



**Curbar, Baslow and Froggatt Edges**

**A high level walk with wonderful views across the countryside.  
Not too strenuous, as the walk starts on the level of the ridge**

<b>Essential Facts</b>	
▪ Route distance:	13.0 km (8.2 miles)
▪ Approximate time:	3 hours 45 mins
▪ Approx. total ascent:	220 metres
▪ Start point Grid Ref:	SK 262 747
▪ GPS Ref:	SK 26239 74705
▪ 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 route starts at the Curbar Gap car park, **S**, at the top of the hill out of Curbar village. From here cross the road and take the path signed "Wheelchair access Baslow Edge". This leads to the path which enters access land after passing through a gate. A clear, wide path crosses Eaglestone Flat. The Eagle Stone soon comes into view. It is very difficult to miss, even in poor visibility.

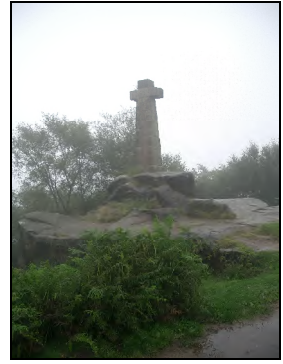
Shortly after this a junction is reached at **A**. Turn left here and see on your right, the cross which is the Wellington Monument. Again the path is broad and clear and leads to a road at **B**. Here cross straight over the road and pick up the path leading over Big Moor. At **C** you will come to a signpost. Left takes you back to the car park, signed Curbar, but our route continues forward.

The path along White Edge is clear and fairly wide in most places. Part way along at **D**, the trig point can be seen off to the right indicating the highest part of the moor at 365 metres. All along the ridge you can see to the left Curbar and Froggatt Edges, which is to be the return route.

Eventually at **E**, a wall is reached and another signpost. Here turn left and walk with the wall on your left. You will now be dropping down towards The Grouse Inn which has been in your sights for the last kilometre. This path joins a bridleway and the Grouse Inn is actually signed from here.

On reaching the road cross straight over at **F**, arriving at the Inn. The footpath continues by turning right just past the Inn. After two fields, a gate leads to Hay Wood. Turn left here and pass the National Trust car park. The path continues forward over a stream and then up to the road which is crossed. The path then leads up onto Froggatt Edge.

At **G**, a marker indicates a path off to the right leading down into the valley. Continue forward but shortly after this the path becomes Curbar Edge. Enjoy the views and continue forward on the well marked path which eventually leads directly back to the car park, **S**.



**Wellington Monument**



**The Edge**



**The Path**

## Refreshment

The Grouse Inn  
Public House  
Longshaw, Froggatt  
Tel: 01433 630303  
Meals and bar snacks  
available

The Chequers Inn  
Public House  
Froggatt Edge  
Tel: 01433 630231  
Country Inn with food

The Bridge Inn  
Public House  
Calver  
Tel: 01433 630415  
Food available, popular  
with tourists and  
walkers. Large riverside  
garden.

Goose Green Tea  
Rooms  
Tea rooms  
The Green, Baslow  
Tel: 01246 583000  
Hot and cold meals



