



Walk on the WILD SIDE

USING THE CLUB'S GRIN LOW SITE AS A BASE, JO VAUGHAN ENJOYS A GENTLE STROLL IN THE HEART OF THE PEAK DISTRICT



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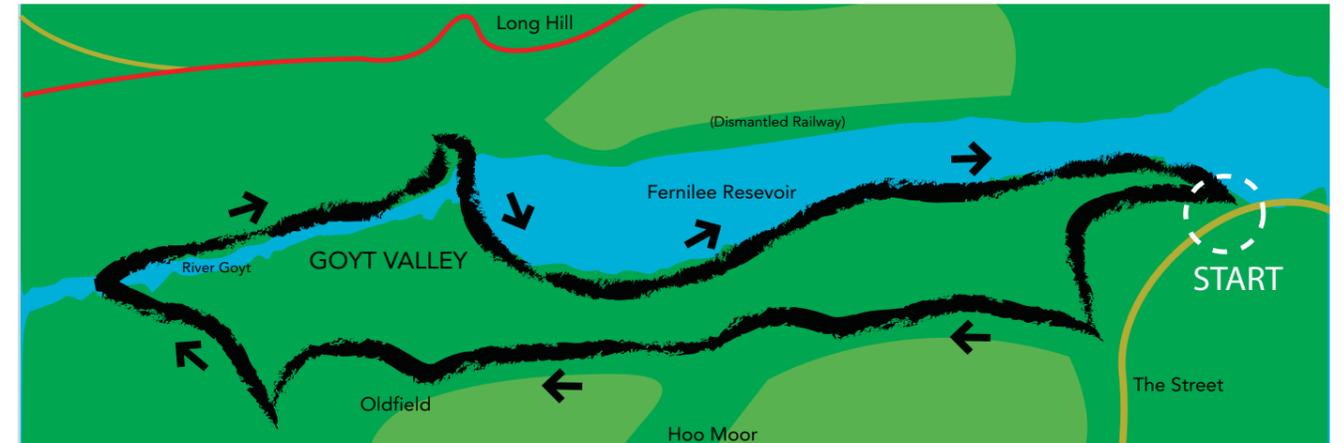
THE CHOICE of walks around Buxton is simply staggering. It's hard to decide where to head to, although during winter, when the days are short and the going can be muddy, it can be pleasant to choose somewhere that's not quite so strenuous.

The Goyt Valley, which is just a few minutes' drive from the Club's Grin Low site, offers a huge variety of walks from strenuous to the easy. This one is definitely of the latter, with only two short sections being potentially muddy. The first main section is on a good gravel track that takes you through a beautiful woodland of

deciduous trees and firs that looked absolutely stunning in their autumn colours. Having passed a couple of farms, you then head south again following the river Goyt before enjoying views of the Fernilee Reservoir. This is an easy stroll, although there are three moderate climbs which are not difficult if taken slowly.

INFORMATION | TOURISM

Buxton TIC, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6XN. Tel 01298 25106 or email tourism@highpeak.gov.uk. Open daily



DIRECTIONS

- 1 Leave the Errwood Hall car park via its main entrance and then turn left along the road. Very soon, at a road junction and sign, veer slightly right following the public footpath sign, 'Fernilee Reservoir', along the grassy path. Go through the kissing gate but continue straight ahead along a small grassy track, ignoring the footpath that goes off to the right.
- 2 Continue ahead and cross the stile just before some trees. Immediately turn left, ignoring the footpath that continues ahead, and follow a barbed wire fence on your left. Follow the fence around to the left until you reach a wooden gate. Don't go through this – instead take a sharp right and continue along the gravel track, away from the road, for just over one mile.
- 3 Continue until you reach a wooden gate – go through this and walk down to a junction. Here continue ahead (signposted 'Taxal' and 'Restricted Byway'), through Oldfield Farm. Keep to the main track, passing through two wooden gates either side of more farm buildings (ignoring the public footpath sign off to the right). The rocky track now steeply descends. Continue round a sharp right-hand

bend, enjoying the more open views.

- 4 Go through the next wooden gate and turn right along the more major track. Very soon, immediately past another wooden gate, turn left following a yellow arrow past Knipe Farm, passing through two more gates. Keep straight ahead across the field, passing a small post with an arrow upon it. Be careful – this field can get very muddy.
- 5 Pass through another wooden gate and continue ahead. At river level, cross the small wooden bridge and its two stiles and keep right. Cross another stile and then a concrete bridge over the larger river. Immediately turn right, keeping the river to your right. Pass through a small wooden gate and continue along the riverbank. At the track continue ahead.
- 6 Go through another wooden gate. Pass one large building, but keep to the left of the second, following a public footpath sign. Continue up the road. At the T-junction turn right and then, having passed through the car park, turn right again to cross the dam.
- 7 Keep left to follow the banks of the lake, which is on your left. Soon, as the road swings sharply to the right, keep left to pass through a gate, continuing to follow the lakeside.
- 8 At a footpath sign turn left (signposted 'Waterside Walk 3').

Continue ahead at the next signpost ('Errwood Hall'). Cross a small wooden bridge and continue. At the next signpost, bear right (signposted 'Errwood') up five stone steps. Go through a kissing gate at the top of the hill and continue ahead. Go through another gate and continue ahead. The car park is in front of you.

INFORMATION | GENERAL

NEAREST CLUB SITE: Grin Low, Grin Low Road, Ladmanlow, Buxton SK17 6UJ. Tel 01298 77735. Open: 27 March to 9 November
DISTANCE: 4.1 miles/6.5km
TERRAIN: Good footpaths with just two potential muddy sections
NUMBER OF STILES: 4
ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL24 – The Peak District, White Peak Area (1:25,000)
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Easy with three moderate climbs
REFRESHMENTS: None
DIRECTIONS AND PARKING: From Buxton take the A5004 towards Whaley Bridge. After two miles turn left up Goyt's Lane, following the sign to Goyt Valley. Cross the dam and turn left and immediately right into Errwood Hall car park, which is free of charge
TOILETS: None

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INFORMATION | ATTRACTIONS

■ **Go Ape! High Wire Forest Adventure**, Buxton Country Park, Pooles Cavern, Green Lane, Buxton SK17 9DH. Tel 0845 643 9215 or see goape.co.uk. Open: 14 Mar to 31 Oct plus weekends in Nov. Closed Mon during term time. Cost: adults £25; children aged 10-17, £20. An exhilarating course of rope bridges, Tarzan swings and zip slides set high above the woodland's floor. Under 18s must be supervised by a participating adult. No disabled access



■ **Buxton Opera House**, Water Street, Buxton SK17 6XN. Tel 0845 127 2190 or see buxton-opera.co.uk. Open all year. Cost is performance dependent. Built in

1903 and recently restored, the theatre has a varied programme including musical concerts, drama, comedy, dance, pantomime and, of course, opera. Disabled access: seat dependent

■ **Pavilion Gardens**, St John's Road, Buxton SK17 6XN. Tel 01298 23114 or see paviliongardens.co.uk. Open all year. Free. Some 23-acres of beautiful Victorian landscaped gardens set in front of the lovely Pavilion buildings. The gardens offer lakes and a children's train ride, and the Pavilion is home to a



café and restaurant. Fairs and events are held throughout the year. Full disabled access