



11 DERBYSHIRE BLACK HILL

▶ Distance: 8½ miles/13.5km ▶ Time: 5 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



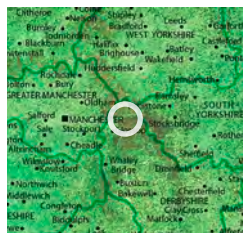
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The flagstoned Pennine Way
leading onto Black Hill.



PHOTO: NICK HALLISSEY

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Crowden car park; SK13 1HZ, grid ref SK072992

Is it for me? Exposed upland reaching heights of 1909ft/582m. Outbound route follows Pennine Way (very clear), inbound route can be boggy and indistinct in places
Stiles 3

PLANNING

Nearest town Hadfield/Glossop

Refreshments

None on route

Public toilets At start

Public transport

None to start

Maps OS Explorer OL1, Landranger 110, Harvey Superwalker Peak District North



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Black Hill got its name from the exposed peat that was the dominant feature of this remote upland for several centuries. Happily it has been extensively re-greened through conservation projects over the last decade, so a) it's a far healthier, more nourished landscape and b) it's much nicer to walk through. This classic route follows the Pennine Way out of Longdendale all the way to the summit of Black Hill, then returns on the slightly fainter path over Tooleyshaw Moss and West End Moss.

1 Start

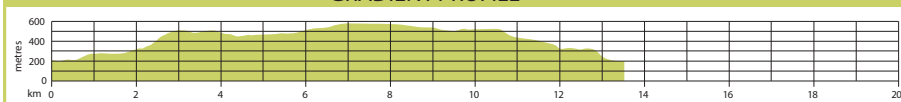
Walk to far end of car park and take path exiting bottom right. Pass through gap in wall to join crossing track opposite toilets. Turn R and follow enclosed path with campsite L. At crossroads, turn L, signed for education centre. Pass through gate and continue on enclosed track, ignoring branching tracks R. Cross bridge over Crowden Brook. As track ends, take footpath climbing steadily up hillside, passing through gate. At fingerpost on crest of hill, emerge onto Pennine Way.

2 ½ mile, 0.9km

Turn R on Pennine Way and follow clear path entering the gorge of Great Crowden Brook.

Eventually veer L slightly to cross brook. Continue climbing steadily towards L hand edge of gorge, later crossing Oakenclough Brook. Continue

GRADIENT PROFILE



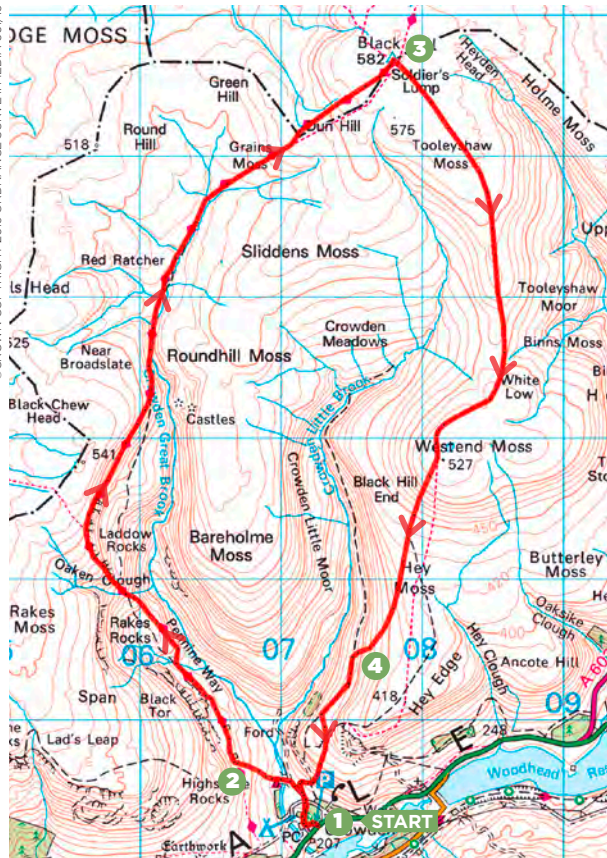
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uphill, ignoring branching path L, to reach top edge of crags and continue ahead, crossing several small becks. Path eventually narrows into a steep-sided clough at head of the gorge. Cross beck and continue ahead as terrain flattens out, later crossing a stile. Path continues on flagstones across open moorland, eventually reaching trig point on plinth marking summit of Black Hill (also named Soldier's Lump on OS maps).

3 4½ miles/7.25km
 Turn R (south-east) and follow path across Tooleyshaw Moss, with Holme Moss transmitter tower visible away to L. NB: Path follows black dotted line on OS Explorer map, not the right of way line. This path is not marked on OS Landranger. Descend through high-sided peak groughs and over an open ridgeline, crossing stile. Descend sharply off nose of West End Moss onto Hey Moss. Two paths cross the moss; take the R-hand path which stays closer to edge of hillside (black dotted line on OS Explorer). Path soon descends more sharply down the edge, then converges with a broader track.

4 7½ miles/12.2km
 Continue on track, descending back into Longdendale. Passing beneath



spoil heaps L, branch away from track as it veers L and continue ahead on path, crossing stile. Descend steeply down hillside. At bottom, cross stile. Path veers R. Pass through gate/stile then turn L on rough track downhill to meet road. Continue on road, passing through gate. Cross outbound road and continue on enclosed path, passing

caravan site R. Turn L opposite toilets and return through trees to car park. **CW**

**VIEW THE WALK ON
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DATE WALKED

TIME TAKEN

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