



The Chatsworth Estate and Beeley Moor

A moderate walk underfoot but with two steep and more demanding sections. Several shorter options

Essential Facts

- Route distance: 16.0 km (10.0 miles)
- Approximate time: 4 hours
- Optional shorter route: 12.0 km (7.5 miles)
- Approx. total ascent: 424 metres
- Start point Grid Ref: SK 258 685
- GPS Ref: SK 25876 68528
- Recommended O.S. Map: Explorer OL24
- Toughness Rating: Peaks 2

Please see the notes on Toughness Ratings at the end of this report

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THE ROUTE

The walk starts at the Calton Lees car park, on the edge of the Chatsworth Estate, S. From the car park go back to the road, turn right and cross the little single lane stone bridge. Immediately over the bridge turn right following the path over the field towards Beeley village. At the road, cross straight over and follow the lane past the church on your left. You will soon leave the houses behind and have Beeley Brook on your right.

At a bend, A, the lane continues right to Moor Farm, but our footpath goes straight on. A short distance further on there is a gate and stone stile. Cross the stile into the wood and follow the path climbing uphill beside the brook. After about 1km, at B, take a path left, continuing uphill. When you reach an open area near the brook take the path off right towards the wall. Cross the stone stile here and turn left down the bridleway with great views over Beeley moor.

At a corner, the bridleway turns left and starts to go downhill, C. At this point cross the stone stile to your right and take the path onto the moor. The track is clear and the views impressive. At the end of the moor you enter the woods on the Chatsworth Estate. Continue forwards following signs to Robin Hood. Pass Swiss Lake to your right with Swiss Cottage on the far bank. The path continues past Emperor Lake on the left. Look now for the Hunting Tower slightly off the main path to your left. Detour to the Hunting Tower as it is a good place for a rest and has great views. D.

From the Tower return to the main path and continue along it still following signs to Robin Hood and ignoring all routes off. On reaching a large farm building on the right at E, there is a choice of paths. Take the path left and start descending through the wood. At a sharp bend in the path go over the stone stile, into the park and left, over parkland down to the stile at a junction of estate roads. Deer are often found in this area. At the road turn left to Chatsworth House, F. There are refreshments and toilets available here.

Go to the stone road bridge in front of the house. Cross the bridge and take the footpath off diagonally right towards Edensor Village. Enter the village through the unusual pedestrian gate and take the path to the right of the church. Just as the road starts to climb there is a path on the left signposted Rowsley, G. Take this path up some steep steps and then into an open field. Use the wooden waypoints and some standing stones as guidelines over the field. Towards the top of the field a post marks where two paths join. Continue to the wood at the top of the field. Follow the bridlepath through the wood. Cross the next field ignoring paths off and head downhill to Calton Houses. Turn left past Calton Barn and follow the brook downhill. On reaching the road at Calton Lees take the road to the left past the garden centre and back to the car park, S.

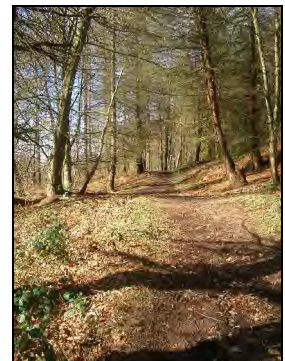
For an optional shorter route: From point D, drop down to Chatsworth House and pick up the walk again at point F. From point F, follow the Derwent Valley Heritage Trail by the river back to the car park, S.



Chatsworth Park



Edensor Village



Woods Near Beeley

Refreshment

The Devonshire Arms
Public House
Devonshire Square,
Beeley
Tel: 01629 733259
Meals and bar snacks
available

Chatsworth Garden
Centre
Garden Centre with café.
Calton Lees, Beeley
Tel: 01629 734004
Restaurant and café open
for refreshments.

Country Parlour Cafe
Cafe,
Caudwells Mill, Rowley,
Tel: 01629 733185
Craft shop and café

Robin Hood Inn
Public House
Robin Hood (nr.
Baslow, below Birchen
Edge)
Tel: 01246 583186
Public House serving
food.

