

# The Great Ridge from Edale



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Walk No. 293212

A walk proposed by Walking Britain

This ridge walk is a very popular excursion mainly because of the excellent views.

<b>Calculated time :</b> 5h15	<b>Difficulty :</b> Average
<b>Distance :</b> 13.76km	<b>Return to the departure point :</b> Yes
<b>Vertical gain :</b> 463m	<b>Activity :</b> Walking
<b>Vertical drop :</b> 471m	<b>Region :</b> Peak District
<b>Highest point :</b> 547m	<b>Location :</b> Edale
<b>Lowest point :</b> 219m	

## Description

**(D/A)** Leave Edale car park (Grid ref. SK124853) and turn right onto the main road and follow it to reach a junction at a bridge in Barber Booth. Go over the bridge and then turn right and you should soon see a stile on the left. This path leads up through the fields to join the Chapel Gate track becoming quite faint at times. Go right with Chapel Gate and rise up the hillside to reach the moor. The track turns south, leading you to a National Trust signpost.

**(1)** Turn left and follow the new path by the wall (which should be on your right), climbing steadily to the walk's summit at Lord's Seat which is marked by a tumulus. Absorb the glorious view then go over the stile and continue along the sloping ridge to Mam Nick. Walk right along the road to see a gate and path leading up Mam Tor on the left.

**(2)** Take this path to ascend up to the OS trig point on Mam Tor. The view from Mam Tor ranks as one of the best in the Peak District but it is often crowded so it is best to press on to Hollins Cross. On blustery days Mam Tor is likely to have scarily strong winds blowing over its summit so taking the path around its northern side from Mam Nick is advised.

**(3)** From Hollins Cross rise up over Barker Bank to the foot of Back Tor. Go over the stile on the left then ascend Back Tor, a charming little hill. Continue on the path, dipping then rising to the topograph on Lose Hill. Lose Hill is a wonderful summit and there is a small ditch on the eastern side which provides shelter and makes for a perfect snack stop.

**(4)** Backtrack from Lose Hill to the foot of Back Tor then take a path on the right which descends to Backtor Farm past Backtor Nook. It then becomes a track, crossing the River Noe at Backtor Bridge to join the road. From here simply turn left and walk for 1 mile along the road back to the car park.

Editor's Note - the route map shows alternative paths that can be used to avoid the road walking. At busy times this may be preferable.

## Practical information

The Great Ridge sits on the Dark Peak - White Peak border and makes for a superb half day walk. This walk climbs up from Edale then embraces the full 4 mile long ridge before descending again. As would be expected from such a walk the views are stunning throughout.

Let us know your opinion on : <https://www.visorando.co.uk/walk-the-great-ridge-from-edale/>

