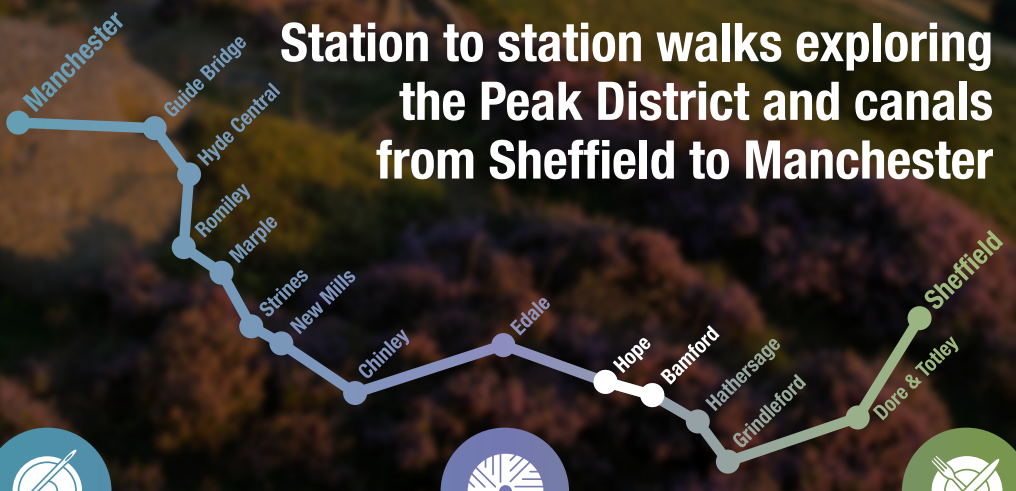
THE STEEL COTTON RAIL TRAIL

Bamford Hope

Station to station walks exploring the Peak District and canals from Sheffield to Manchester



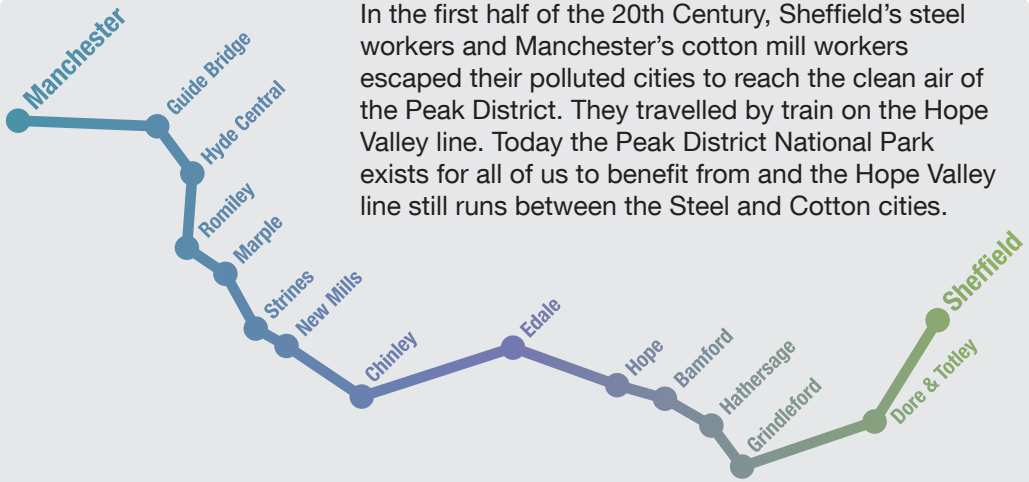
Thread your way along the Steel Cotton Rail Trail across the Peak District, from city to city and station to station.

Walk over the hills and down into the majestic sweep of the Hope Valley, alongside Manchester's canals, through woodland and meadows. Discover fascinating heritage highlights along the way on this route through the industrial past.

Plus, you always have the option to stop at the next station and catch a train back home.

Do as little or as much as you like.

All practical steps have been taken to ensure the accuracy of these routes, but all walks are taken at your own responsibility and we advise that you take a map with you in addition to this booklet.



