

## D224A: Brassington - Ballidon - Bradbourne Circuit

↔ 6.1mi

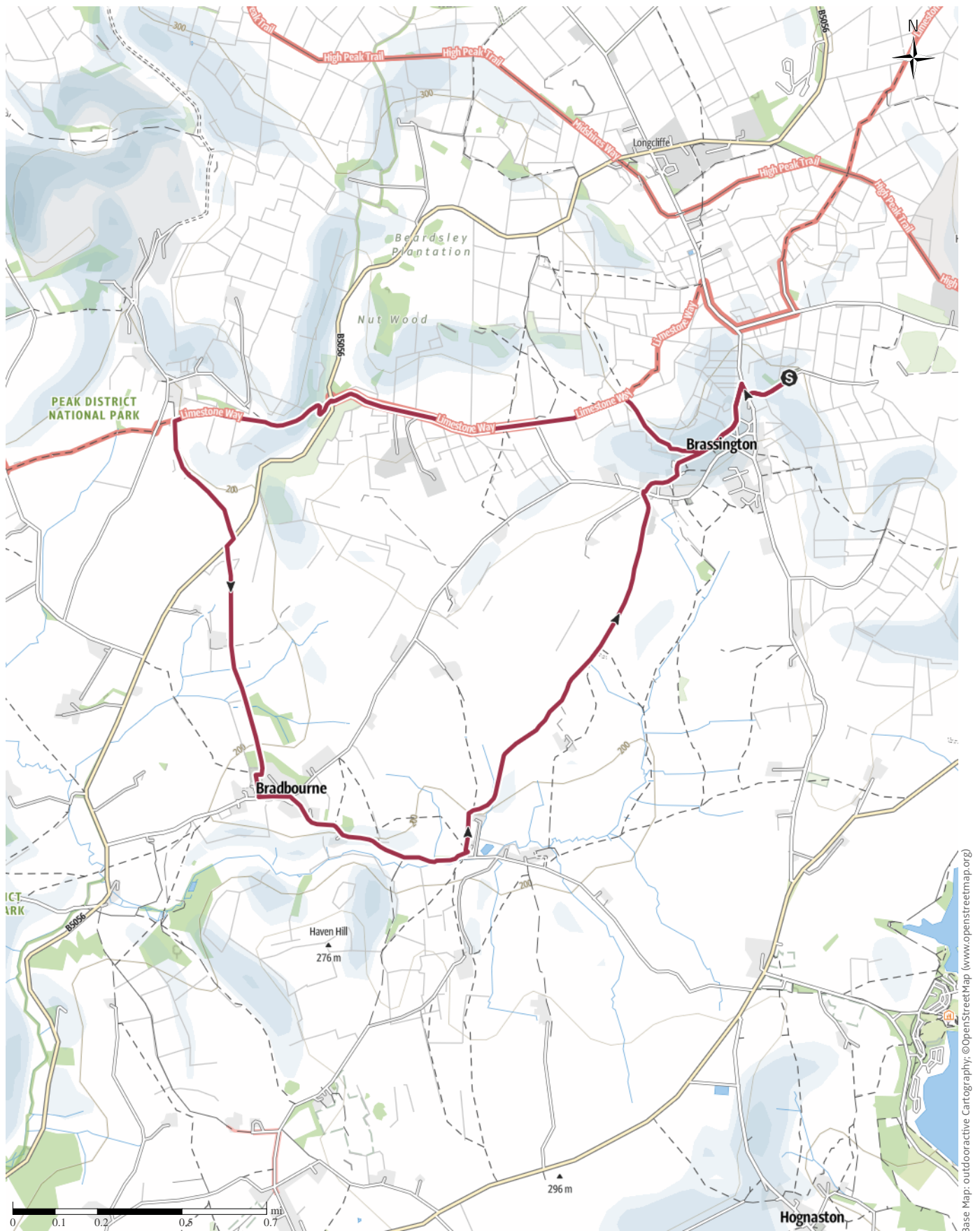
🕒 2:40h

⬆ 610ft

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Difficulty

moderate

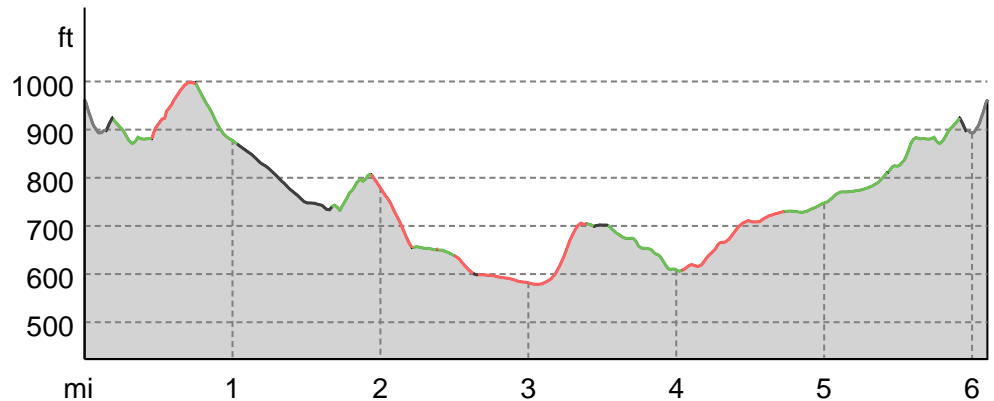


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## Road surface

Asphalt	0.3mi
Way	2.8mi
Path	2.1mi
Street	0.9mi

## Elevation profile



## route data

## Hiking route

Distance ↔ 6.1 mi

Duration ⌚ 2:40 h

Ascent ▲ 610 ft

Descent ▼ 610 ft

Difficulty moderate

Stamina ■■■■■

Technique ■■■■■

Altitude



## Best time of year

JAN | FEB | MAR  
 APR | MAY | JUN  
 JUL | AUG | SEP  
 OCT | NOV | DEC

## Ratings

## Authors

Experience ●●●●●

Landscape ●●●●●

## Community

## More route data



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A walk through some of the less visited limestone country. Interesting villages; Brassington has many remains of lead mining; Ballidon has an unusual old church and Bradbourne is a "doubly thankful" village. From Bradbourne, there is an attractive optional extension around Haven Hill (Basic route is 6.1 miles; extended route is 7.7 miles) Ref: D224A

Route includes three very different but interesting villages and passes some impressive rock formations (Rainster Rocks). The short section out of Ballidon is muddy but most of the route is on (mainly) decent footpaths, tracks or quiet roads. Medium grade but no steep climbs or descents.

Brassington car park is on outskirts of village but worth taking time to look around village which has a long tradition of lead mining. The many bell pits on the path out, bear witness to this. Two pubs.

Ballidon is just a hamlet that is now mainly known for the quarry. There is a constant stream of heavy lorries down the narrow road. The small church is well worth a visit.

Bradbourne is a "doubly thankful" village. Bradbourne is the only such village in Derbyshire and one of only 13 in all of England and Wales. It contains some impressive houses, including Bradbourne Hall.

Instead of the more direct route back to Brassington, it is worth extending it with a southerly circuit around Haven Hill before picking up the basic route again at Park Farm (218 524)

## Author's recommendation

*Feasible all year but probably better in summer*

## Turn-by-turn directions

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### Starting point / trailhead

Car park is on Wirksworth Dale, off Dale End on the north east corner of Brassington village. Grid Ref: SK 234 546 Nearest Post Code: DE4 4NT