## Waypoints

**S/F Edale car park - turn right onto main road**

N 53.36408° / W 1.81532° - alt. 239m - km 0

**1 Turn left and follow path to Lord's Seat**

N 53.34296° / W 1.85266° - alt. 487m - km 3.78

**2 Take lefthand path up to Mam Tor**

N 53.348297° / W 1.813366° - alt. 459m - km 6.61

**3 Hollins Cross: rise up over Barker Bank**

N 53.35722° / W 1.7974° - alt. 378m - km 8.21

**4 Lose Hill**

N 53.3649° / W 1.77144° - alt. 461m - km 10.15

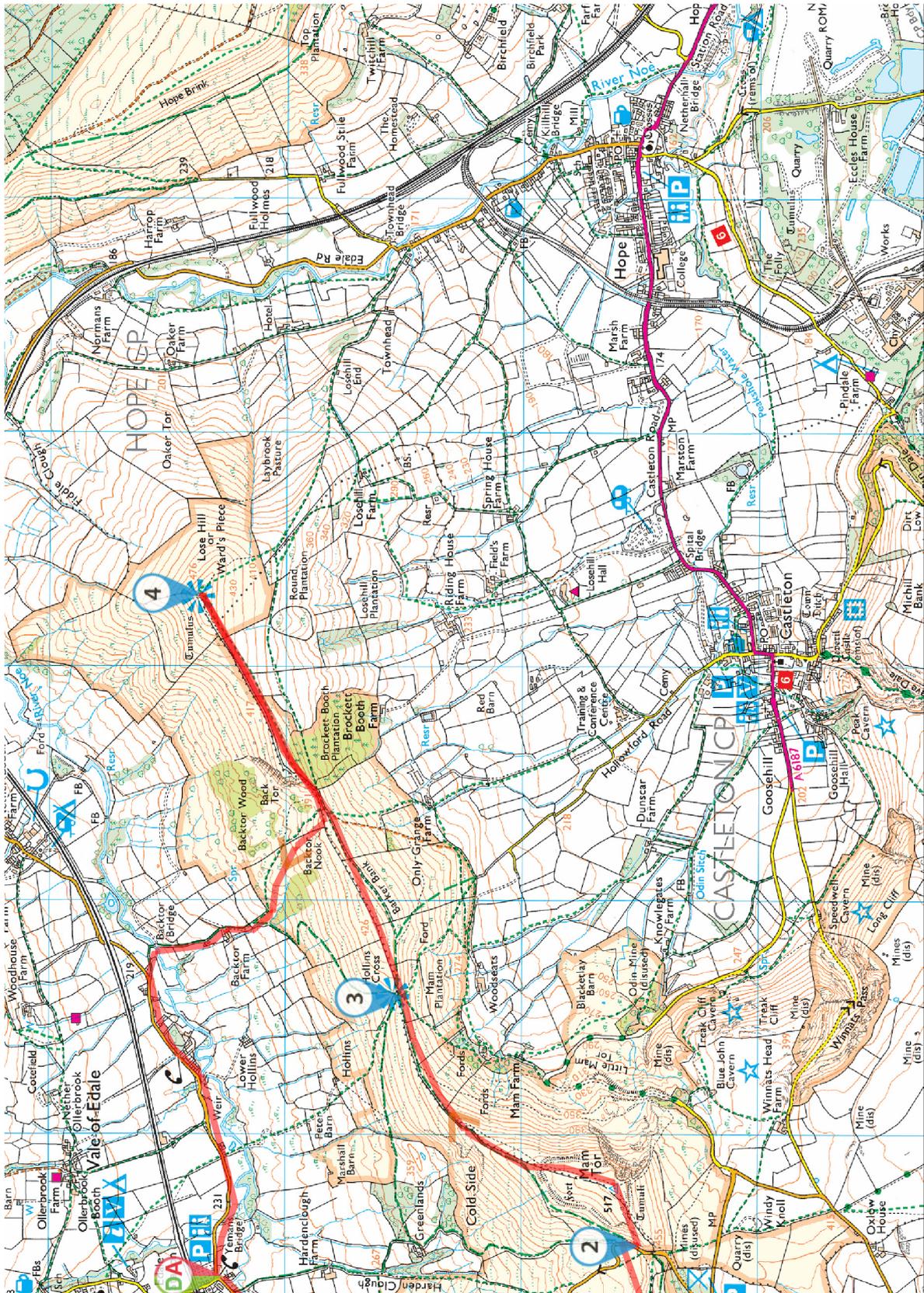
**S/F Edale car park**

N 53.36435° / W 1.81525° - alt. 240m - km 13.76



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# THE WALKER CODE

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## Before the walk



### CHOOSE YOUR WALK CAREFULLY

by matching its difficulty and duration to your skill and physical ability.



### CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST

and look for other important information, such as snow, temperature, tide times, wind speed, fire risk etc.



### BE PROPERLY PREPARED

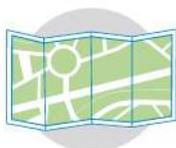
by taking suitable equipment with you, such as a whistle, first-aid kit, appropriate clothing and something to eat and drink.



### LET SOMEONE KNOW

where you will be walking.

## During the walk



### STAY ON THE PATH

(unless you have an exceptionally good reason not to).



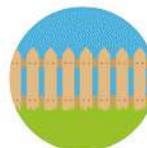
### RESPECT THE COUNTRYSIDE

by not damaging fences, fields and crops and not picking fruit or vegetables.



### RESPECT LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

such as bans on fires, barbecues, camping, fishing, swimming etc.



### LEAVE GATES AS YOU FIND THEM

and be cautious of farm animals: try to go around, not through, herds or flocks.



### TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME

and do not leave any trace of your journey except your footprints.



### DON'T MAKE LOTS OF NOISE

and do be respectful and courteous to people along the route.



### KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD

and keep it close to you when you meet other people. Make sure you can call it back to you at any time. Walking with a dog is not recommended on routes where there are farm animals.



### THE COUNTRYSIDE IS A LIVING ENVIRONMENT

that changes all the time. Walking is an adventure and there are risks associated with it. Be responsible, and know when it is better to give up and turn around than get into danger.

Whether it is private or public, the land you walk on does not belong to you. In particular, the owners of private land have generously and graciously given you permission to cross their property.

If you have an accident, please do not sue the owners of the place where it happened, because other walkers might be banned from that route. However, please feel free to tell us about any dangers you find.