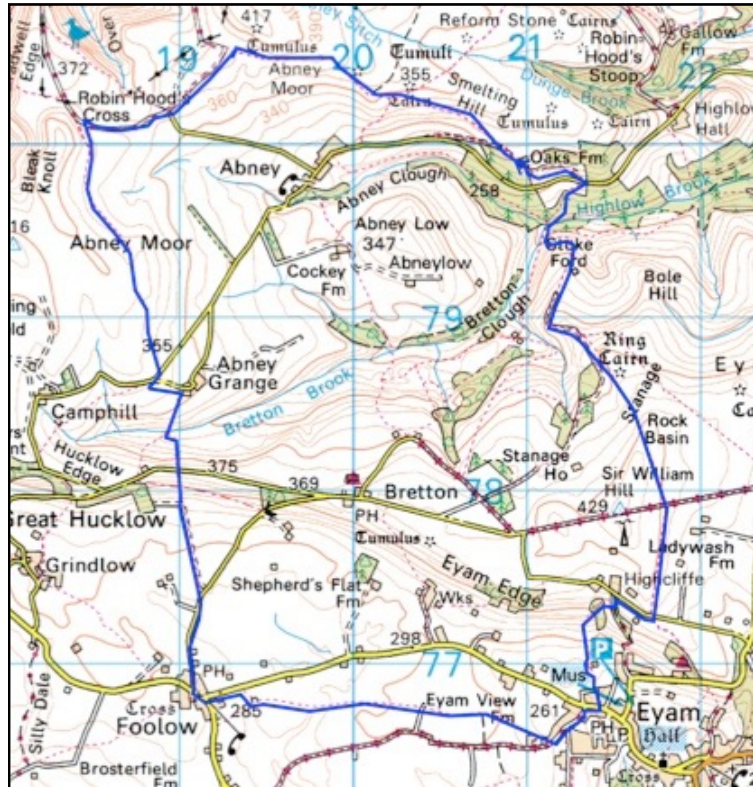


10. Foolow - Eyam - Stoke Ford - Abney Moor - Hucklow Edge -
Foolow
10 miles



From the door of the Bulls Head turn left and follow the road for approx 300m. A footpath sign shows where to enter the 2nd field on the right. The footpath bears diagonally left through the first field and continues through a further 4 fields to a narrow steep sided valley, "Linnen Dale". Cross the Dale and follow the path diagonally left up the hill. The path is now obvious through the fields towards Eyam.

Eventually the path goes through a narrow alley between the houses on the edge of Eyam and a track, Tideswell Lane is reached. Turn left along Tideswell Lane and follow this for quarter of a mile to the crossroads. Continue straight over the crossroads past the medieval water troughs and follow the small road to where it ends. The path crosses the stile and turns right following the wall for about 100 yards. It then turns left following another wall uphill.

When the wall ends, continue following the path on the same line, uphill over spoil heaps and through gorse into woodland. The path is better defined here and turns right to cross a stream. It then crosses the hillside to a gate onto a green lane. Turn left, uphill to a junction with another road in approx. 100 yards.

At the road, turn right and continue for about a quarter of a mile until a high stile on the left leads into the field.

The path follows the wall on the right for about half a mile to a stile crossing a track. Cross the track onto the heather moorland of Eyam Moor. The path continues obviously along the flat for about half a mile then begins to descend. Keep following this path and a stile is reached in a further half mile.

After crossing the stile, the path contours round the hillside to the right and then gradually descends crossing several stiles. After approx. half mile the path "dog legs" back left and descends more steeply into the valley. Upon reaching the valley bottom (just above the stream), turn right. In a few yards a bridge is reached at a junction of footpaths. This is Stoke Ford.

Cross the bridge at Stoke Ford, and turn right, crossing another bridge. Ignore the path off to the left and continue straight on. Cross a stile and head diagonally leftwards, uphill through the woods. At the top of the woods, cross another stile and follow the yellow waymarker diagonally right up through the field to a gate onto the road.

Cross the road and follow the farm track (signposted Bradwell, Brough and Shatton). Our path leaves the farm track before the farm, where a broad path forks off to the left (public footpath sign) beside a telegraph pole. We now pass around the farm.

A stile leads onto open moorland. Turn right onto the track.

In front of the farm gates bear left, the path here has cut a broad green swathe (beware in summer this section is deep bracken and not so distinct). After a short distance a signpost directs you rightwards;

follow this. Continue along ignoring any paths, which cross your way. Eventually the path leads to a fence and stile. Cross this and bear right towards a gap between the wall and fence. At the gap the path bears left onto a track running beside the wall; this continues along the wall for about half a mile. 100m before a gate on the track there is a stile and footpath sign on the left; cross the stile and follow the path over delightful bracken and heather moorland for about a mile. Watch out for gliders taking off overhead.

We leave the moorland just after a seat and pass through a stile to a road. Turn right onto the road and immediately left onto a track leading towards the farm. Immediately before the farm building on the right, a stile leads into a field. Follow the path along the left side of the field to a stile on it's far side. cross the stile and immediately turn left, initially following the wall, then zig-zagging down to a stream which crosses Bretton Clough. From the stream, the path ascends steeply following the wall on the left side of the field, which brings you to the top of the ridge and a road.

Turn left at the road, and follow it to meet the road from Foolow. Turn right here and walk steeply down hill at first then on to the village.

Eyam Moor Stone Circles.

The stone circle, sometimes known as Wet Withens, is one of 3 on Eyam moor, and is the largest embanked circle in Derbyshire. There are 7 stones still standing, though they are beginning to get quite overgrown and not always easy to find. Until recently an old 'antiquities' sign marked the spot of the cairn or barrow, but it, like the stones it marks has now been plundered.