

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.

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

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

Travel South Yorkshire

Traveline 01709 51 51 51, www.travelsouthyorkshire.com

Metro (West Yorkshire)

Metroline 0113 245 76 76, www.wymetro.com

Main bus operators in the Peak District from Sheffield & Kirklees

TM Travel 0114 2633890

First South Yorkshire 01709 566 000

First Calderdale & Huddersfield 0845 604 5460

Hulleys of Baslow 01246 582246

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

Tickets to ride

The **South Yorkshire Peak Explorer** ticket is the ideal low-cost way to discover the Peak District by bus. Buy it in advance from any Travel South Yorkshire enquiry office and other outlets in South Yorkshire and north Derbyshire. The tickets are valid for a day on buses and trams at any time within the whole of South Yorkshire and on buses in an area of the Peak District bounded by Bakewell, Buxton, Chinley and Glossop. Peak Explorer tickets cost £9 adult, £5.75 child and concessions (proof of age for over 60s required).



Bus 272 from Sheffield to Castleton

To get there by train, buy a **Derbyshire Wayfarer**, valid on Hope Valley line trains from Sheffield after 9am weekdays or all day Saturday and Sunday as far as Edale and New Mills also to Chesterfield, Derby and Matlock, and on most buses within the Derbyshire Peak District. £8.90 adult, £4.45 child or senior and £15.10 group (two adults and up to 3 children under 16.) Buy it at Sheffield Interchange or phone 01629 536738 to order in advance with a credit card.

If travelling within West Yorkshire, a **Metro Day Rover** can be an ideal solution. Prices range from £5 for bus only adult to £9.50 for a family using bus and train.

Cover photo: Salt Cellar, high above Ladybower Reservoir
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This leaflet was created as part of Mosaic, a project led by the Campaign for National Parks that aims to build links between ethnic minority communities in a selection of 20 cities across England, and the National Parks. As such this leaflet is not intended as a comprehensive resource of public transport options from all cities to the National Parks; it focuses on a selection of towns and cities that are part of the Mosaic project. The leaflet also does not include an exhaustive list of all public transport options available within the National Park, but rather provides a selection of public transport options for places that are easy to visit.

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Explore the Peak District National Park



Discover some of England's finest countryside from Sheffield and Kirklees the greener way - by bus and train



Building links between Ethnic Communities & National Parks

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 Sheffield

The Peak District National Park comes into the city boundaries of Sheffield. Take bus 241 or 242 from Sheffield Interchange direct to **Rivelin Dams** and **Ladybower**, or 65, 214, 272 and other services to the edge of the city at **Fox House** (and Longshaw Country Park) for wonderful walks into the National Park. Some 242 buses operate into the dramatic valley of the **Derwent Dams**.

Catch bus 272 from Sheffield Interchange direct to the **Hope Valley** and **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.

