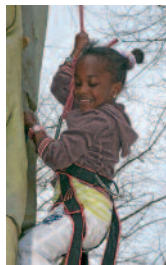


Tickets to ride

The **Peak District National Park** was Britain's first National Park. Because of its contrasting geology, the Peak District divides roughly into two halves - the heather moors, gritstone crags, reservoirs of the wilder **Dark Peak** to the north, and the softer limestone countryside of the **White Peak**, with dales, winding valleys, limestone outcrops, caves and green pastures in the south. The Peak District is a wonderful place to walk, cycle, canoe, climb or cave. You'll be guaranteed a warm welcome in a choice of village inns and cafes, with lots of places to stay.



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Travel information

Traveline 0871 200 22 33, www.traveline.info

Transport Direct www.transportdirect.info

National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50, www.nationalrail.co.uk

Derbyshire County Council (www.derbyshire.gov.uk) Bus and rail services timetable book available from bus stations and Tourist Information Centres in the Peak District.

Peak Connections Public transport information plus ideas for walks: www.visitpeakdistrict.com/peakconnections
www.bowersbuses.com for details of services 42, 61 and 442
www.trentbarton.co.uk for skyline 199 and transpeak (TP) buses.

Trains: www.northernrail.org for Hope Valley and Buxton Lines.

Greater Manchester public transport: www.gmpte.com

Main bus operators in the Peak District from Greater Manchester
Arriva 0844 800 44 11, www.arrivabus.co.uk

Stagecoach Manchester 0161 273 3377, www.stagecoachbus.com

Bowers Bus 01298 812204

Trent Barton 01773 712265

Visitor information

Peak District National Park Authority

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk 01629 816200

Peak District and Derbyshire tourism www.visitpeakdistrict.com

Youth Hostels in the area www.yha.org.uk

Alstonefield 0845 371 9501

Bretton 0845 371 9626

Castleton 0845 371 9628

Crowden 0845 371 9113

Edale 0845 371 9514

Eyam 0845 371 9738

Gradbach Mill 0845 371 9118

Hartington Hall 0845 371 9740

Hathersage 0845 371 9021

Ilam Hall 0845 371 9023

Ravenstor 0845 371 9655

Sheen 0845 371 9539

Youlgreave 0845 371 9151

Hostels in **green** are those where there is a walk of over 1 mile from the nearest bus stop. Other hostels may have a limited seasonal public transport service.

www.mosaicnationalparks.org

Wayfarer This ticket can be used to travel by bus, train and tram. You can buy Wayfarer in advance from staffed rail stations in Greater Manchester, GMPTC Travelshops, bus station enquiry offices in the area and from Tourist Information Centres in the Peak District. You simply date the ticket by scratching off your chosen day of travel. The tickets are valid on buses at any time and on trains and trams after 0930 on Mondays to Fridays, all day weekends and Bank Holidays. Wayfarer is accepted on all local buses and trains in Greater Manchester and parts of Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire (and most of the Peak District National Park). Wayfarer tickets cost £10 adult, £5 child, £5 concessions (proof of age for over 60s required) and £20 family (up to 4 persons, no more than 2 over 15 years of age).

Trains to the Peak
Day Return and longer stay return tickets from Greater Manchester can be purchased to all stations on the Hope Valley and Buxton Lines.

Transpeak bus passing Haddon Hall



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Peak District National Park

There is so much to see and do in the Peak District National Park, and it is just a short journey away! This is a guide to the best routes into the National Park, ideas for places to visit and for the right tickets for your day out.

Getting to the Dark Peak from Manchester

Take the Hope Valley Line local train to Sheffield from Manchester Piccadilly into the heart of the National Park with your Wayfarer ticket.