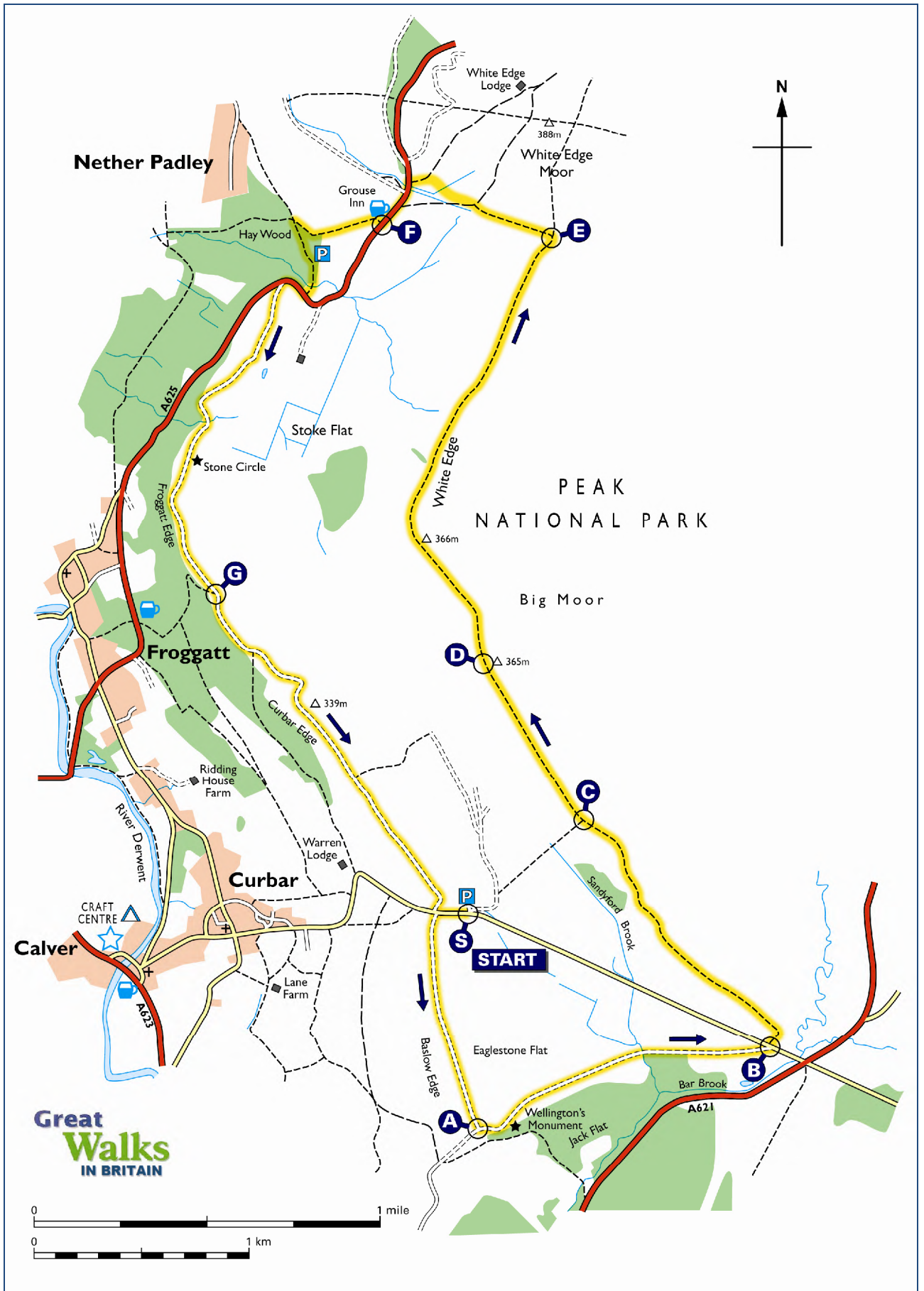
**The Chequers Inn**

## LOCAL INFO

The edges on this spectacular walk, Baslow, Curbar and Froggatt are all made of gritstone. The Eagle Stone which you pass has a strange history. It is said that men from Baslow used it before getting married. They had to climb to the top to show their fitness for marriage. Not far from the Eagle Stone is the Wellington Monument. This is a cross which commemorates the Duke of Wellington and complements Nelson's Monument on Birchen Edge. As well as for walkers the edges are also popular with climbers.

## CURBAR, BASLOW AND FROGGATT EDGES G.P.S. WAYPOINTS

WAYPOINT NAME	MAP REF	CO-ORDINATES	ELEVATION: Metres
CUR S	S	SK 26239 74705	357
CUR A	A	SK 26295 73676	294
CUR B	B	SK 27665 74062	255
CUR C	C	SK 26768 75121	324
CUR D	D	SK 26305 75823	366
CUR E	E	SK 26637 77827	375
CUR F	F	SK 25841 77938	305
CUR G	G	SK 25054 76187	287



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.