

The South Peak Loop

Route Guide Section 2

Hartington (SK128 604) to near Tissington (SK199 521)

This section of the loop leaves Hartington, crosses Wolfscote Dale and follows the Manifold valley south to Weag's Bridge. The route then leaves the Manifold and via Hopedale and Milldale joins the Tissington Trail south to the village of Tissington.

Approx 17 miles.

10. After nearly 1k, go first right onto a stoney track. Follow this track to the end where it rejoins Reynards Lane. Bear right. Continue on lane for 300m then go right, through a farm gate and onto a bridleway signed to Berresford and Wolfscote Dales.

11. Follow BW down into Berresford Dale. Cross the river via wooden bridge and follow the track as it turns sharp right up the hill. Go through the gate and turn left along minor road. After 1km, the road forks. Bear right, following sign for sustrans 549.

12. Go straight across at cross roads and continue to the junction with a minor road. Turn left then first right onto a narrow road signed to Butterton and Ecton that winds along the Manifold Valley.

13. After 1.5km, take first right then go immediately left onto the Manifold Way (Trail). This is the route of an old railway. The surface is tarmac and the trail is shared with walkers and cyclists. Continue south on the Manifold Way until you reach the Swainsley Tunnel. Before the entrance to the tunnel, go left then left again onto minor road. Follow this over the bridge and go right through farm gate onto unsurfaced gated road. Continue on this road for nearly 3km to farm gate. Go through Dale Farm yard and bear right on track.

14. Just before Wetton Mill tea rooms the route recrosses the river. Go over bridge and left, back onto the Manifold Way. Continue south, past Thor's Cave, visible on the hillside above you to the left, to the car park at Weag's Bridge.

15. Go left, off the Manifold Way and onto Larkstone Lane, crossing the River Manifold via the bridge. Follow the lane as it winds steeply uphill through two farm gates. Continue on, past a minor cross roads, to the hamlet of Hopedale. Bear right towards Milldale. At Milldale, follow the lane alongside the river. The road then crosses the river and follows a side valley.

16. Bear left at fork in the road and continue to the junction with the A515. Cross directly over to Alsop Car Park. NB Use extreme care as this is a very busy main road. Go through Alsop Car Park and right onto the Tissington Trail. Follow the Trail south to the historic village of Tissington.

17. Follow the trail into Tissington car park. Bear left to leave the car park and at the entrance, turn right onto Darfield lane. Continue along Darfield and Bents lane, through the gate next to a cattle grid and into the open pasture. (sustrans route 547). Follow the minor road/track for 1km to the river and go through the ford. (It is paved with stone setts underfoot. Go carefully as there maybe some holes). Just beyond the river crossing, you emerge onto the B5056. Cross straight over with care and go through a bridle gate.

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