

D227: Lathkill Valley from the south

↔ 5.4mi

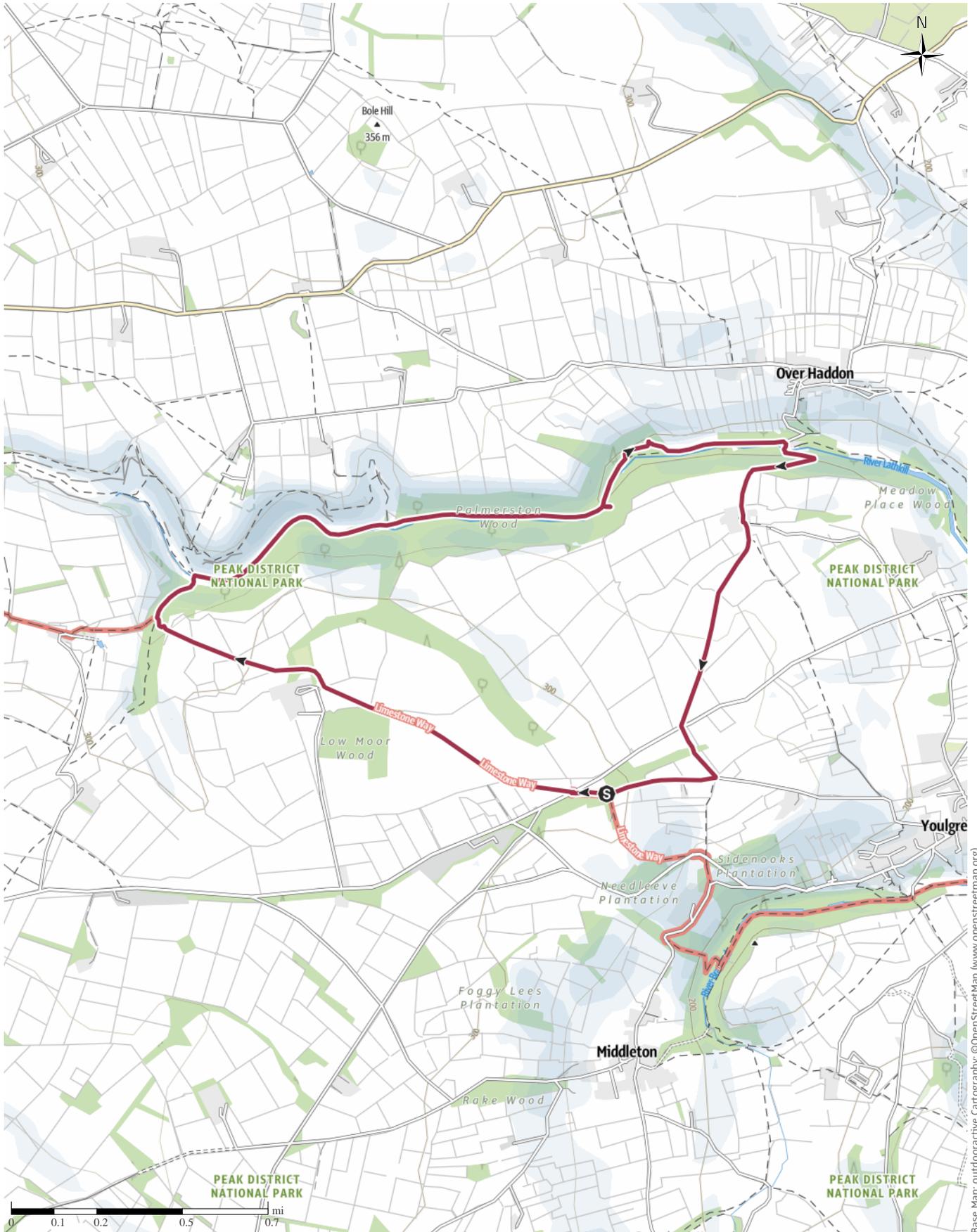
🕒 2:20h

▲ 453ft

▼ 453ft

Difficulty

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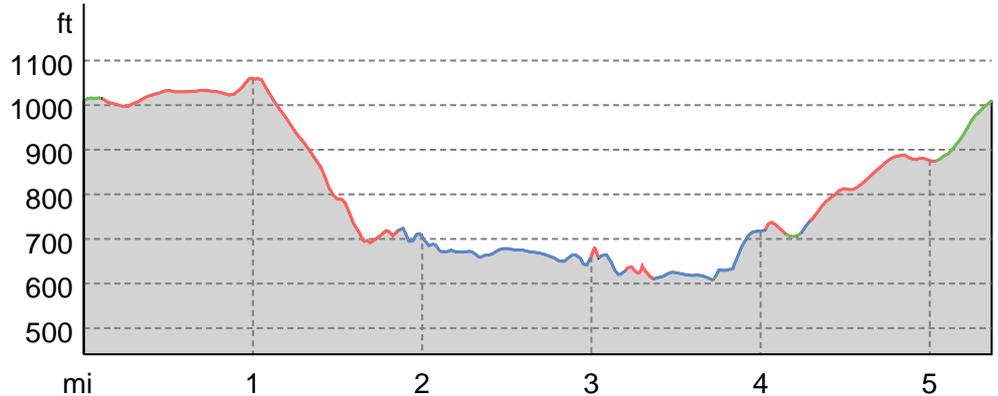


