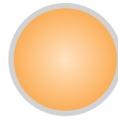


Trail Guide:



Moderate, mostly gentle gradients but with muddy sections

The Curbar, Froggat and Baslow Edges are famous in the climbing fraternity for their challenges. This walk is designed to let you see rather than undertake such a challenge!

The section along a White Edge is more exposed to the wind and weather so take waterproofs, a map and compass (and know how to use them!). It's a walk of 2 halves, the first being frequented by many walkers and climbers with wonderful views to the west. The second half is more remote, less often walked and gives you 360 degree views seldom rivalled.

The 'Fancy That' Factor

Explore the famous 'edges' that are popular with climbers

See the Bronze Age Cairns and an ancient stone circle on Froggatt Edge

Search for a herd of deer that live on Big Moor

Visit the monument dedicated to the Duke of Wellington

Park at the car park at Curbar Gap, this being starting point 1 (alternatively you can park in the Froggatt Edge car park as shown on the map and commence your walk from this point, being starting point 2) and follow the steps up to the path that runs north along Curbar Edge. The path is wide and easy and allows you to walk close to the edge where the views are best. Note that there is a **wheelchair** route to **Baslow Gap** from here. Be careful along this edge as the cliffs are high and unguarded; children and dogs need to be closely supervised.

As you go along, past Froggat Edge, look for what gives the rock its name! It's called 'Millstone Grit' and there are millstones in every state of preparation to be found. Once these cliffs were a hive of activity with grindstones being quarried all along their length and horse and carts using the path you walk. The grindstones were needed for the Sheffield cutlery industry and the nearby 'pins and needles' and other metal industries which needed them to sharpen and grind. Why were they abandoned? Why did the work stop? It's the same reason that other local industry stopped; competition from elsewhere and a consequent decline.

Trail Key:



Walking



Car



Bus



Cycling



Scenic



Historic



Time



Distance

Difficulty Rating for walks:



Easy



Moderate



Strenuous

This trail is one of 44 exciting trails to explore in the Peak District & Derbyshire.

There are other things to look out for as you walk along 'the edge' – on your right are Bronze Age cairns and an old stone circle showing that this edge has been used for thousands of years.

Now it's climbers who worship here! The cliffs of Curbar and especially Froggatt are a mecca for rock climbers who love the hard rocks and difficult climbs. On summer days the edge of the cliff are a tangle of brightly coloured ropes belaying the climbers.

(Starting point 2) All too soon the views disappear as you go through **Hay Wood** and the main road looms. It's then a short walk up the road to the **Grouse Inn**, the halfway point of the walk and a good watering place.

From here the track bears right and up and onto **White Edge**: instantly the mood changes, you feel more remote and see less walkers. The edge borders **Big Moor** and the views are wonderful with a matchless panorama in every direction.

The path is rougher and winds its way around the rocks up to the high point where you are over 1000ft (365 metres) high. Strange that the **trig point** is not at the highest place! Stop here and look around you: to the **west** are the Peak District hills in all their glory. To the **east** you can make out the edge of **Sheffield** and on a clear day in the distance the Drax power station. But don't just look in the distance, scan Big Moor below and you may see the herd of deer that live here.

At another cairn turn **right** at the end of the edge to the signed footpath that takes you back to the car park. But don't end your walk here! Carry on across the road and explore **Baslow Edge**. It's an easy walk along the edge where there are more grindstones, a wonderful rock called the **Eagle Stone** and a monument dedicated to the Duke of Wellington. A celebration of his victory at the battle of Waterloo in 1815, it was erected by a local man, Dr Wrench, who as an army man, felt the need to counterbalance the memorial dedicated to Admiral Nelson on nearby Birchen Edge.

This is 1.2miles (2 km) and will only take you another 45mins - 1 hour.

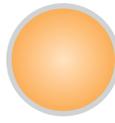
On your way back to **Bakewell**, stop to see **Calver Mill** - first built in 1785 but destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1805. It finished producing cotton in 1923 and has had a number of uses since then, including the role of Colditz Castle in the television series. It's now private apartments.

