

SHORT WALKS

MADE EASY

# DOG-FRIENDLY WALKS PEAK DISTRICT



10 leisurely dog walks  
across the national park

WE ARE HAPPIEST WHEN  
WE'RE OUT WITH OUR DOGS

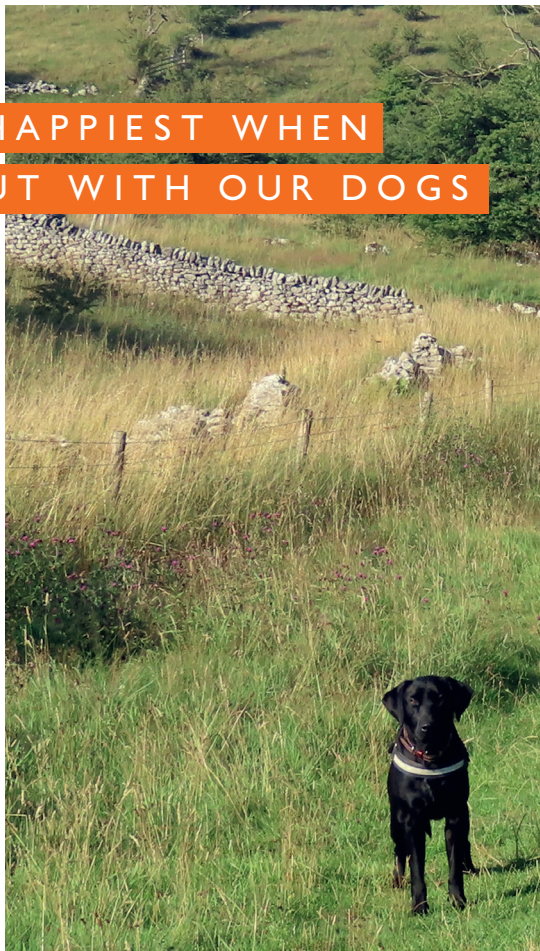
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Walking a dog is a daily reminder that happiness can be found in the simplest moments



#### Jim's CV

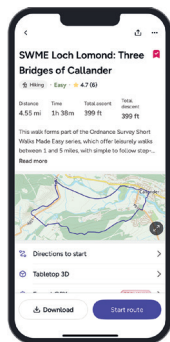
- **What breed is he?**  
Black Labrador
- **How old is he?**  
Two
- **Favourite walk?**  
... chasing sticks and splashing in streams and pools



Fern Dale

## Using QR codes

- Scan each QR code to see the route in Ordnance Survey's OS Maps App  
*NB You may need to download a scanning app if you have an older phone*
- OS Maps will open the route automatically if you have it installed. If not, the route will open in the web version of OS Maps
- Please click **Start Route** button to begin navigating or **Download Route** to store the route for offline use



### Jim's tips

- Know where your dog must be **on a lead**, where there is likely to be livestock and (seasonally) ground-nesting birds, and where your dog can have **off-lead time**
- Check the number of **stiles** and where your dog may need lifting, and any awkward gates and flights of steps
- Safe water entry points and sources of **drinking water** for your dog (see the Jim icon on the maps and profiles)
- Note any shared-use paths





## PADLEY GORGE AND LONGSHAW

Despite not being far from civilisation, a stroll through Padley Gorge, with its wonderfully twisted trees and the cascading waters of Burbage Brook, feels like walking through another world. Jim loves the freedom to run between the trees, hunting for scents. Access to the shallower waters at the top of the gorge allows Jim to splash and paddle among the rocks.

The walk climbs to the historic Longshaw Estate for spectacular views towards Higger Tor.

### OS information

SK 266800  
Explorers OL1, OL24

**Distance**  
3.9 miles/6.2 km

**Time**  
2¼ to 3 hours

**Start/Finish**  
Longshaw Estate,  
National Trust

**Parking** S11 7TZ  
National Trust's  
Longshaw car park  
(pay and display)

**Public toilets**  
Behind the café at  
Longshaw, at

**Cafés/pubs**  
National Trust café  
at ; Grindleford  
Station Café at

**Terrain**  
Estate drive, tracks  
and paths, which are  
occasionally rocky  
and uneven

**Hilliness**  
One steep, stepped  
climb between   
and

**Footwear**  
Summer in dry  
conditions, after  
wet weather  
Autumn/Winter/  
Spring

## Accessibility

Suitable for powered wheelchairs and all-terrain pushchairs from ④ to ⑤, along the surfaced old railway line from the car park at ④, with return by the outward route

