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DERBYSHIRE  
HAYFIELD TO EDALE

▶ Distance: 9¼ miles/15km ▶ Time: 6 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging

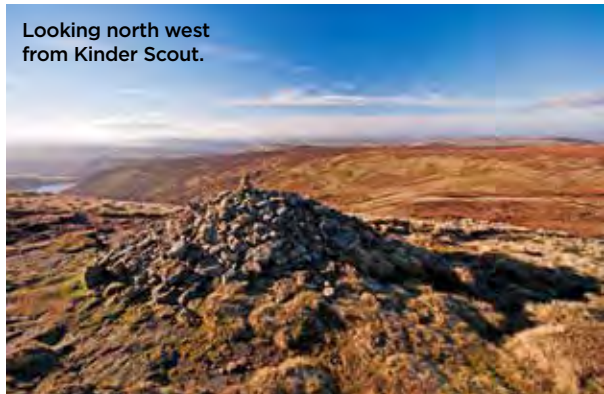
Looking north west  
from Kinder Scout.

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**CHOSEN BY...**  
**JAMIE SMITH**On the 24th April  
1932, about 400

ramblers gathered at Bowden Bridge Quarry, now a car park, where Benny Rothman addressed the crowd. The early stages of the walk follow in the footsteps of those historic campaigners, where it's hard not to give thought to their efforts, which allow us so much freedom on the hills today. After climbing William Clough, and gaining the perimeter path on Kinder Scout, the hardest part of the walk is over, allowing stunning views to unfold before you, passing over the Kinder Downfall, and Kinder Low, before descending along the

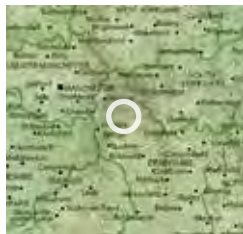
Pennine Way, to the delightful village of Edale, finishing outside the Old Nags Head.

**1 Start**

Leave Bowden Bridge heading NE along Kinder Road, for Kinder Reservoir. In ½ mile turn R over bridge, following path/track and shortly bear L, passing through gate along path, beside River Kinder to reach a second bridge, turning L and re-crossing river. Bear R and follow brideway through gate, signed to White Brow. Path climbs to level out beside Kinder Reservoir and follow, passing through two gates.

**2 1.4 mile/2.25km**

Arrive at the Northern end of Kinder Reservoir and

**PLAN YOUR WALK****ROUTE****Start/parking**

Bowden Bridge car park, east of Hayfield, grid ref, SK048869

**Is it for me?**

Hill paths, tracks, lanes  
**Stiles** 2

**PLANNING****Nearest town**

Hayfield and Edale

**Refreshments** Pubs, restaurants, cafés and hotels in Hayfield & Edale

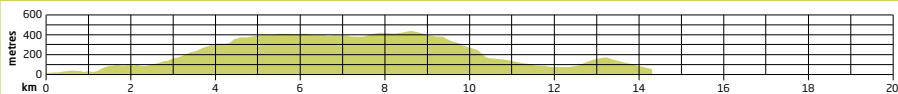
**Public toilets**

At start point, Bowden Bridge and in Edale

**Public transport** None direct to start - Edale to Hayfield train/bus via New Mills. Call 0871 2002233 for details, [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

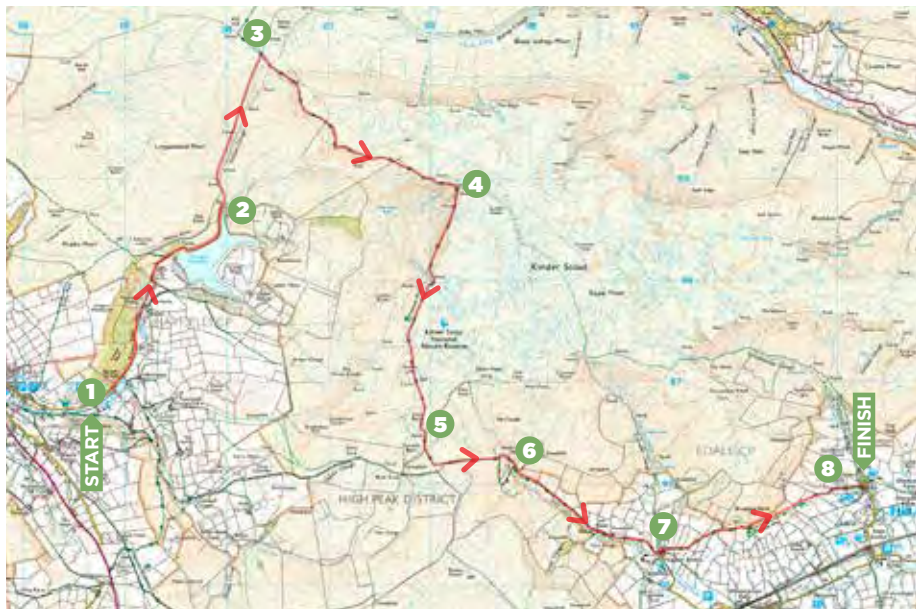
**Maps** OS Explorer OL1; Landranger 110

head N for William Clough. The path ascends gradually, crossing the stream on a few occasions as height is gained.

**GRADIENT PROFILE**

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► OS Explorer map OL1 ► Buy maps at: [ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop](http://ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop)



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**3 2½ miles/3.75km**  
On reaching prominent signpost at crossroads, turn R for Edale, SE along Pennine Way. Path ascends steeply, passing large cairn onto Kinder Scout plateau. Continue heading SE along perimeter path.

**4 4 miles/6.5km**  
Arrive at Kinder Downfall, cross River Kinder and bear R, heading S along Pennine Way. In 1¼ miles reach large cairn, and bear L, ascending slightly passing a 2nd cairn, to head for and reach trig point at Kinder Low. Continue on Pennine Way, heading S, passing Edale Rocks.

**5 6 miles/9.6km**  
At the large cairn, turn R passing beneath Swines Back, where the path soon bears L to reach the top of Jacobs Ladder (path), head E along the path, descending to reach the bridge.

**6 6¼ miles/10.85km**  
After crossing bridge, pass through wooden gate, and follow the path SE along valley, passing through two further gates or stiles.

**7 8 miles/12.75km**  
On reaching Upper Booth, turn L following the Pennine Way for Edale, passing through the farm yard, following the

signs to reach and go through a succession of gates heading E beneath Broadlee-Bank-Tor.

**8 9 miles/14.5km**  
Arrive at the last gate, turn R, following the Pennine Way, descending, passing through the gate, to follow the path beside stream to reach Edale village. **CW**

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