane swings left, follow the walled footpath straight ahead to a squeeze-stile and gate into a field. **18** Climb the slope ahead, with the wall on your left, then strike out across the field to another gated squeeze-stile. Cross the next field diagonally to a squeeze-stile in the far left-hand corner, and continue in the same direction to a further similar stile. In the far corner of the next field, a short, walled path leads out to the road. **19** Turn left for a short distance, then go right, over a stone step-stile into another field. Follow the left-hand wall down to a stile, and continue towards a clump of trees. Just before the trees, climb a stile over the wall on your left. **20** Bear right towards the bottom of a dry valley, passing through a squeeze-stile. Cross the valley obliquely, below a stone barn, and climb up the other side to a wooden hand-gate. **21** Follow the wall ahead and drop down to Crowhill Lane; the last few yards may be a little muddy. **22** Climb the step-stile into the road and turn right down the lane, reaching the entrance to Greenhills after 500 m.

Monsal Head (5¼ miles: Fairly easy)

Allow 2–3 hours. Several stiles. Sheep likely. Refreshments at Ashford (¾ or 4 miles), Monsal Head (3 miles) or Little Longstone (3¼ miles).

1 From the site entrance, turn left. **2** Cross the A6 carefully and turn left along the pavement. Follow it for 500 m, to the outskirts of Ashford-in-the-Water. **3** Turn right into a no-through road, crossing two channels of the River Wye. **4** Cross the A6020 and turn right and left into Ashford village. **5** At the junction with Greaves Lane, keep left, passing the Bulls Head pub and the church. At the end of the main street, divert to view the Sheepwash Bridge on your left, then turn right up Fennel Street. **6** At the top of the road, go straight ahead (Vicarage Lane). **7** Shortly, turn sharp left onto a footpath (signposted ‘Monsal Head’). Turn right up steps and continue through a squeeze-stile to a hand-gate. **8** Cross the field to a step-stile into a track and turn left. Continue past a farm (Ploverfield) and then a barn on the left. **9** Follow the track round a right-hand bend past a dewpond, beyond which it narrows and continues to wind between fields. Ignore a similar walled green lane to the right. **10** When the walled track ends, turn left and follow a fenced fieldside path to another gate. **11** Turn right (‘Monsal Head’) along the field edge and join a walled track by another dewpond. Follow this track (with a brief interlude along a field) to a bench and signpost overlooking Monsal Dale. **12** Bear right along the wall; the path continues along the valley edge, occasionally below low limestone cliffs, to a covered reservoir, where it drops down rough steps to a gate. **13** Turn right at a path junction to emerge below the hotel and tea-room at Monsal Head. Turn right up steps and walk past the buildings to the B6465. **14** Cross and take the road opposite, signposted to Little and Great Longstone. After 250m, pass the chapel on your left and continue into the village, passing the Pack Horse Inn. **15** Just before the Manor House, turn right and take the right-hand gate (signposted ‘Ashford and Monsal Trail’). **16** Walk down a shallow valley to a hand-gate and continue to the embankment of the Monsal Trail, where the path bears left through a gate to run parallel before joining the Trail via a step-stile. **17** Cross straight over and down steps. Walk down the field to a stile in a tumbledown wall and continue along the bottom of a wood. **18** A series of stiles lead down the valley to a lane. **19** Cross and go through a squeeze-stile opposite, passing a ruined barn. Pass behind a modern barn and continue down to a stone barn and a walled path up to a road. **20** Turn left then immediately right up steps and through a hand-gate to a short, fenced path leading to a squeeze-stile into another road. Turn left and walk down the hill into Ashford. **21** At a road junction, turn left down Hill Cross past Shambles Cottage, a tall weavers’ cottage with a line of windows under the eaves. **22** On meeting the B6465 by Gritstone House, turn right and walk past two walled wells on the opposite side of the road. **23** At the junction at the bottom of the road by the shop, turn left past the bus stop and the Institute. **24** Now, retrace your steps: cross the A6020 into the gated road past the Old Mill House to the A6; turn left and then take the next right back to the entrance to Greenhills.

Magpie Mine (5½ miles: Moderate)

Allow 2–3 hours. Some road walking and stiles. Sheep likely. Refreshments at Sheldon (3 miles) and Ashford (5 miles).