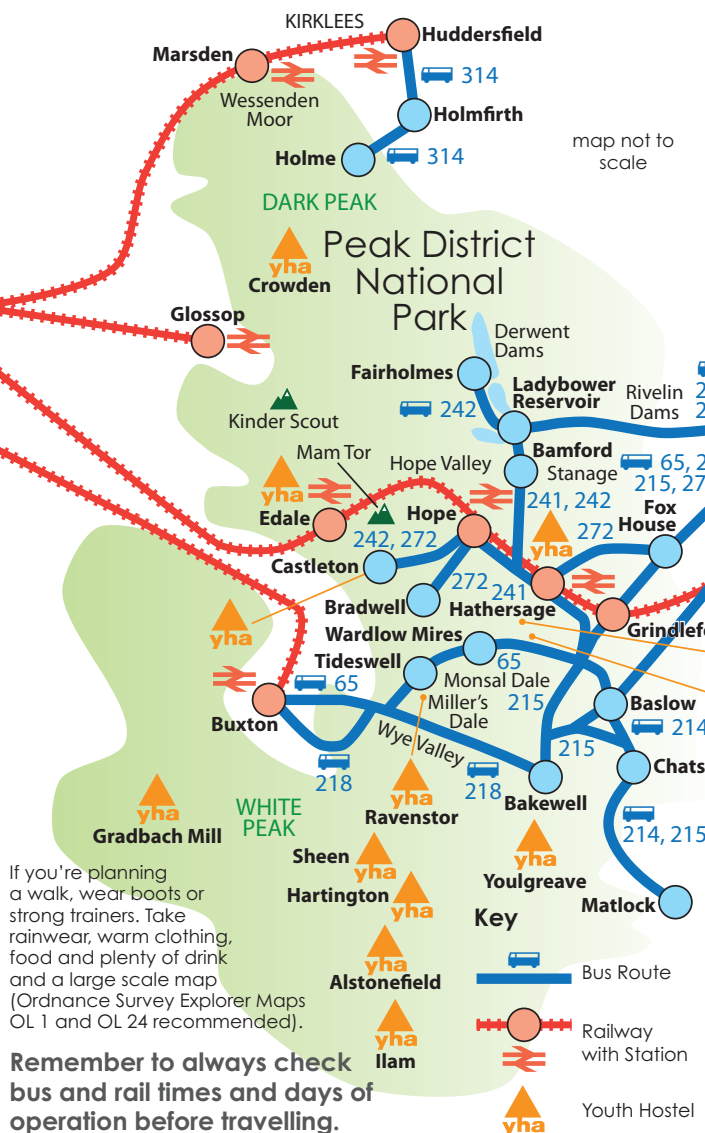


Castleton

Take the scenic Hope Valley Line

Catch a local train from Sheffield towards Manchester through the heart of the National Park. Get off at **Grindelford**, **Hathersage** or **Bamford** for riverside walks along the Derwent and Hope Valleys, or follow paths up to **Stanage** Moor for walks and climbs along the famous gritstone edges with spectacular views.

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**. Or, you can alight at **Hope** for more fine walks in the Hope Valley for example to **Castleton**, just 3 miles.



The view from Stanage Edge

The White Peak from Sheffield

Catch Bus 65 or 218 (some services) to **Buxton** in the High Peak. Known as the gateway to the Peak District, this popular spa town has 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.

Catch Bus 215 or 218 from Sheffield Interchange to **Baslow** (218 only) and **Bakewell**. The lovely old market town of **Bakewell** (famous for its pudding) is often referred to as 'the ancient capital of the Peak' - with shops, cafes, popular visitor centre, interesting buildings and a choice of local walks, including access to the Monsal Trail.

Service 215 continues to **Chatsworth House**, the stately home of the Duke of Devonshire set in magnificent grounds. Show your bus ticket for a reduced entry price.

Take bus 65 for a scenic trip from Sheffield through the heart of the Peak - to **Eyam**, **Tideswell** and **Miller's Dale** to reach some of the most spectacular walking in the White Peak with a choice of limestone valleys to explore. Alight at **Wardlow Mires** to walk Cressbrook Dale, or **Tideswell** for Tideswell Dale.

The Peak from Kirklees

The northern tip of the Peak District reaches **Kirklees**, West Yorkshire and an exploration of this awe inspiring yet rugged and desolate countryside can be done from **Marsden** up towards **Wessenden Moor**. Regular stopping trains from **Huddersfield** to **Manchester Victoria** call at **Marsden**.

Alternatively, take bus 314 from **Huddersfield** to **Holme**, passing through BBC TV's 'Last of the Summer Wine' country around **Holmfirth**. Explore the paths and reservoirs on this relatively remote part of the Peak District National Park. Buses run hourly Monday to Saturday, every two hours on Sundays.

To reach other parts of the Peak District from the **Kirklees** area you may need to travel via **Manchester** (see separate leaflet) or **Sheffield**.

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



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