

High Peak & Tissington Railway Trails

Peak District (D100)

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Throughout the White Peak limestone plateau run the green scars of several disused railway lines. In the 1960s the Peak District National Park Authority converted the former Cromford and High Peak Railway and the Ashbourne to Buxton Railway lines into what are now the High Peak and Tissington Trails respectively.

Parsley Hay Car Park is situated at the junction of the two lines and is an ideal place from which to explore the gentle, scenic routes through the limestone countryside. Parsley Hay car park can be accessed from the A515 near the turning for the prehistoric Arbor Low site.



walk location



walk features

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments can be found in Parsley Hay, Friden and at the former signal box at Hartington.

TOILETS

Parsley Hay and the former Hartington signal box both house public toilet facilities.

PARKING

Parking is available at Parsley Hay, Friden and at the former signal box at Hartington.

walk info

LENGTH

11 km / 7 miles

DURATION

3 hours

DIFFICULTY

Easy

MAP

OS Outdoor Leisure™ Sheet 24, White Peak

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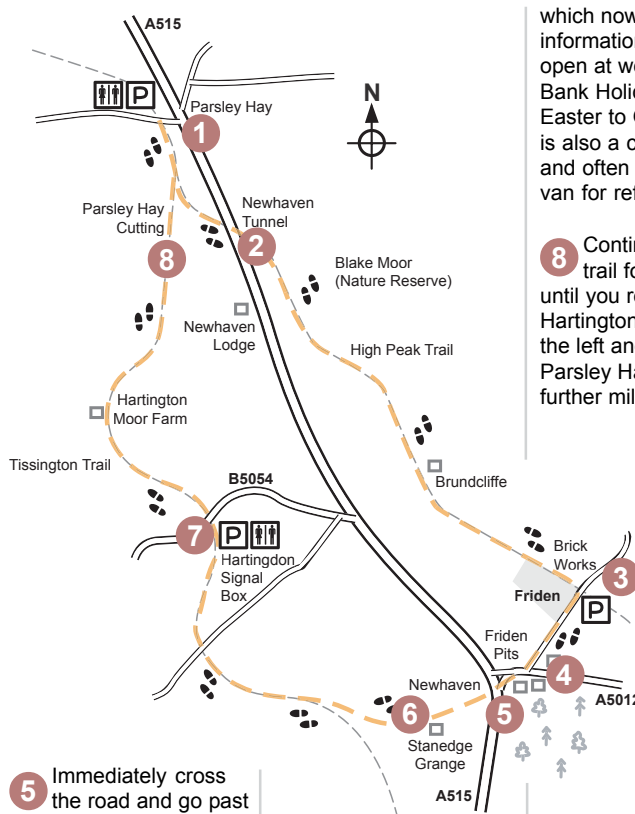
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1 From the car park at Parsley Hay (147 636) head south to the fork where the Tissington Trail meets the High Peak Trail. At the junction take the left fork and follow the High Peak trail under the A515 at the Newhaven Tunnel.

2 On the Southern side of the tunnel is a carving of a freight wagon, circled by the words "Cromford and High Peak Railway 1825". On the Northern side, the carving is more elaborate, with a shield bearing a wagon and a Latin inscription, "Divina Palladis Arte".

3 Continue along the trail for approximately 2 miles to the former brick works at Friden Grange. The high grade Silica found locally was ideal for manufacture of heat resistant brick used in the production of Steel. With the decline of the Steel making industry the works closed in the late 1970s.

4 Leave the trail at the car park and turn left heading towards the A515. Turn right onto the A5012 and after a couple of hundred yards, left which leads up to the A515.



5 Immediately cross the road and go past the derelict Newhaven Hotel. This old coaching Inn was built by the Duke of Devonshire at the turn of the 19th Century but now this listed building is in desperate need of renovation.

6 Immediately past the Hotel take a right turn through the gate and climb the path through a series of stiles, keeping

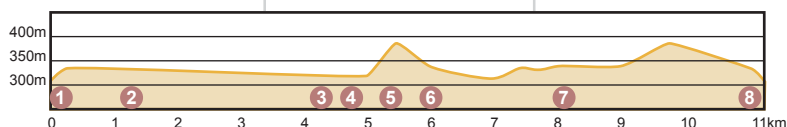
Stanedge Grange on the left. A few hundred yards along the path it joins the Tissington Trail.

7 Continue along the trail for a three quarters of a mile and you will reach the former signal box at Hartington

which now serves as an information point. It is open at weekends and Bank Holidays from Easter to October. There is also a car park, toilets and often an ice cream van for refreshments.

8 Continue along the trail for half a mile until you reach Hartington Moor Farm on the left and then on to Parsley Hay Cutting a further mile along. This section

includes some superb panoramic views over Long Dale and continues back to the starting point at Parsley Hay.



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