

# Three walks from The Old Hall Inn

Whitehough nr Chinley, Derbyshire



## Bugsworth Basin & Chinley Park

**2½ miles: Easy**

Stroll along a former tramway to explore a historic canal basin, returning via a local nature reserve.

## Eccles Pike and Bugsworth Basin

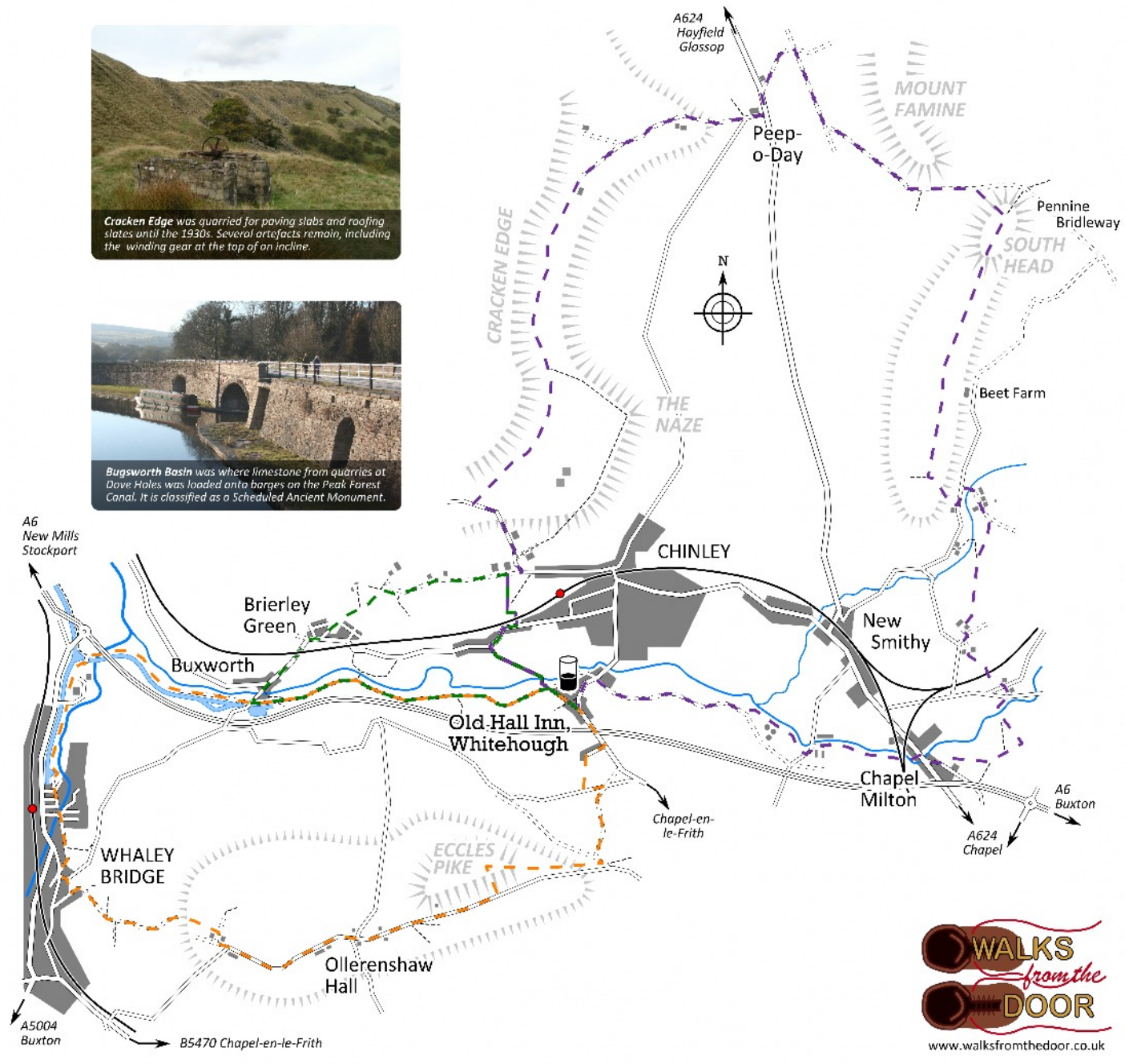
**5 miles: Moderate**

A stiff climb to a fine viewpoint returning via a route full of industrial archaeology.

