



09 DERBYSHIRE CHROME & PARKHOUSE HILL

■ Distance: 6½ miles/10.5km ■ Time: 5 hours ■ Grade: Moderate

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View from Hollins Hill to the jagged
limestone ridge of Chrome Hill.



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The limestone scenery to the south of the village of Hartington is justly famous but much of the hill country to the north still feels undiscovered. Here, where the ancient reefs of Parkhouse Hill and Chrome Hill rise like sharp dental fangs, the sink holes and scars are reminiscent of the Yorkshire Dales. The river marks a divide between limestone and gritstone, with green pasture to the east and heather-covered slopes to the west. This walk crosses the narrow crests of those ancient reefs as well as a broad sweeping ridge along Hollins Hill.

1 Start

From Earl Sterndale, take footpath leading W from lane by triangular village green. Bear R to gate with water trough and veer slightly R to stile in wall. Trend L, downhill over pasture, to stile and continue to next stile at lane in Glutton Dale.

2 ½ mile/0.8km

Cross lane to stile, cross stream and walk over field to gate at start of access land. Turn R and follow wall around the foot of Parkhouse Hill – when wall bends sharp L begin the climb up steep grass slopes to the top of the ridge. There are short scrambles here but most can be avoided if necessary, though take care

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Earl Sterndale, grid ref SK091669, postcode SK17 0BU. Considerate on-street parking

Is it for me? Field and hill paths; steep (sometimes slippery) slopes

Stiles 11

PLANNING

Nearest town Buxton

Refreshments None along route. Various in Lonsdale (note: pub in Earl Sterndale now closed)

Public toilets Lonsdale

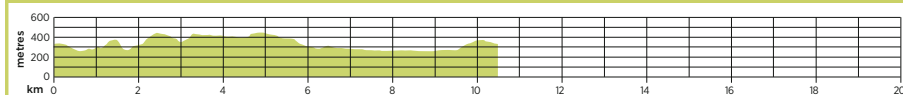
Public transport Bus 442 Buxton-Ashbourne to start (highpeakbuses.com). Trains to Buxton

Maps OS Explorer OL24; Landranger 119

as the limestone can be slippery in wet weather. Dip down on narrow path and aim L of conspicuous protruding rock to reach unfenced lane.



GRADIENT PROFILE



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3 1½ miles/2km
Turn R over cattle grid and take stile on L onto permissive path over pasture and a low limestone ridge to gate in wall next to an isolated tree. Path continues up grassy spur which rises straight ahead to reach airy crest of Chrome Hill. Continue for 450m, again with a little scrambling as required, and as ridge begins to drop pass a natural eroded stone arch on R. Keep R and follow steep path to veer L to gate.

4 2 miles/3.2km
Marker posts indicate way forward on another permissive path – go through gate and keep ahead to turn R after next gate. Follow path L, via gates, keeping alongside wall to N of Tor Rock. Turn R on right of way at junction of tracks and walk past Stoop Farm on L to reach lane near Booth Farm after 700m.

5 3 miles/4.8km
Fork L on track and take gate onto Hollins Hill. Climb E to meet wall leading S along open ridge. Keep wall on R and follow signs for 1km, now with uninterrupted views to Chrome Hill and Parkhouse Hill. Path drops steeply at end of ridge – follow fingerposts on zig-zag descent, SW through bushes, to meet a brideway leading down to cross a fine old packhorse bridge. Continue SE on path for 300m to small gate by lane – turn L downhill into Hollinsclough, once an isolated centre for silk weaving.

6 4 miles/6.5km
Turn L at the village road junction and fork L by barn after 400m. Proceed to the meandering headwaters of the Dove, turn R to pass through gate and cross footbridge next to ford. Continue through pair

of gateposts to open lane. Turn R for 600m to road at Glutton Bridge.

7 5½ miles/8.8km
Turn L and after a few strides turn R on narrow lane – becomes track after 400m. Continue for 300m and take path on L. Go up to next stile, through scrubby trees, then bear L and over rough grass to another stile. Keep ahead and cross open pasture to reach top of Hitter Hill, with fine views in all directions. Retrace steps towards wall and bear L to next stile. Cross two more stiles to Earl Sterndale. **CW**

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DATE WALKED

TIME TAKEN

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