

## 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 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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Transpeak links Derby and Nottingham with the Peak District

### Travel information

**Traveline** 0871 200 22 33, [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

**Transport Direct** [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info)

**National Rail Enquiries** 08457 48 49 50, [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**Derbyshire County Council** ([www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/peakconnections)  
[www.trentbarton.co.uk](http://www.trentbarton.co.uk) for transpeak (TP) buses.

**Trains** [www.northernrail.org](http://www.northernrail.org) for Hope Valley and Buxton Lines.  
[www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk) for the Derwent Valley Line.

**Main bus operators in the Peak District from the Midlands**

Bowers Bus 01298 812204

Trent Barton 01773 712265

### Visitor information

**Peak District National Park Authority**

[www.peakdistrict.gov.uk](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk) 01629 816200

**Peak District and Derbyshire tourism**

[www.visitpeakdistrict.com](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com)

**Youth Hostels in the area** [www.yha.org.uk](http://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

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.

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

**Derbyshire Wayfarer** is a special bus and train ticket you buy in advance from any staffed rail station in Derbyshire, most bus stations enquiry offices throughout the area and from Tourist Information Centres in the Peak District. The tickets are valid on buses at any time and on trains after 0900 on Mondays to Fridays and all day Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. The Derbyshire Wayfarer can be used on trains in Derbyshire as far as Alfreton, Sheffield or New Mills, and all buses in Derbyshire, and on some buses in Nottinghamshire running to the Peak District National Park.

If you are travelling from Nottingham by train you can buy a Derbyshire Wayfarer at Nottingham station, with a special add-on fare to Langley Mill for £11.40 (£5.70 child, 50% discount for senior citizens.)

From Birmingham and other starting points you can ring 01629 536738 to order your Derbyshire Wayfarer ticket in advance with a credit card and use it from Derby or Langley Mill Stations or on the transpeak (TP) bus into the Peak District from Derby. Cheap "Supa Saver" or Flexible Returns bus tickets are also available on transpeak buses from Nottingham, Derby or Matlock.

### Travelling to the Peak District from Birmingham

If travelling from Birmingham by coach, a day return including the transpeak (TP) service can be bought in advance from National Express from their website: [www.nationalexpress.com/coach](http://www.nationalexpress.com/coach) Tickets can be as low as £15.70 Birmingham to Buxton day return (though there is an hour wait in Derby each way). Other journey options include taking the train to Buxton (via Stockport) or travelling by train to Macclesfield and then by bus into the Peak District.

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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.

## The Dark Peak from Derby or Nottingham

Take any train to Sheffield and change onto a Hope Valley Line local train to travel into the heart of the National Park. Use your Derbyshire Wayfarer ticket (valid after 9am weekdays from Derby Station or from Langley Mill).

Travel to **Grindleford** or **Hathersage** for riverside walks along the Derwent and Hope Valleys, or follow paths up to spectacular Stanage Moor for a choice of walks - and climbs.

Get off the train at **Edale**, the popular walkers' village, for the National Park Visitor Centre, 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.

Travel to **Hope** Station for more fine walks in the Hope Valley for example to Castleton (3 miles) or catch the regular 272 bus to Castleton from the end of the station road. **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.



Bakewell, ancient capital of the Peak

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



Cavedale, Castleton

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If you're planning a walk, wear boots or strong trainers. Take rainwear, warm clothing, food and plenty of drink and a large scale map (Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps OL 1 and OL 24 recommended).

## The White Peak from Derby, Nottingham and Birmingham

Take the train from Derby to Matlock then catch the transpeak (TP) bus service to Buxton or travel all the way from Derby or Nottingham on the transpeak bus.

From Nottingham Broadmarsh Bus Station, Derby Bus Station or Matlock Bus Station (near to the rail station) you can catch the transpeak (TP) bus service (hourly) to Matlock and through the heart of the National Park including the scenic Derwent and Wye Valleys.

From Birmingham, catch a connecting coach to Derby before getting the transpeak bus from Derby into the Peak District.

Places to visit from the transpeak (TP) bus include the lovely old market town of **Bakewell**. Often referred to as 'the ancient capital of the Peak' it 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.

**Ashford in the Water** is a pretty village noted for its "well dressing" in June and beautiful medieval bridge over the River Wye - an easy stroll from here to Bakewell. **Taddington** - get off here for walks into **Monsal Dale** and other valleys. Or, get off the bus at **Topley Pike** - close to the start of the scenic 20km Monsal Trail. **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.

## Birmingham to the White Peak via Macclesfield

Alternatively you can travel from Birmingham via Macclesfield (change from the railway to the bus station in Macclesfield) and take the scenic bus 58 through the White Peak countryside up to Buxton - some services on Sundays and Bank Holidays continue over to **Bakewell** and **Chatsworth House**. Fares start from around £18.50 Birmingham - Macclesfield return, if tickets are bought well in advance for particular trains. Then the rest of the trip can be covered by the Derbyshire Wayfarer.

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