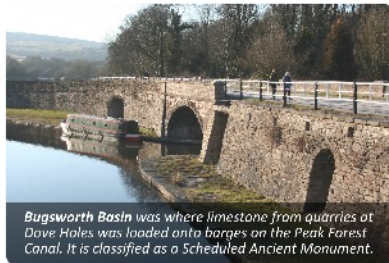
## South Head Horseshoe

**8 miles: Moderately strenuous**

A mixture of craggy gritstone uplands and softer valley country, including a section of the Peak Forest Tramway.



Cracken Edge was quarried for paving slabs and roofing slates until the 1930s. Several artefacts remain, including the winding gear at the top of an incline.



Bugsworth Basin was where limestone from quarries at Dove Holes was loaded onto barges on the Peak Forest Canal. It is classified as a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

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## Bugsworth Basin & Chinley Park

### 2½ miles: Easy

*One minor, and potentially muddy, ascent but no other difficulties. Allow 1½–2 hours.*

**1** Leave the Old Hall by the main entrance and turn right, past the car park. **2** At the bottom of the hill, before the bridge over the stream, turn left onto the Peak Forest Tramway Trail. **3** Follow the track past a millpond and through industrial buildings and then beyond into more rural surroundings. **4** After about ½ mile pass a footbridge on the right (but do not cross), then pass a house and garages on the left. **5** Bear left to Bugsworth Basin, then beyond the Navigation Inn turn right and walk up the road. **6** At the T-junction turn right past the primary school, and continue uphill under the railway bridge. **7** Pass the end of Dolly Lane on the left, then take an oblique footpath on the same side of the road. **8** Cross the following field diagonally, with estate housing to both sides, to a gate and stile in the far corner. **9** Follow the path between walls along the bottom of the next field, then strike uphill to meet a path contouring across the field below the farmhouses; turn right to a gate and stile. **10** Walk along the bottom of the next field to meet a driveway. **11** Follow this lane past several houses on either side until you reach the top of Chinley Park (on your right). **12** Squeeze through a narrow gap in the wall. **13** Descend across the park, keeping to the right-hand side to pass a pond. **14** At the bottom of the Park, near a small quarry, turn left through allotments then cross the railway footbridge. **15** Turn right through Leaden Knowl, then left signposted 'Stephanie Works'. **16** Pass the works entrance, cross the stream and tramway and follow the road beyond uphill back to Whitehough.

## Eccles Pike and Bugsworth Basin

### 5 miles: Moderate

*The first mile is mostly uphill but after that this walk is all downhill or on the level. Allow 3 hours.*

**1** From the road junction in the centre of Whitehough, head uphill and cross the A6. **2** Take the first right (Eccles Terrace) and at the end follow the footpath up a driveway to the left. When this swings right into the property, keep along the footpath ahead. **3** When you reach the road, turn left. **4** At a crossroads, take the track on the right, following it as far as a gateway, beyond which head left to the road. **5** Don't go through the gate into the road, but instead walk up the grassy ridge to the rocky summit of Eccles Pike. **6** From the top, drop off left to the road, then turn right. **7** Follow this lane for 1 mile, ignoring turnings to right and left and passing Ollerenshaw Hall. **8** When the road bends sharp left, follow the driveway straight ahead, then turn right past Horwich Lodge. **9** Beyond the house turn left over a stile and follow an obvious track along the edge of a field, through a kissing gate and past the former cricket pitch. **10** The track descends

past the new cricket ground, becoming metalled and passing a house entrance with stone gateposts. **11** Just before a large stone building, follow a short walled and metalled path down the slope on the right. **12** Turn left at the end, past a tower-like building (a former colliery winding house). **13** At the bottom of Bings Road, turn right then immediately right again along the route of the former Cromford and High Peak Railway. **14** Cross the road at the bottom and then cross the bridge over the River Goyt beyond and pass a car park to reach the canal basin. **15** Pass to the right of the wharf building and cross a footbridge over a spillway to join the canal towpath. **16** Follow the towpath under a modern bridge carrying the Tesco access road. **17** When you reach the canal junction, cross the footbridge and turn right to follow the Bugsworth Arm, shortly passing under the A6. **18** At Bugsworth Basin cross the road and pass the Navigation Inn to reach the tramway route beyond. **19** After ¾ mile, after an industrial site with a millpond beyond, you reach a road. Turn right and walk uphill back to the Old Hall.

