

1 - Millers Dale Old Station to Calton Lees 10.3 miles

1. Walk past the Old Station to join the railway line. Turn left, signed Monsal Trail, Litton Mill, Bakewell.
2. Follow the Monsal Trail for 6.6 miles, ignoring any footpaths off to the right or the left, until you reach Old Bakewell Station. You will pass under 4 tunnels on the way the last being at Monsal Head.
3. Continue ahead on the trail past the station for a further 400 metres until you approach a bridge. Just before this bridge turn left and walk up the steps to the stile. Cross over the stile onto the bridge. Here turn left and walk up the well-defined path to the next stile by a metal gate.
4. Cross over the stile and continue following the path waymarked by the yellow arrow, crossing Bakewell Golf Course and continuing straight ahead towards a wood. After crossing the golf course continue into the wood - the footpath is well marked and welldefined.
5. The footpath after a short while swings right and starts to work its way uphill through the wood. Ignore the path off to the right, carry straight on upwards. Two-thirds of the way up a path crosses you - your route is still upwards towards the wall at the top of the hill. Continue upwards, using the stream as your guide, which leads you to a stone wall with a stile.
6. Cross over the stile and bear 45° right, walking along a well-defined path to the right of some trees on the horizon. Continue past the trees to a stile in the fence to the right of the pond.
Do not walk to the gate, walk to the stile immediately to the right of the pond.
7. Cross over the stile and bear left to another stile in the fence at the far end of the pond and follow the arrow marked for Chatsworth. At the next stile bear 45° right and follow the defined path which goes down the middle of the meadow, steadily downhill.
8. As you are walking down this meadow, you reach another stile to the left of a wooden gate. Cross over and continue straight ahead. You now have a walled wood on your right hand side.
9. After a couple of hundred yards the wood sweeps down to the right and you continue straight ahead down the middle of the meadow and the path actually starts to swings round to the left. You are now heading towards a barn.
10. Just before reaching the barn the path takes a positive left turn, 90° up to a gate. This left turn is marked by a footpath sign. Pass through the gate and continue along the track through the wood. This track is walled on either side. This track swings left and drops downhill to a gate.
11. Pass through the gate - look 45° right and you will have a wonderful view of Chatsworth House and Hunting Lodge. At this point you have turned 90° right and you are going straight downhill, keeping the wood on your right hand side as your companion through the downhill stretch as the path becomes well-defined.
12. Ahead of you in the distance you can see the ridge which is the edge of Beeley Moor, a part which you will be crossing shortly. Eventually the path starts heading steeply downhill, crossing a track, to meet some white gates by the road.
13. On reaching the road, pass through the gates on to the clear wide track and head into the car park, keeping the main road on your left. **This is your first checkpoint.**