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Road surface

Dirt road	2mi
Way	0.5mi
Path	2.8mi
Street	0mi

Elevation profile



route data

Hiking route

Distance	↔	5.4 mi
Duration	🕒	2:20 h
Ascent	▲	453 ft
Descent	▼	453 ft

Difficulty: -

Stamina: ●●●●●

Technique: ●●●●●

Altitude: 1060 ft / 610 ft

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 full of spectacular scenery and geological and industrial archaeology interest. Includes one descent of steep limestone steps and a very muddy farmyard. May be easier anti-clockwise but that does not give the great initial view of Lathkill from Cales Dale.

Easy walk across fields to Cales Dale, with great view of Lathkill Dale, then tricky descent down limestone steps to valley floor. Across bridge into main Lathkill Valley. Eastwards along beautiful valley. Lots of interest on the way. Visit Bateman's house and Mandale Mine. Cross river below Over Haddon and return via Meadow Place Grange.

Author's recommendation

Great walk provided that you are comfortable with steep steps and muddy farmyards!

Safety information

Steep steps down into Cales Dale.

Additional information

Tips, hints and links

If you don't want to chance the steps and muddy farmyard, you can see much of this lovely part of Lathkill by descending from Over Haddon and approaching westwards. You can also avoid the farm slurry by walking further along Lathkill Dale to Conksbuy Bridge and then returning WSW up Back Lane.

Turn-by-turn directions

Starting point / trailhead

Moor Lane Car Park, Moor Lane, Youlgreave, DE45 1LU (OS SK 194644) (w3w: ///funded.custodial.poodle) or layby on Back Lane (192644)

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Coordinates:

DD: 53.177013, -1.710851

DMS: 53°10'37.2"N 1°42'39.1"W

UTM: 30U 586159 5892738

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Point of arrival

Circular route

Turn-by-turn directions

From the car park, turn left and up to junction with Back Lane. Note the remains of mine working on your right (High Rake). Cross the road and take the path opposite (Limestone Way) heading WNW across fields. Go through the nature reserve at Low Moor and skirt around to the right of Calling Low Farm buildings. Head through a small wood to emerge out on to fields with the land dropping away below. Continue WNW to reach Cales Dale. Take the limestone steps down (care!) into Cales Dale itself. If the weather is good you will have an excellent view of Lathkill Dale to your right. at the bottom, take the right fork (NW) from the signpost to Lathkill. Cross the footbridge at the bottom to join the main path through the valley.. Turn right and follow this path eastwards beside the river. Watch out for dippers in the clear water and note places where the river has been harnessed in earlier times to power the industry that once flourished in the valley.

About a mile and a half down the valley, you will see a bridge over the river and a ruined house over the other side. This is Bateman's House - check it out for some hidden surprises. Then cross back to the north bank and continue eastwards. You will soon see a couple of unimpressive looking depressions on your left. These are sink holes, but unique ones in that the water sinks through tufa not holes in the limestone and flows below river level. Continue until you see a side path on the left leading up to a derelict engine house. Follow this side path to see the remains of the once-mighty Mandale Mine. As you rejoin the main path, you can see the remains of the leat along which water pumped from the mine was returned to the river. Travelling on eastwards, the path becomes increasingly well paved, eventually becoming a road and emerging to meet a road coming down from Over Haddon at some houses. Here cross the river by the old stone bridge and follow the zig-zag track uphill to the top. Go through the gate into an open field and head half left to the farm buildings (Meadow Place Grange). Go through the farm yard and head slightly left to pick up the path opposite. It is almost impossible to avoid mud as you head up to the field gate. Pass through into the field and head uphill SSW across several fields to reach Back Lane at a stile. Cross Back Lane and take path opposite going

SSE. Continue into a wood and note the large hole on your left, remains of High Rake. Continue across field to reach Moor Lane and turn right to reach the car park again.

Getting There

Getting there

You can approach from Youlgreave via Moor Lane but this is very narrow. It is slightly longer but easier to leave Youlgreave from the church northwards via Conksbury Lane. Continue until you reach a T-junction and turn left up Back Lane. You can either park in the layby at 192644 (where Moor Lane joins at an acute angle on the left) or turn sharp left down Moor Lane. The main car park is immediately on your right.

Parking

Moor Lane Car Park, Moor Lane, Youlgreave, DE45 1LU (OS SK 194644) (w3w: ///funded.custodial.poodle) or layby on Back Lane (192644)

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/xAjaX>

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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