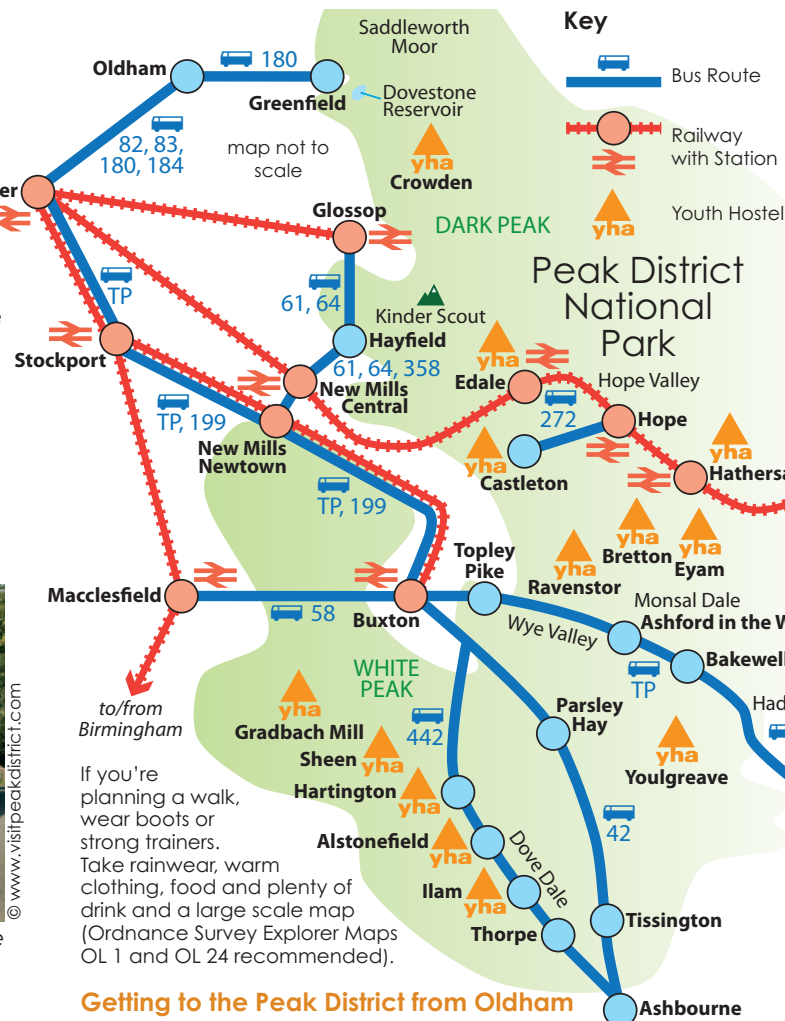
Get off at **New Mills** Central Station and walk up to the bus station (5 minutes walk) to catch bus 61 to **Hayfield**, the popular walker's village on the edge of **Kinder Scout** - the perfect starting point for many magnificent hill walks, for example to Kinder Reservoir along the Snake Path, or through Oaken Clough and down Jacob's Ladder, five fairly demanding miles to Edale. Or you can either walk or even hire bikes to ride the traffic-free Sett Valley Trail back to New Mills.



Edale

Leave the train at **Edale**, for the popular walkers' village and the National Park Visitor Centre. Edale is the start of the famous Pennine Way and other magnificent walks to Kinder Scout or to Mam Tor or Castleton, or maybe along the Losehill Ridge to Hope. Get off at **Hope** Station for more fine walks along the Hope Valley for example to Castleton (3 miles); or catch the regular bus 272 from the end of the station road to Castleton.

Castleton, a popular tourist village, has the romantic ruins of Peveril Castle to explore. It's also the place to visit the Peak's famous show caves. These include the Peak Cavern and only a short walk away are Treak Cliff Cavern, Blue John Cavern, famous for its semi-precious rock and Speedwell Cavern which is explored by boat along an underground canal.



Getting to the Peak District from Oldham

Oldham has its very own slice of the Peak District at **Dovestone Reservoir** near Saddleworth Moor. Catch the half hourly 180 First Bus service (hourly on Sundays) to the terminus at Greenfield, and follow the road to the reservoir or take footpaths, distance about 1 mile. Best value ticket for this journey is a **First Day** £4.10 adult, £2.10 child, £7 family.

For other destinations in the Peak District from Oldham, travel by bus to Manchester Piccadilly bus station, transferring to Piccadilly rail station for stopping trains towards Sheffield and Buxton, or to Chorlton Street Coach station for the transpeak (TP) bus service.

Remember to always check bus and rail times and days of operation before travelling.

The White Peak from Manchester

Take the Buxton Line train from Manchester Piccadilly or Stockport to Buxton

Buxton, known as the gateway to the Peak District, is a popular spa town with a range of shops and cafes, attractive gardens and a choice of riverside and longer walks. It is a good base from which to explore the western part of the Peak District.

From Buxton Station you can catch the regular transpeak (TP) bus (hourly from Buxton Station or every two hours from Manchester Chorlton Street Bus Station) through the scenic Wye Valley to Topley Pike - start of the 20km Monsal Trail (cycle trail), Taddington Dale (for walks into Monsal Dale), Ashford in the Water, Bakewell and Matlock Bath.

Ashford in the Water is a pretty Peak District village noted for its well dressing in June and beautiful medieval bridge over the River Wye - an easy stroll from here to Bakewell.

The lovely old market town of **Bakewell** is often referred to as 'the ancient capital of the Peak' and is famous for its puddings. There are shops, cafes, a visitor centre, many interesting buildings and choice of local walks, including access to the Monsal Trail.

From Buxton Station or Market Place you can also take Bus 42 (Bowers) towards Ashbourne. Get off at **Parsley Hay** to walk or cycle the High Peak and Tissington Trails (to book your cycle ring 01298 84493). Or take Bus 442 to **Hartington** or **Thorpe** for walks through the famous limestone valley of **Dovedale**.

Services and fares are subject to change. Some services are seasonal.



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