The Rutland Arms
Public House
Baslow
Tel: Ex-directory
Ales and food



The Rutland Arms Public House

LOCAL INFO

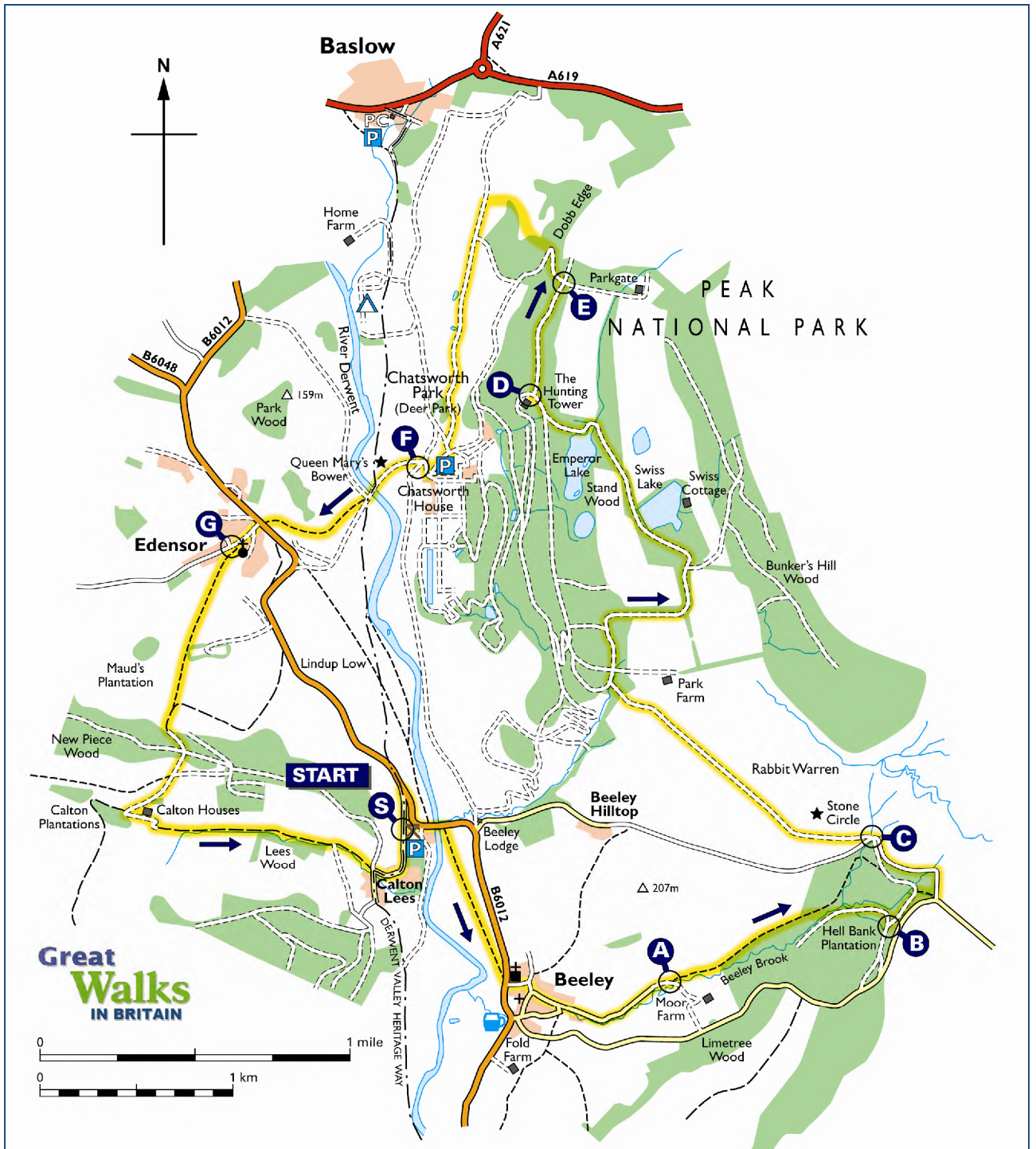
The small estate village of **Edensor**, pronounced 'Ensor', is set in parkland owned by the Devonshire family, whose stately home at Chatsworth House is only five minutes walk away. Mentioned in the Domesday Book, the village has been re-sited since then. Originally it lay between the river and the road through the Park. The houses then straggled down to the River Derwent.

The fourth Duke of Devonshire however, having spent considerable money and effort improving the House, redesigning the gardens and building a new bridge over the river, decided to take down those houses visible from the House. The tenants were re-housed in the nearby estate villages of Pilsley and Beeley. The sixth Duke completed the dismantling of the old village and built the present one. It is full of houses with lots of character. A few of the old houses remained virtually untouched including parts of the old vicarage, two cottages overlooking the green and the old farmhouse which now houses the post office, shop and tea rooms.

Chatsworth Estate Farm Shop is situated at Pilsley, one and a half miles from Chatsworth House. It sells a fine selection of meat and dairy products. Open daily. Tel. 01246 583392

**CHATSWORTH ESTATE
AND BEELEY MOOR
G.P.S. WAYPOINTS**

WAYPOINT NAME	MAP REF		CO-ORDINATES		ELEVATION: Metres
CHA S	S	SK	25907	68410	121
CHA A	A	SK	27281	67644	134
CHA B	B	SK	28425	67944	237
CHA C	C	SK	28348	68374	285
CHA D	D	SK	26492	70625	219
CHA E	E	SK	26696	71242	229
CHA F	F	SK	25976	70244	120
CHA G	G	SK	24933	69860	134



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MAP LEGEND					
	Great Walks route		Church with tower		Spot height - metres
	M6 Motorway		Church with spire		Information centre
	A23 Main road		Other place of worship		Parking
	B2116 Secondary road		Cathedral / Abbey		Public convenience
	Minor road		Building		Public house
	Other road		Built up area		Picnic site
	Track		Woodland		Camp site
	Footpath		Sand, shingle or mud		Major tourist feature
	Bridleway		Water feature		Other tourist feature
	National trail				
	Railway				

Safety First

Safety should always be your first priority in planning and undertaking a walk, whether on your own or leading a group. Please read these Safety First and Walking Our Routes notes.

