

High Peak

- Buxton has its own 'Dome', which sits atop the former Devonshire Royal Hospital, now the University of Derby Buxton – and is larger than those of St Paul's Cathedral in London and St Peter's in Rome.
- Like Bath, Buxton has its own Crescent, built by John Carr for the 5th Duke of Devonshire in 1784. Plans are in the pipeline to transform the Grade I listed building into a luxury spa hotel.
- Another jewel in Buxton's crown is its gem of a theatre, the elegant Edwardian Opera House, designed by architect Frank Matcham. It opened in 1903 and was extensively renovated in time for its centenary celebrations.
- The hi-tech Torrs Millennium Walkway in New Mills curves along a tall retaining wall and is supported by pillars in the Torrs gorge, where the rivers Goyt and Sett meet. A spectacular feat of engineering, it forms the final link in the 225 miles long Midshires Way.
- Torr Weir in the nearby Torrs Riverside Park is the first community-funded hydro-electric scheme in the country and is expected to generate 242,000 units of electricity each year.
- Bugsworth Basin, at Buxworth, a Scheduled Ancient Monument near Whaley Bridge, was once the largest and busiest inland port on Britain's narrow canal system, linking the Peak Forest Tramway to the Peak Forest Canal, Manchester and the trans-Pennine canal network.
- Kinder Scout, the Peak District's highest point at 2,088 feet (636 metres), was the site of the ground-breaking Kinder Mass Trespass in 1932, the start of a long campaign to secure access to the English countryside. The ramblers' protest also contributed to legislation creating Britain's national parks.
- The remains of a Roman fort can still be seen on the western edge of Glossop, over looking the river Etherow and the Longdendale Valley. Now known as Melandra Castle, its original name was probably Ardotalia – meaning 'the place of the high, dark hill'.
- The unique precious mineral Blue John – thought to be a corruption of the French 'bleu jaune' or 'blue yellow' – can only be found in the village of Castleton.
- Impressive Mam Tor – literally 'Mother Hill' – towers above Castleton and is known as the 'Shivering Mountain'. Consisting of cake-like layers of shale and gritstone, it literally moves after heavy rainfall. Efforts to keep open the once busy A625 road between the Hope Valley and Chapel-en-le-Frith were finally abandoned in the late 1970s.