### Coordinates:

DD: 53.088732, -1.652574

DMS: 53°05'19.4"N 1°39'09.3"W

UTM: 30U 590238 5882989

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### Turn-by-turn directions

From the car park head back west towards the village and RIGHT up Dale End and very soon sharp left down King's Hill; then fork right along Hillside. Take the footpath on the right heading uphill above the houses. Follow this path generally NW up through the old mining area until you reach the junction (226 546). Then take the track left and walk WSW until you reach Pasture Lane. Carry on westwards along the lane until you reach the bottom of the hill. Cross the B5056 and go through the gate opposite. Follow the track opposite up the hill (good views along the dale). Near the top of the hill, the path splits off the farm track. You can either follow the path west down towards Ballidon church or continue down along the farm track to Ballidon hamlet and Cow Close Farm. If the latter then you need to turn left along the road to the church (beware - many heavy lorries!). Go up to the church (worth a look) and then turn due south. This next section is very muddy!! Continue until you reach the B5056 again at 206 538. Pick up the path opposite a few metres to the right. Continue southwards to the left of the farm buildings. Cross a couple of fields to reach the right hand edge of a wood and follow path uphill until you reach Bradbourne churchyard, with the imposing Bradbourne Hall on your left. Exit on to the road. Here, you can decide whether or not to do the extra loop around Haven Hill (the extra loop adds 1.6 miles / 2.6 km to the route).

### Basic route

Turn left past Bradbourne Hall to a junction. The left fork leads to Brassington. Ignore this and take the right fork for Carsington. Follow road with stream on your right as far as Park Farm. You need a footpath on the left, just before the farm. If you reach the farm drive, you have gone too far. Follow the path north around Park Farm and then around Crowtrees Farm (bit of an obstacle course!). As you leave the farm, the path splits. Take the one that goes initially NE (not north up the hill!). Follow the path across fields until it eventually becomes Nether Lane. Follow the lane all the way back to Brassington. Cross the road and follow lane up

through the village to reach Hillside again. Retrace steps to car park.

### Extension around Haven Hill

Instead of turning left out of the churchyard, turn right and proceed west along road for about a quarter of a mile until the houses end. Take the stile on the left. Ignore path on right and head SW towards a line of trees. Although not obvious, there is a gap in the trees. Go through and follow the track roughly parallel to the trees and the stream below. Continue down to valley bottom and cross river by small footbridge. Turn left and follow track SE up the valley for about 1 km until you reach a minor road. Turn left and reach Newhouse Farm. Continue up the road until it forks (213515). Ignore road to right and keep straight on along grassy track. Follow this roughly north until it descends, becomes a rough road. Cross a stream and reach Brackendale Lane. Turn right and follow lane with stream on your right until you reach Park Farm. Rejoin Basic Route here.

### Protected areas

#### National park Peak District

### The following rules may apply in protected areas:

Please note the local information on nature conservation.

### Takeaway route for iPhone and Android



Scan QR code, save this route offline, share with friends and more...

#### Website

<https://out.ac/wmk4c>

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## Legend

### Topography

	Wood, forest
	Moor, swamp, marsh
	Moorland
	Residential building area with single building
	Industrial real estate with single building
	Cemetery
	Golf course
	Sportsfield, stadium
	Stadium
	Open air pool
	Vineyard
	Petrograph
	Country border
	State border
	District border
	Contour line
	Special use area
	Nature reserve

### Topographic single signs

	Summit cross
	Elevation spot
	Rock
	Cave
	Church
	Chapel
	Cemetery
	Palace/Castle
	Abbey
	Monument
	Ruin
	Mine
	Cairn
	Broadcasting tower
	Windwheel
	Water-/windmill
	Viewpoint

### Streets and ways

	Freeway with number
	Highway with number
	State-, country-, districtstreet
	Village road
	Main agricultural road
	Agricultural road
	Trail
	Via Ferrata

### Lifts, Railway

	Ropeway lift
	Gondola lift
	Chairlift
	Ski-, draglift
	Aerial ropeways
	Railway
	Suburban train
	Subway
	Tram
	Railway station