Lead a group of other walkers only if you have leadership and navigational experience adequate for the 'worst case' conditions which may be encountered on the particular walk, bearing in mind the terrain, possible weather and navigational demands.

Weigh up the capabilities of your party, in terms of fitness and walking speed. Adjust your time expectations accordingly.

Ensure all your party are adequately clothed for the weather and conditions. Footwear is particularly important. Clothing must protect against cold, wet or strong sun according to the time of year.

Emergencies are quite rare, but it is essential to think ahead about what to do if someone in your party sustains an injury. Will you have a First Aid kit? Is there a qualified First Aider in the party? How could help be summoned in a serious eventuality?

Refreshment, particularly water, can be vital. Dehydration in hot summer conditions can be rapid, and frequent intake of fluids is essential.

On tougher walks it is a good idea to tell someone where you are planning to go – and when you expect to be back. Remember - mobile phones often lose reception in mountainous or isolated areas.

All our walks use legitimate routes: Public Rights of Way, Public Footpaths, Bridleways, Permissive Paths, Access Land, Byways and Roads.

Road walking calls for particular care. When there is no defined footpath or verge wide enough for safe walking it is usually best to walk on the right – facing oncoming traffic. An exception may be a tight bend, where walkers would be more visible on the left.

Occasionally you may find a public footpath blocked or unuseable. It is perfectly in order to take the shortest available diversion without damaging crops, perhaps around a field margin.

It is courteous to close gates after passing through, sometimes even if the gate was open when you arrived – particularly if it is obvious livestock may escape.

Mutual respect for farm animals is to be encouraged! Don't frighten or annoy them, but equally don't put your party members in danger or discomfort. You certainly wouldn't be the first walkers to go round the outside of a field of frisky bullocks.

Dogs should always be kept on a lead anywhere near farm animals, and under close supervision elsewhere in the countryside.

Walking Our Routes

Our walks are designed to be negotiated using the route directions in conjunction with the map section provided. We suggest walkers also take the Ordnance Survey Explorer or Outdoor Leisure map recommended for each walk.

On mountain, moorland and open heathland walks it is **ESSENTIAL** to have navigational expertise and tools, including the recommended Ordnance Survey map(s).

Take care to observe any cautions in the route description; exposed paths, areas liable to flooding etc.

Consider conditions before setting off. Will heavy rain have made a water meadow impassable? Will frost or snow make a path slippery?

When navigating the route look for clues to confirm you are in the right place. Are map features where you would expect on the ground? Are features mentioned in the text where expected? If you suspect you may have taken a wrong turn, take action sooner rather than later. It is better to re-trace to a known point rather than carry on regardless with the possibility of becoming increasingly confused.

All our routes are carefully checked before publication, but features can change on the ground – sometimes surprisingly quickly. Footpaths may be re-routed, buildings can appear or change significantly and these days pub names seem to change frequently.

The approximate time given for each walk is based on an average walking speed of 2.5 miles per hour (4 km/hour), plus an allowance for ascent, descent and any difficult terrain.

Total ascent is the approximate total ascent over the whole walk.

GPS users can enter in the waypoints provided in each of our walk reports. It is important to read our guide **Introducing GPS for Walkers**, available as a PDF file from the Great Walks in Britain web site.

Remember that GPS is a great navigational tool, but only one of those available to the navigator. Never dispense with conventional map and compass – and the training and skills to use them, especially on mountain, moorland or open heathland walks.

TOUGHNESS RATINGS

Most of our **Peak District** routes can be undertaken by reasonably fit walkers able to utilise the map segments and our recommended Ordnance Survey maps, together with the route guidance notes.

The toughest walks should be undertaken or led only by experienced mountain walkers with navigational expertise. Always consider recent and forecast weather.

Each walk has been allocated a **Toughness Rating**:

1. Easier walks with modest ascent and generally on well defined paths. There may be stiles or narrow gateways to negotiate.
2. Routes which are more demanding. They may include more ascent and possibly paths which are looser or more difficult underfoot.
3. More strenuous walks. There may be prolonged steep ascents, and perhaps several ascents over the whole walk. Conditions may be challenging underfoot.
4. The toughest walks, requiring considerable fitness and navigational experience. There may be prolonged steep ascents. The ability to navigate by compass may be essential.

Toughness Ratings are allocated in the context of the terrain in the edition area. For example a walk rated as demanding in Cambridgeshire may be equivalent to an easier or moderate route in the Peak District.