1 From the site entrance, turn right up Crowhill Lane. **2** After 500 m, at a footpath sign, turn right into a field. Climb to a stile in the hedge on the far side. Continue through a line of hawthorns and cross a tumbledown dry-stone wall by a waymark post to another line of trees and another waymark. **3** Bear right up the hill to a stile in the top corner below Lower Carden Farm. **4** Turn right and follow the road for 750 m. **5** At the bottom of a dip, where the road bends right, go through a gate on the left and climb steeply to Dirtlow Farm. **6** Go through a farm gate and turn left then right, past a cattle barn on your left. Go through a hand-gate to the right of the next barn and follow the wall ahead to a second gate. **7** Follow the wall until it turns right, then head slightly left. Drop to the bottom left-hand corner of the field, where a gate and steps lead down to the road. **8** Turn left to the road junction in Kirk Dale. **9** Turn left and walk uphill, ignoring the turning to Sheldon. **10** After 700 m, by a slight right-hand bend, turn right through a gate into a walled green lane out of the valley, passing a stone barn on the right. **11** At the end of the walled section, keep to the wall on your right as it bends right then left. **12** By a tree, go through a gated squeeze-stile in the wall and bear left to a fingerpost at a junction of paths. **13** Turn left to the gate into Magpie Mine. Follow the path past the circular gunpowder house to the engine house and chimney. **14** Turn right in front of the mine building then right again, and exit the mine compound via a stone step-stile in a corner. **15** Head half-left to a squeeze-stile in the opposite wall. **16** Turn immediately right and follow the wall to a stile in the corner. Cross to another step-stile and continue along the wall, over another stile, to a stable. Beyond a stone barn, follow the driveway down to the road in Sheldon. For the Cock and Pullet, turn left, otherwise turn right, past Woodbine Farm on the right. **17** At the bottom of the valley, after Lower Farm on the left, turn left through a wooden gate. **18** Walk down the valley, taking the lower (left-hand) path at a fork. Pass to the right of the water treatment works and go through a gate; continue to another gate into the wood. **19** Follow the path down the valley (Nettler Dale), passing signs of old mining activity. **20** When the valley meets another, swing right. **21** Beyond a gate at the end of the trees, walk down the field to the riverside. Turn right through a gate. **22** Follow the river downstream to the road at the foot of Kirk Dale. Turn left (between the site of the Black Marble Works on your left and the overgrown remains of Arrock Mine on the right). **23** Turn right along the A6 pavement for 250 m. **24** Cross the Sheepwash Bridge into Ashford village. **25** Turn right past the church and the Bulls Head. **26** At the junction with Greaves Lane, bear right past the Ashford Arms [closed at the time of writing] to the A6020. **27** Cross the main road into a gated no-through road. Cross the two arms of the River Wye to reach the A6. **28** Turn left along the pavement for 500 m. **29** Turn right into Crowhill Lane (signposted to Over Haddon and Monyash). The entrance to Greenhills is on your right after 100 m.

Lathkill Dale (9 miles: Fairly strenuous)

Allow 4–5 hours. Several stiles and steep climbs. Sheep likely. Refreshments at Over Haddon (2 miles) and Sheldon (6½ miles).

1 From the site entrance, turn right up Crowhill Lane, heading away from the main road. Ignore a crossing footpath after 500 m and follow the lane round left- and right-hand bends. **2** At the junction with the Sheldon road, notice the old stone guidepost opposite. Turn left then immediately right, over a stile with a footpath sign. **3** Cross the field diagonally, heading towards a barn. After a couple of stiles, cross a farm drive and continue through a series of narrow fields separated by wall stiles. Keep left of another barn and cross the access track to a further stile. Follow the fence, then switch to the right-hand side at a stile and follow the wall out to the road. **4** Take a few steps to the right, then take a signposted footpath on the opposite site of the road, between a barn and a field gate. Follow the wall ahead along the bottom of a couple of fields. Go through a wooden hand-gate (next to a metal farm-gate) then turn immediately right through the easily overlooked hand-gate in the wall. **5** Bear left up the slope to a wooden stile in a fence above a tumbledown wall, then continue climbing to a hand-gate giving onto a road. **6** Turn left and follow the road for 280 m, passing the entrance to Burton Moor Farm. 100 m beyond the farm entrance, leave the road onto a footpath over a stile in the hedge on the left. Bear right above the dewpond and, keeping right, drop down obliquely to a narrow, gated squeeze-stile in the wall at the bottom of the valley. **7** Cross the valley bottom and climb ahead to another gate and squeeze-stile. **8** Follow the wall ahead, which leads back to the road (ignoring the footpath on the left). **9** Follow the road left for 320 m. **10** At a road junction on the outskirts of Over Haddon, keep right into the village. **11** Keep straight on at the end of Monyash Road. **12** At the next junction, turn left (School Lane). Bear right before the Wesleyan Reform Chapel and drop down to the Lathkil Hotel. **13** Turn sharp right at the junction by the pub into Wellgate Lane and follow it past the former well and pump. **14** Climb up to the main street in the village and turn left. Follow the road past the war memorial (right) and telephone box (left) to a junction by the car park and toilets. **15** Turn left into Dale Road, signposted as a dead end. Follow the road past the church on the left, then round a series of sharp bends to the bottom of Lathkill Dale. **16** Take the footpath to the right of the old mill building, passing through a gate into the National Nature Reserve. The path runs alongside the river, here flowing over a series of low weirs, and passes a couple of mine adits on the right. **17** As the path enters trees, it’s worth taking a short diversion right to view the remains of the Mandale Engine House; the path beyond rejoins the main path further upstream. **18** Beyond the pillars of the old aqueduct, continue on the main path along the valley to the footbridge at Bateman’s House. It’s well worth crossing the river here to view the mineshaft beneath the house, visible via a metal stepladder behind the ruin. **19** Returning to the main path, continue up the valley. **20** At a gate, the path briefly leaves the trees to cross the grassy floor of a side-valley (Mill Dale). After the second