Bakewell Trail No. 35

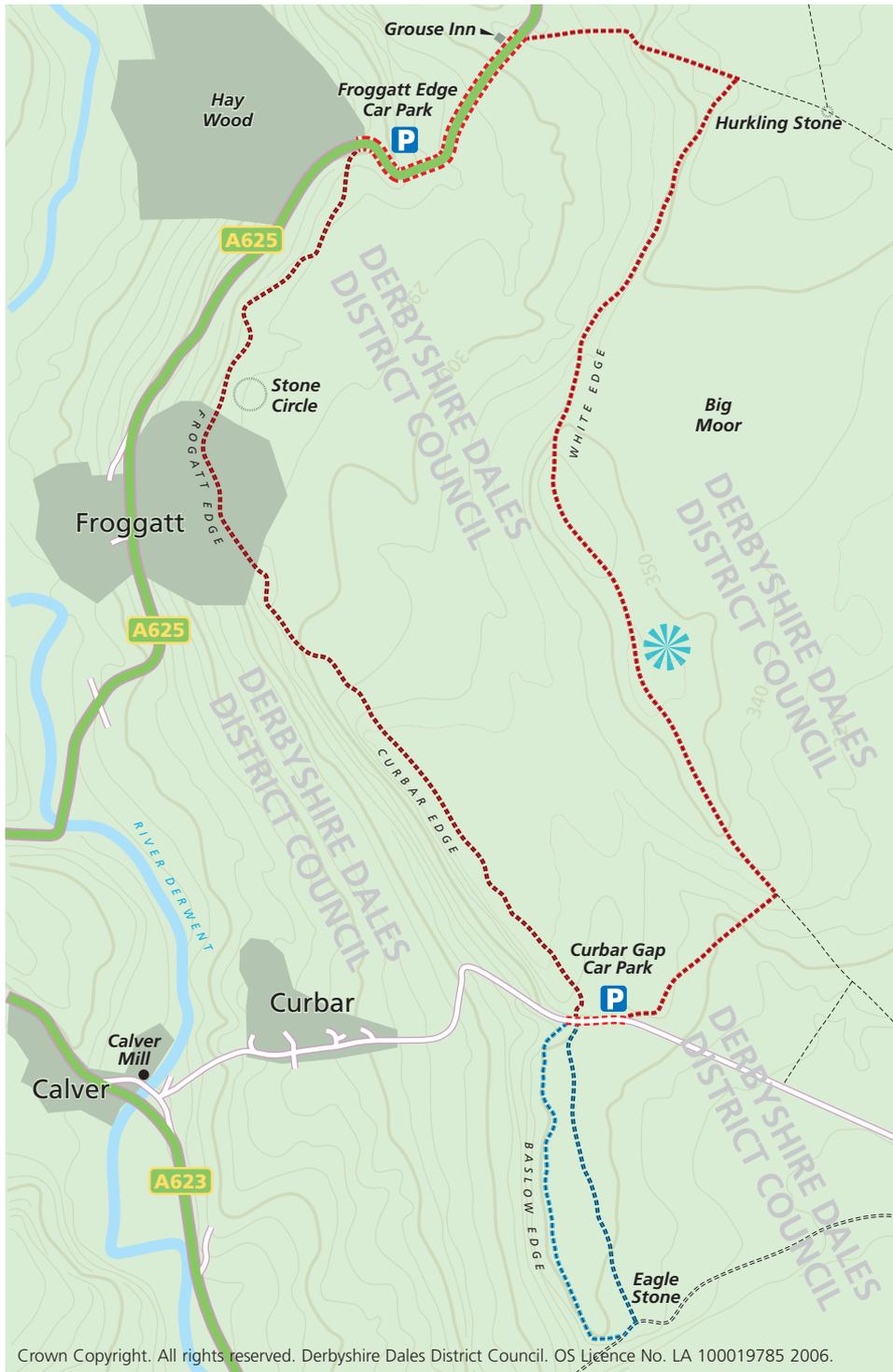
Mind the Gap!



9 km
6 miles



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