

Circular Walks Around Foolow

A book of easy to moderate walks
encompassing the beautiful landscape
around the village of Foolow



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Introduction

Foolow is an ideal place to start and finish a walk. Good parking for visitors and a friendly pub that welcomes walkers. The geography and geology around Foolow makes the walking particularly varied and interesting as the junction of the Limestone and gritstone is only a few hundred yards north of the village. Each type of rock brings with it different features on the land and different types of vegetation. (Gritstone moors of Eyam and Abney are described as well as limestone dales).

We are fortunate living in such a beautiful and friendly village. The walks described in this book all result from the morning walks we have with our two border collies, Flossie and Nipper. As such they are circular. The first couple of walks we use when we are short of time or when it is raining, whilst the longer walks we save for the weekends!

We hope that you will enjoy this walk, and that it inspires you to buy the whole booklet either from Mountain House Holidays or the Bulls Head in Foolow.

1. Foolow - Silly Dale - Grindlow - Foolow

2.5 miles

A pleasant evening's stroll

From the door of the Bulls Head turn right and cross onto the green. Walking towards the duck pond, a footpath is seen next to the entrance to The Manor House with a signpost "Silly Dale." Follow the path through a narrow alley to a gateway leading into the fields.

At the gate the path turns right and walks diagonally left across the field to a "kissing gate." From here the path is obvious, crossing 7 further fields to a junction with a green lane. Cross straight over the lane and follow the path through 3 further fields until the lane is joined again. Turn right following the lane for 50m where there is a junction with another green lane.

Turn right and follow this track along the length of Silly Dale. The track ends just beyond Henry's Bungalow at a junction with Tarmac roads.

Cross the road and follow it slightly uphill, towards Grindlow. In approx. half a mile, immediately after a barn on the right, turn right and follow a track back towards Foolow. The track ends at a stile leading into a field, where a footpath continues through 3 fields and joins the road approx 300m outside Foolow. Turn left and the road brings you back into the village.



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