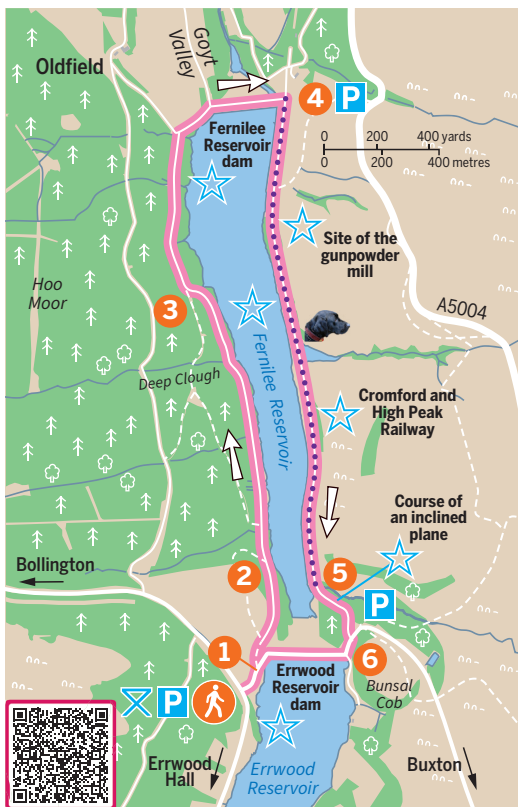
## Jim's tips

Off-lead time along the woodland and old railway sections. Under close control or on leads along the lane. Gates but no stiles, and no livestock around the reservoir. Water sources along the railway path

**Local legend** Samual Grimshawe (1768–1851) was born in Manchester into a prosperous merchant family. Shortly after 1835, he purchased land in the Taxal Valley to create his own estate, constructing Errwood Hall, which became the Grimshawe family seat. Samuel travelled extensively and was inspired to create magnificent gardens containing many exotic plants, the remnants of which can still be seen today.



**Did you know?** The Cat and Fiddle Inn was Britain's second-highest pub before it closed in 2015, Tan Hill Inn in Yorkshire being slightly higher. Opened in 1813 on the new turnpike road linking Macclesfield and Buxton, the Cat and Fiddle became a welcome stop for weary travellers. Following its closure as an inn, it was taken over by the Forest Distillery, which offers tours of the newly restored building.



# STORIES BEHIND THE WALK

 **The Viewpoint** As you approach Baslow Edge, it's worth detouring to the



viewpoint – a horseshoe-shaped platform that allows you to fully appreciate the extensive views. A display panel names the villages and hills you can see from this spot – look out for the peaked profile of Win Hill and the bulk of Kinder Scout to the north. Walk further along the edge and see if you can spot the imposing Chatsworth House set in its extensive parkland.



## ★ **Eagle Stone**

The large, isolated gritstone rock you can see as you approach the end of Baslow Edge is the Eagle Stone. Local legend states that whenever a man from Baslow wanted to marry, he first had to climb to the top of the stone to prove his worth. Although it's not an easy climb, the local lads must have managed it as Baslow has seen its share of weddings over the years!

The Viewpoint

★ **Gritstone edges;  
rock climbing**




1 Gate



Jolly's Coffee and  
Cake van

Eastern Moors  
car park

- 1  Pass through the gate, keep **straight ahead** and reach a fork in 50 yards.
  - Keep **straight ahead** again, on the main track, for 1 mile, passing the Eagle Stone before reaching a T-junction of tracks.

- Locate the footpath by the snack van parking bay to exit the car park onto the lane.
- Cross** the lane to a track and follow it up as it turns **right** and climbs to a gate.

### Baslow Edge path

- Pass through the gate, keep **straight ahead** and reach a fork in 50 yards.
- Fork **right** along the lesser path towards Baslow Edge and the viewpoint, and follow it along the edge for 1 mile, rejoining the main track at a junction.



## ☆ High Peak Trail

The High Peak Trail is a traffic-free 17-mile path running from Dowlow to Cromford. It follows the route of the former Cromford and High Peak railway line, which opened in 1831. The line was designed to carry minerals and other goods between the Peak Forest and Cromford canals but closed in 1967 following the Beeching cuts. The railway was adapted into a multi-purpose trail in 1971. Although mostly level, there is a steep section near Middleton Top.



## ☆ Tissington Trail



2½ miles

3 miles

## NATURE NOTES

If you visit in early spring, expect a carpet of wildflowers along the steep slopes of the cuttings; can you spot ox-eye daisies, tiny yellow meadow pea, bird's-foot trefoil and the pale mauve rounded heads of field scabious?

Look out for cheeky rose-coloured chaffinches braving the crowds at the picnic areas in the hope of snatching a tasty crumb. You might also spot the colourful red-gold plumage of a goldfinch, one of Britain's most colourful birds, as it flits across the trail. Goldfinches are sociable little birds, so if you see one look for the rest of the group – they won't be far behind.

As you pass the open fields, listen for the cheerful lilting melody of skylarks, their feathery crests making

them easy to identify. You'll probably hear them long before you see them.

Spring is lambing season, so look out for newborn lambs taking their first wobbly steps in the fields near the High Peak junction.

Meadow pea



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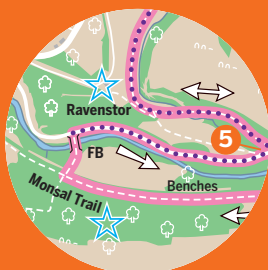
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Dog tips for each walk



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Easy-to-use walk maps