## South Head horseshoe

### 8 miles: Moderately strenuous

*Two significant climbs and occasional rough ground. Allow 4–5 hours.*

**1** From the road junction in the middle of Whitehough, follow the main village road downhill towards Chinley, passing between the Old Hall Inn on your left and the former Primitive Methodist Church on your right. **2** After about 200 yards turn right along the Peak Forest Tramway Trail. **3** Beyond the Forge Mill site (about ½ mile) turn left off the tramway onto a narrower path that meets the Black Brook and continues beside the stream (with a water treatment works on your right). **4** At the road cross a pipeline via a stone bridge then turn left. **5** At Bridgeholme Mill, turn right, with the stream and mill building on your left and an industrial estate on your right, to reach a narrow squeeze stile into fields. Pass through a couple of fields, aiming for the viaducts beyond. **6** A ladder stile leads under the two viaducts and the path beyond heads over the stream and out to the main road in Chapel Milton. **7** Cross carefully into Bowden Lane. **8** After a very short distance, take a footpath on the left, which curves up the slope behind a rushy pond. **9** Cross a wall via a stone stile then head parallel to the A6 through a gap in the next hedge. **10** In the next field, cross to the point opposite where wall becomes hedge, and follow the field edge left with the hedge on your right. **11** Beyond a stile, continue in similar vein, then pass through a gate and drop into a hollow way. Turn left. **12** Cross the footbridge at the bottom and follow the stream beyond to the road in Wash. **13** Take a few steps to the right, then follow a paved footpath on the left uphill along the garden wall of a cottage. **14** At the top, cross the lane and take the footpath to the left of the driveway opposite. Follow this footpath uphill and over the railway. **15** Beyond the railway, follow the right-hand edge of the field to a metal gate into a walled path that leads in turn to a driveway. When this driveway meets another, turn right and then left, then right again

between converted farm buildings to a stile into open fields. **16** Cross the stone stile on the opposite side of the field then head half-left to a further stile by a Peak and Northern sign. Cut the corner of the next field to a similar stile, then carry on in the same direction to a further Peak and Northern sign by a gap in the wall. **17** Rather than dropping through the gate beyond, keep right, above the wooded valley, crossing two dry-stone walls via step stiles to reach a farm road near a stone barn. Turn left and pass between stone farmhouses to cross the stream and reach the road. **18** Turn left down the road for a short distance, then cross a slab stile on your right, to the right of the entrance to Redgate End Farm Cottage. **19** Walk uphill to a wooden step stile and through a short walled section beyond. Just beyond the corner of the wall ahead, a signpost indicates the concession path to South Head to the right (*should this route be unavailable for any reason, return to the road and divert via Beet Farm and the Pennine Bridleway to point 22*). **20** The concessionary path passes through a field gate and then follows a wall on the left, before crossing to the other side of the wall via a stile. From that point on it follows the ridge uphill, rarely straying far from the wall. Towards the top the path passes some old quarries before crossing rough ground to the summit. **21** From the summit, head left down a steep path to meet the Pennine Bridleway at the col between South Head and Mount Famine. Turn left. **22** Follow the obvious bridleway as it gradually descends, passing through a couple of gateways, before bearing right at a junction of tracks. **23** Turn left at a crossroads (at the point where the Pennine Bridleway turns right) and descend past a quarry to the main A624 road. **24** Turn left along the left-hand verge, then cross carefully and walk along the lane past Peep-o-Day Farm. **25** When the lane bends left, follow the farm track straight on. Follow this uphill past farm buildings, then fork left. **26** Turn left through a gateway to pass the isolated farmhouse of Whiterakes. **27** Beyond this the next mile takes you through the extensive remains of former stone quarries. Ignore any crossing paths up and down the slope, eventually descending to a lane, where you turn left. **28** At a T-junction turn right along a no-through road, then turn left into Chinley Park. Follow steps **13** to **16** from **Bugsworth Basin & Chinley Park** to return to the Old Hall.



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