In the first half of the 20th Century, Sheffield's steel workers and Manchester's cotton mill workers escaped their polluted cities to reach the clean air of the Peak District. They travelled by train on the Hope Valley line. Today the Peak District National Park exists for all of us to benefit from and the Hope Valley line still runs between the Steel and Cotton cities.

Look out for the Steel Cotton Rail Trail waymarkers along the route to guide you.

Bamford to Hope

Bamford station lies just over 1km downhill from the village centre which is between the Hope Valley and Ladybower reservoir.

This section of the Steel Cotton Rail Trail offers you a gentle route via the hamlets of Shatton and Brough, wandering through low-lying meadows to take in the views of the Hope Valley.

About the walk

This walk is level for the most part with some moderate gradients.

There are some stiles, steps, narrow gates and sometimes muddy paths through fields. The route crosses the Hope Valley road (A6187) twice. This route is not fully accessible.

It is covered on Ordnance Survey (OS) Explorer, Dark Peak OL1.

Practicalities

There are no facilities at Bamford or Hope stations but there is a café on the route at the Hope Valley Garden Centre, about 500m from Bamford station and in Bamford village, about 1km uphill from the station is The Anglers Rest, a community-run pub, café, post office and public toilets.

In Hope, about 1km from the station, there are public toilets, cafes, shops and pubs.

Bamford Village (with view of Bamford Edge)

Hope Valley

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DISTANCE: 2.4 / 3.9 IN MILES / KILOMETRES

HIGHEST POINT: 170 / 52 IN FEET / METRES

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Hope Valley views

Navio Roman Fort

Navio Roman Fort at Brough was about 3 acres in size when first built in 80AD of timber and earthworks. It was connected by road to Melandra (near Glossop), Buxton and Manchester and enabled access to local lead mining sites.

William Eyre & Sons

William Eyre & Sons at Brough began as a family business in 1885, known as Brough Corn Mill. It is now the country store for the Hope Valley and beyond. You can see the old mill, wheelhouse, millpond and weir as you cross the river.

The Toll Gates

The Toll Gates next to Bamford station were originally located on the main valley turnpike road to collect payment from vehicles passing through. Charges then went into paying for the construction of the turnpike road.

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Exit Bamford Station by the steps at the end of the platform and turn left. Cross over the main road to the bus stop.

The Toll Gates

Keep the bus stop on your left and walk to the end of the quiet road called Mytham Bridge.

Turn right over the river Derwent.

2

Walk past the Hope Valley Garden Centre and cross over the road.

Turn left and walk over the river to Shatton. Follow this road to the right and then take a right fork onto Noe Lane.

3

At the end of the lane, cross the stile into a field.

Continue through three fields with the fence on your left until you reach stone steps down to a single-track lane.

Cross the lane and go up the steps opposite.

4

Turn right through a gate and follow the footpath keeping the barn on the left.

At the end of the footpath carry straight on along a stony track running parallel to the road.

Continue on the track to eventually merge with the road and continue on until you arrive at Shatton Hall.

5

Take the right fork through a wide gate to follow the stony track round to the left.

Go through another wide gate and down through the wooded area to meet a road. Continue downhill and go right to reach the main road through the hamlet of Brough.

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Cross the road and turn right, passing William Eyre & Sons (formerly Brough Mill) on the left.

William Eyre & Sons

Cross the River Noe using the footbridge then take a signposted footpath to the left diagonally across a field to cross a stile in the hedge along the main road. Cross over the road and turn left.

Navio Roman Fort

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Walk past Melodys Corner (house) and at the end of the garden wall take the footpath on the right.

Walk up through the field to a stile, keeping the hedgerow and stream to your right. Cross the stile onto a narrow path to meet a single-track tarmac road.

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Turn left here and in 50m turn right and the path leads you to Hope Station.

If you wish to continue the route to Edale, cross over the railway bridge at Hope Station to join the footpath up through the fields.

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