

BBN HOLIDAY TO HARTINGTON 24th – 27th AUGUST 2018.



The walking weekend is centred on Hartington, a pretty village in the heart of the White Peak area of Derbyshire with its wonderful countryside and excellent walking opportunities. The main walks are on Saturday and Sunday – both walks being a comfortable 17 miles. There is an introductory walk Friday afternoon and a departing walk on Monday – 9 miles and 13 miles respectively.

Accommodation will need to be obtained in Hartington or in the surrounding villages. There are many Guest Houses, B&B's, Rental Properties, Campsites and Youth Hostels in the area but they do get booked up early – please contact the holiday organiser – Roy Carter to indicate interest. roycarter367@hotmail.com or 01234 301182

Hartington

Hartington is the major village on the central section of the valley of the Dove. It is an old village which was granted a market charter in 1203. The church was built in the 14th – 15th centuries from local sandstone. Opposite the church stands the 17th century Hartington Hall which is now a Youth Hostel. Nuttall's creamery, once a source of Stilton and Buxton Blue cheese, lies just off the Green. Cheese was produced here from 1900 to 2009. Sadly, in 2008 the creamery was sold by Dairy Crest to Long Clawson Dairy, a rival Stilton maker (Leicestershire is one of the two other areas permitted to make Stilton cheese) and within a month they took steps to close the creamery down - with the loss of 190 jobs. Until then Hartington was the supplier of 25% of the world output of Stilton cheese. There is still a cheese shop outside selling a range of local cheeses but none now from Hartington.

Walk Itinerary

Friday 24th August @ 1:30pm

The walk starts from the centre of Hartington by the Duck Pond and crosses the River Dove to climb uphill to the hamlet of Sheen. Passing the church and staying on the ridge between the Dove & Manifold valleys, we descend to Crowdecote for an afternoon stop at the Pack Horse Inn. Afterwards we follow the River Dove down to the remains of Pilsbury Castle – an Iron Age fortification used by the Normans – then onwards to Hartington.

Saturday 25th August @ 9:30am

The walk starts from the centre of Hartington by the Duck Pond and heads south to Beresford Dale, above Narrowdale before descending to Hopedale. The walk gradually climbs back up to Castern Wood and Castern Hall where there are lovely views of the Manifold Valley before dropping into Ilam Country Park (NT) and Hall (YHA) for lunch. After lunch we cross the stepping stones over the River Dove and follow the valley up to Milldale for afternoon tea. We then continue up Dovedale to Hartington via Wolfescote Dale.

Sunday 26th August @ 9:30am

It is a 25 minute drive north to the start of the walk from White Lodge Car Park (charge), situated just off the A6 near Monsal Dale. We walk up Monsal Dale and cross the Monsal Trail to Cressbrook Mill – a textile mill built by the father of the Industrial Revolution, Richard Arkwright. Then follow the River Wye through Miller's Dale to Litton Mill keeping to the valley floor and pass through Tideswell Dale to Tideswell for a break. After we make our way to Monk's Dale and descend to Miller's Dale again for lunch at The Angler's Rest. In the afternoon we walk the Monsal Trail to Ashford in the Water – a former Midland Line rail link from Manchester to London closed by Barbara Castle (not Beeching) in 1968. Returning beside the River Wye to the carpark.

Monday 27th August @ 10:00am

The walk starts from the pond at Monyash, just 15 minutes north of Hartington. It follows the Limestone Way over fields and past farmyards before a steep climb out of Cales Dale. We walk round to Middleton and descend to the River Bradford and follow it to Youlgreave for a break. The walk continues further down river to Alport and up Lathkill Dale - one of the finest limestone dales. Leaving it we ascend to Over Haddon to enjoy lunch and views down the dale from the Lathkill Hotel. In the afternoon we return to Lathkill Dale and follow it back to Monyash for tea in the café before the homeward journey.