



TR Register Shropshire Group's Peak District Tour Sept 12-16 Itinerary and Highlights



Runs

We have developed 5 runs plus a scenic drive out and back. The plan is to have 1 run each day led by one of the organising group plus 2 self-guided alternatives if you do not wish to join one of the main runs.

We have planned:

Sun 12th	Led by Greg, a scenic drive to Buxton avoiding all major towns visiting Mow Cop, Biddulph Grange, the Roaches and Lud's Church. Mow Cop and Lud's Church will be optional visits.
Mon 13th	Led by Roger, a scenic drive to Haddon Hall starting down Dovedale and taking in Arbor Low, Tideswell and Bakewell. We should hit Bakewell for its weekly market.
Tues 14th	Led by Peter, a longer drive covering many of the best driving roads in the Peaks. We will take in the Oil Can Café, the Dambusters' Reservoir, Snake Pass, Woodhead and the Cat and Fiddle.
Wed 13th	Led by Gordon, a scenic drive through the Goyt Valley and Edale returning via Castleton to Buxton. From Castleton you have the option to visit Peveril castle and/or Speedwell Cavern.
Thurs 14th	Led by Roger, Scenic drive to visit Cromford Mills and the Crich Tramway Museum followed by a return to Shropshire

The Self guided routes are:

For walkers	This is a scenic run along Dovedale and the Manifold Valley stopping at Hartington for morning tea. There are planned stops in both Dovedale and Manifold valley which allow plenty of time to walk along these scenic valleys. Ask Greg for details.
Chatsworth visit	Scenic drive to Eyam and Chatsworth taking in the views from Hucklow Edge and Millers dale. Ask Gordon for details.

To help you decide which runs to take, we have extracted the highlights from each run.

Shropshire to Buxton

Mow Cop Castle (National Trust, free to enter)



Mow Cop Castle is a folly on the southernmost outcrop in Cheshire. At its highest point (335m) stands a tower that was built as a summer house in 1754 by Randle Wilbraham, the local Lord of the Manor. This tower is visible for miles and has a great view across the Cheshire and Shropshire plain. Interesting fact - it was where the first Primitive Methodist service was held in 1807.

Biddulph Grange Gardens (National Trust, £10 to non-members)



A masterpiece of Victorian garden design - a quirky, playful paradise. This amazing Victorian garden was created by James Bateman for his collection of plants from around the world. A visit takes you on a global journey from Italy to the pyramids of Egypt, a Victorian vision of China and a re-creation of a Himalayan glen.

The garden features collections of rhododendrons, summer bedding displays, a stunning Dahlia Walk and the oldest surviving golden larch in Britain, brought from China in the 1850s.

The Roaches and Lud's Church



The Roaches are gritstone outcrops above Leek and Tittesworth Reservoir. They offer stunning panoramic views which, on a clear day allows you to see much of Cheshire, Winter Hill in Lancashire and even Snowdon in Wales! We are not planning to stop for a walk but if you do stop for the best views, climb the stone steps to the left of the stone cottage built into the hillside (Rockhall Cottage or the Don Whillans Memorial Hut), and walk along the rocky ridge.



Lud's Church is either a 5km walk from the Roaches car park or a 10 minute drive to Gradbach (we plan to drive). It is an 18m deep 100m long chasm renowned for the brightly coloured mosses that cover the chasm in the damp atmosphere.

Haddon Hall

Arbor Low



One of the largest stone circles in England and dates from around 2000BC. There are 47 stones, none of them still standing upright. The stones were originally enclosed by a henge. Just to the west of Arbor Low is Gib Hill where there is a large barrow dating from the early Bronze Age.

Haddon Hall



Haddon Hall is one of the most beautiful and romantic of buildings, occupying a matchless site overlooking the River Derwent. The earliest masonry dates from the 12th Century but most of what we see is either 15th Century or Tudor, the south front containing the long gallery having been added in 1600. It has been the seat of the Manners family since 1558 and this occupation by one family is one reason why the house has managed to maintain the atmosphere of the Middle Ages.

Tideswell



Tideswell is a large, well-appointed village set in the limestone uplands near Buxton. It has some fine old buildings and a remarkable church. The magnificent church of St John the Baptist is with justification known as the "Cathedral of the Peak", built entirely in the 14th century, it contains some notable monuments, brasses and woodcarvings.

Bakewell



Idyllically situated on the banks of the river Wye, the biggest town in the Peak District National Park's mellow stone buildings, medieval five-arched stone bridge and quaint courtyards are a magnet for painters, photographers and sightseers alike. But, of course Perhaps best known for its unique and delicious Pudding.

Snake Pass and The Oil Can Cafe

This is a scenic social run of approximately 102.5 miles with the purpose of driving along some of the District's best driving roads and through varying landscapes.

