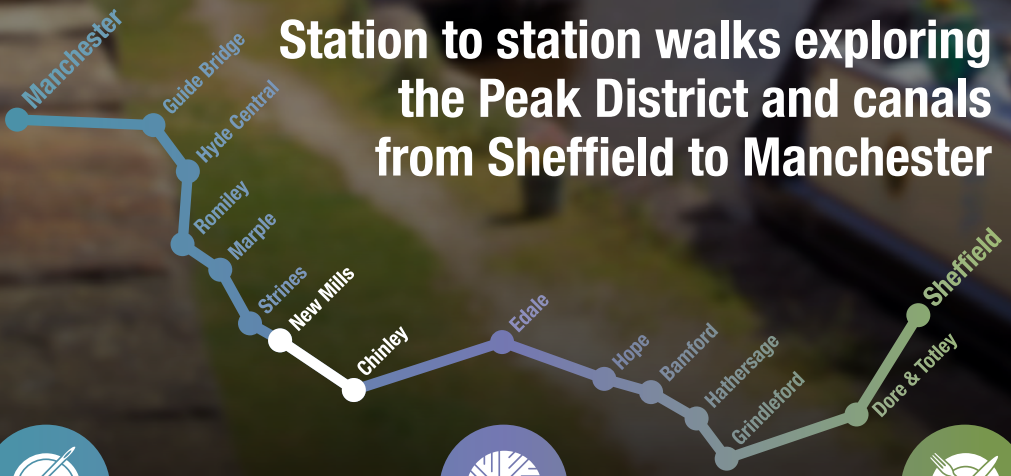
Chinley New Mills

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



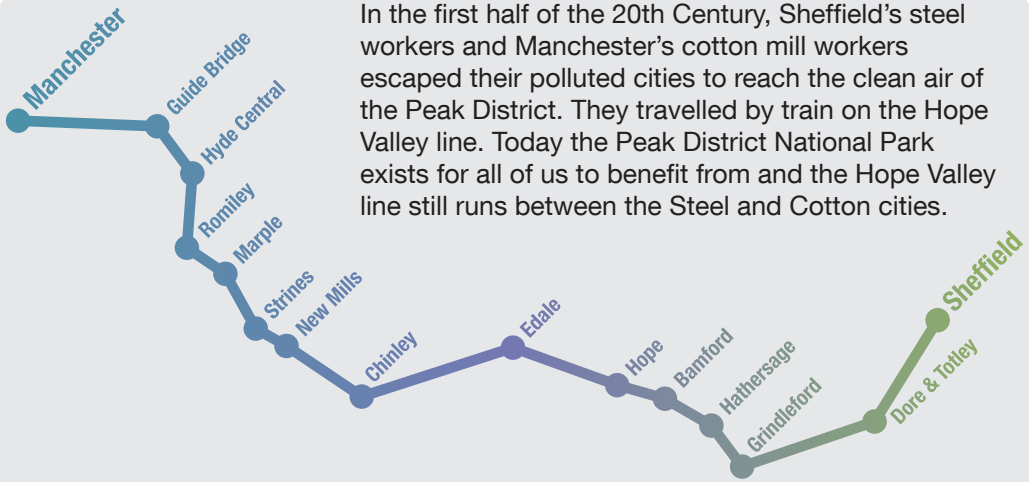
Thread your way along the Steel Cotton Rail Trail across the Peak District, from city to city and station to station.

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.

Chinley to New Mills

Chinley station is a 5-minute walk from the village centre. Chinley lies on the edge of the Peak District hills close to the Peak Forest Tramway Trail and canal. New Mills is served by two stations, Central and Newtown. This route directs you to New Mills Central. New Mills is a small town with a vibrant community, a wealth of industrial heritage and creative arts, set in a dramatic landscape.

This section of the Trail offers you low-level walking along the Peak Forest Tramway Trail and canal, to the river Goyt and the Millennium Walkway. You'll trace the historic routes of horse-drawn wagons which transported limestone to Bugsworth Basin. The quiet towpaths, narrowboats and riverside woodland make this a fascinating and peaceful walk with a spectacular finale.

About the walk

This walk takes about 2 hours and is level for the most part with two gates and no stiles. There is a downhill section from Chinley and an uphill section at New Mills. It is not all fully accessible due to some steps and narrow bridges. Parts of the route can be very muddy in winter.

Practicalities

At Chinley station there is a map of the village on exit. Public toilets are on the corner of Green Lane and Lower Lane. There are several shops and a café in the village centre.

From New Mills Central station there is an uphill walk to the centre of town where you'll find plenty of shops, cafés and pubs. Public toilets are situated in High Lea park at the top of the station road and to the left.

Chinley shops

Millennium Walkway, New Mills

DIFFICULTY: EASY LEVEL

DISTANCE: 4.3 / 7.0 IN MILES / KILOMETRES

HIGHEST POINT: 150 / 46 IN FEET / METRES

Torr Vale Mill

Torr Vale Mill was the longest running operational textile mill in the UK. A Grade II listed building, the mill ceased textile production in 2000.

Torrs Hydro

Torrs Hydro was the first community owned and operated hydroelectric scheme set up in the UK. It is located at the confluence of the rivers Sett and Goyt and supplies the local Co-op store with green electricity.

Chinley Churn

Chinley to Bugsworth Tramway

Bugsworth Basin

Bugsworth Basin was the largest and busiest inland port on Britain's narrow canal system and the only one to survive intact. It is now managed by the Canal and River Trust.

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From Chinley station turn left and pass the station car park on the left. At the Station Road T-junction turn right and go through the village passing the Post Office on the left.

Keep straight on and walk downhill out of the village centre.

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Pass the scout hut on your left then as the road starts to rise again, turn right onto a public footpath (Peak Forest Tramway Trail).

After about 200m carry straight on across a tarmac road and follow the track to the road at Bugsworth. Turn left and downhill, passing the Navigation Inn on your left. Turn right along the canal side track into Bugsworth Basin.

Bugsworth Basin

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Continue for about 1km to reach a canal T-junction. Turn right here to join the Goyt Way and the Midshires Way along the canal towpath.

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Continue along the towpath for about 2.5km through Furness Vale Marina and past a row of cottages on your right.

At bridge no. 29 take a hairpin right turn down a narrow path and emerge onto a metal footbridge over the River Goyt.

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Cross the footbridge and continue along the Goyt Way, turning left at the T-junction by Goytside Farm. Keep on the Goyt Way with the River Goyt on the left, and soon pass under a large stone railway viaduct.

You are now walking in The Torrs Riverside Park.

Torrs Hydro

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Just as the track begins to climb away from the river, take a turn on the left where there is a short stretch of metal handrail, to follow a narrower path alongside the river.

Pass under Queens Bridge, a two-tier stone arch bridge and soon after cross over the Millward Memorial Bridge (1984). Descend a few stone steps from the footbridge and bear left towards the Millennium Walkway, passing under another large stone viaduct.

Follow the path onto the Millennium Walkway, with Torr Vale Mill across the river on your left.

Torr Vale Mill

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To reach Torr Vale Mill, cross the footbridge at the end of the Millennium Walkway. To get to New Mills Central station, bear right up the path opposite the mill. The station is directly in front of you as you reach the road at the top of the path.

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Respect everyone, Protect the environment, Enjoy the outdoors.