

Nineteen GLOSSOP – OLD GLOSSOP AND MOORFIELDS.

This walk, without being difficult or long, gives a taste of every aspect of the Dark Peak area. There are dramatic views of bleak moorland, hills, streams, farms, and more gentle panoramas.

It reduces the range you see but this walk conveniently splits into two parts for those who like short walks –these parts therefore form the next two walks in this series.

Take the train to Manchester Victoria and from there a tram to Manchester Piccadilly Station. From here catch the train (usually platform two) to Glossop.

Alight at Glossop.

At the front of the station The George Inn is facing you and to the left of you is The Star. *This is a Good Beer Guide Pub with an excellent range of real ales.*

Turn left towards the Star and follow the road uphill for about a quarter of a mile or so.

At the rather complex set of road junctions turn right (as per the sign) to Old Glossop.

Follow this road until it becomes a pavement (Church Walks) through the schoolyard.

At the churchyard gates, cross the road and turn right for a short distance. *Note the old cross opposite.*

At the Queen' Arms turn left and follow this road, keeping beside the stream, through a factory area.

Beyond this keep on by the side of the stream out into the countryside.

Eventually you come to two stone bridges. *This is a quiet spot with all round views. Picnic? A path goes off to the left for the dramatic walk up Doctor's Gate.*

Cross both of the bridges and follow the road uphill (signed to Glossop).

At the main road turn right and go downhill for a quarter mile or so. *This bit is rather busy – note the usual evidence of reckless driving.*

Turn left along Hurst Road opposite the Royal Oak.

Now follow this quiet country road for over a mile until you are passing an estate wall on the left. *There are pleasant views and cottages all along this road. The new development down to the right shows that it's not possible to build unobtrusively on this landscape.*

Turn right onto Kidd Road. *This is opposite the rather grandiose gates to 'Moorfield'.*

Follow Kidd Road as it meanders down the hill. *There are moorland views, and the impressive Cown Edge over to the left*

As you enter the built up area notice a chapel ahead. Ignore Whitfield Lane and walk by the right hand side of the chapel.

Just beyond the chapel is The Hague School building with its commemorative plaque. On the right is 'The Beehive'. *Its signs claim that it sells Taylor's beers but it appears to be closed during the day.*

Then turn left down Whitfield Cross. Follow this down heading towards a church spire at the main road.

You come to the main road opposite 'The Crown'. *This is a popular Samuel Smith's pub with a good interior. It appears in the Good Beer Guide.*

Turn right and follow the main road down into Glossop. *You pass a number of interesting buildings that have found new purposes and notice the attractive Town Hall on the left. Opposite this the Glossop Café is an option for refuelling.*

Go over the crossroads past the side of The Norfolk Arms and the railway station is on your left. *Over half of what was once a fair sized country railway station is now the Coop Supermarket.*

CLASSIFICATION: EASY. MEDIUM LENGTH WALK.
ARCHITECTURE, COUNTRY VIEWS
RAIL FARE: category one.

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