Fairholmes Visitor Centre

We will visit the visitor centre at the Dambuster's practice dam although there is a walk if you wish to actually see the dam itself.



The Carding Shed

We will visit The Carding Shed classic car themed café where we will be able to view (through glass windows) a working car restoration garage. There are also shops here selling period items including clothes.



The Navigation Inn, Bugsworth Basin Nr Whaley Bridge

Bugsworth Basin is a canal basin at the terminus of the Peak Forest Canal. It is located at Buxworth in the valley of the Black Brook, close to Whaley Bridge. It was once a busy interchange with the Peak Forest Tramway, for the transport of limestone and burnt lime.

The Navigation Inn, Buxworth Derbyshire, is a real ale pub with real home cooked food and real fires. We are located at Bugsworth Basin next to the canal in the High Peak. We have a proper country pub atmosphere that welcomes dogs, walkers, boaters and many more.



Goyt Valley, Edale and Castleton

Erwood Hall and the Errwood Reservoir



Errwood Hall was built in 1830 by Samuel Grimshawe. The hall was the centre of a thriving estate of over 2,000 acres. Much of the farmland of the estate is now submerged under the waters of the Errwood Reservoir.

Edale - the Start of the Pennine Way and the "Booths"



Edale village is almost a place of pilgrimage for long-distance walkers since the Penine Way begins here extending 250 miles northwards and ending in Scotland. However two centuries ago few people visited this remote valley and only a handful of shepherds and farmers lived there in settlements called "booths".

Peveril Castle



The imposing ruins of Peveril Castle stand high above the pretty village of Castleton in the heart of Derbyshire's Peak District. Mentioned in the Domesday survey, Peveril Castle is one of England's earliest Norman fortresses. The keep was built by Henry II in 1176.

Winnats Pass and Speedwell Cavern



Two more of the attractions at Castleton. There will be time to visit Speedwell before we make our way out of Castleton up Winnats Pass.

The trip home and Crich Tramway Museum

Cromford Mill



Cromford Mill was the world's first water-powered cotton spinning mill, developed by Richard Arkwright in 1771 in Cromford, Derbyshire, England. The mill structure is classified as a Grade I listed building. It is now the centrepiece of the Derwent Valley Mills UNESCO World Heritage Site, and is a multi-use visitor centre with shops, galleries, restaurants and cafes.

Crich Tramway Village



The National Tramway Museum is located at Crich, Derbyshire, England. The museum contains over 60 trams built between 1873 and 1982 and is set within a recreated period village containing a working pub, cafe, old-style sweetshop and tram depots. The museum's collection of trams runs through the village-setting with visitors transported one-mile out into the local countryside and back

Dovedale and Manifold Valley

Hartington



A picturesque village with a good choice of pubs & teashops. Formerly known for cheese-making and the mining of ironstone, limestone and lead, the village is now popular with tourists. Ideal place to stop for morning tea.

Dovedale



Dovedale is known for impressive limestone ravines created by the River Dove and the picturesque stepping stones across the river. This trip visits the centre of the valley rather than the more usual valley ends. An hour's gentle walking from our stop will give you time to get away from the roads, enjoy the peace in the valley and take in some of the ravines and caves

the dale is famous for.

Manifold Valley



Manifold Valley is a lovely steep sided valley with the River Manifold running through its bottom. The river, known for its limestone beds, rises on Axe Edge near Buxton and flows south for 12 miles. We will stop at Wetton Mill, closed in 1857 but now a popular picnic spot. Again an hour's gentle walking will get you into the centre of this picturesque valley

Miller's Dale and Chatsworth

Miller's Dale



John Ruskin wrote that you might have seen the Gods in this dale before it was despoiled by the railway running through it, but it is still very beautiful. The dale takes its name from the old corn mill here which was powered by the waters of the River Wye.

Tideswell



Is it a village or a town? It's certainly big enough to be a town with a large church and market charter of 1250. The beautiful 14th century church was built from the fortunes of lead mining and the woollen trade. It contains outstanding pre-reformation monuments and brasses. Oat cakes were a staple diet in bygone times and they are still baked here. Plenty of places to stop for coffee.

Eyam - the Plague Village



In many respects Eyam is similar to Tideswell, it is a large village whose prosperity was founded on lead mining and wool. Disaster struck in 1665 when a tailor received a roll of cloth from London. It arrived damp so he opened it to dry and released plague infested fleas. Within days the tailor, his landlady and her son had died, followed soon by the neighbours. Many villagers started to leave so the local rector persuaded the villagers to isolate themselves. Food

was left at the parish boundaries, and services were held in the open air.

Chatsworth House (House & Garden £22. Garden only £13).



This great English seat of the Duke of Devonshire needs little introduction and the house and grounds are extensive. The Canal Cascade and the 290 ft Emperor Fountain are worth seeing in their own right.