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Free Walking Weekend Details

Free Walking Weekend commencing Saturday 7th July 2018

Howden Edge and Slippery Stones

The Peak District

Here are the details for The Free Walking Weekend of 7th/8th July 2018 – which will be located in the Peak District. The weekend is free as far as our services are concerned, though you will need to pay for your own expenses such as food and accommodation.

Plan

Saturday: This is a delightful (though not easy) walk into the wilderness of the Dark Peak affording us fine views over the Derwent Watershed. On the way back in we pass the pools at Slippery Stones, and if it's a hot day this will be a perfect opportunity for a dip! 15 miles including mandatory man-eating bogs.

Sunday: From Surprise View car park we'll head up and over Mother Cap before looping back past Lawrencefield and returning via Padley Gorge. As short Peak District walks go – this is a favourite of mine. We should easily be done for 1200.

Meeting up times

Find us in the Fairholmes car park (pay and display) at the end of the Ladybower Reservoir located off the A57 ([see here](#)). Be ready to go at 0900 (an early start since it gets dark early). Please text or call me if there are any problems. My no. is 07791860163 though there is no signal once in the car park.

Accommodation

From campsites and barns to youth hostels and B&B's - it's all to be had in Castleton.

Camping and Bunkhouse

Pindale Farm Outdoor Centre
Pindale Farm, Pindale Road, Hope,
Derbyshire, S33 6RN
Tel: 01433 620111

B&B

Bargate Cottage
Market Place, Castleton,
S33 8WQ
Tel: 01433 620201

Causeway House
Back Street, Castleton,
S33 8WE
Tel: 01433 623291

Cryer House
Castle Street,
Castleton, S33 8WG
Tel: 01433 620244

Four Seasons B&B
Spital House, How Lane, Hope Valley,
Castleton, Derbyshire, S33 8WJ
Tel: 01433 620 655

Willow Croft
Pindale Road, Hope Valley, Castleton,
Buxton, Derbyshire, S33 8WU
Tel: 01433 620400

Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese Inn
How Lane, Castleton, Hope Valley,
S33 8WJ
Tel: 01433 620330

Public transport - how to get there:

Take the train to Hope (in the Hope Valley, Derbyshire) and from there you can walk to Castleton (2 miles), get a taxi or take the 272 bus.

Taxis will need to be pre-booked – try these numbers:

Ryders Taxis - 07805 029226
SOS Taxis - 01433 650975
Paul's Hire - 07972 583586

Note – you must make arrangements to find Castleton in Derbyshire – there is more than one Castleton in the UK!

Food

As you please – but you will need to bring good food for Saturday and Sunday – make sure you pack sandwiches and snacks such as dried fruit and nuts ([better than chocolate](#)). In the evening – we can eat at the pub that serves the usual pub food.

Equipment

a. Main rules of thumb:

Expect rain
Expect it hot sun
Steer clear of all things cotton (no jeans on the hill!)
Whatever you use, make sure it's comfortable.

Lunch and snacks
Waterproof jacket
Sun hat and cream
Comfortable boots to walk in
Swimming kit
Personal 1st Aid kit including blister kit (Compede for example)
Camera

b. You will need:

Day-sack (lined with a plastic bag)
Water bottles with about 2 litres of water

c. Optional items if you have them:

OS Map sheets 1:50,000 No.110
Walking poles
Gaiters (man-eating / bog proof)

Questions

Ok that's it I think – please fire away if you have any questions.