

WALK FIVE - CHATSWORTH CIRCULAR

Summary: This walk goes towards Eastmoor before looping back through Stand Wood, either through Chatsworth Park or via Chatsworth House. The extended walk gives great views of the lakes and waterfalls that supply the cascade in the gardens at Chatsworth House.

Distance: 4.2km (9.9km with extension)

Elevation gain: 100m

Difficulty: Easy with the main walk very short.

Start point: Baslow car park DE45 1SR

Grid reference: SK 25877217

Public transport: The 170 bus leaves from our doorstep and takes you to Nether End and back. You can also join this service at Chatsworth. For timetables visit www.stagecoachbus.com

Exit the car park and turn right crossing the old bridge by the Malt House. Immediately turn right and follow the path to the rotating kissing gate entrance into Chatsworth Park (320m). Go through the gate and turn left, alongside the fence, on the left hand one of two grass paths, to the main drive. Keeping two trees to your right after you cross the road, walk towards the double farm gate on the upper side of the park. If you reach the upper track and can't see the gate follow the track to your left until it appears, then go over a stile to its right. The old turnpike road goes ahead up the hill.

As you ascend the hill the Victoria Jubilee Stone is on your right about 45m off the path, by a group of trees. Return to the path and 320m from the stile, just before the crest of the hill, take the grassy path to the right uphill. Follow this path, crossing a gully, which was named 'Coal Pit Lane', and turn right by the stone wall. Continue until you come to a junction with a stone stile on your left. Ignore the stone stile branch right,

climbing higher. The path comes up to the far wall and follows the wall along the edge. Below the edge here are old stone quarries.

After 450m climb over the stone stile, sited where the wall starts to descend back downhill, then turn left, until you come to a track. Turn right on the track and, ignoring a track to the right and left, continue until you see a footpath to your right going steeply downhill, signposted to Baslow (2.5km from start). At this point you can take the walk extension by continuing on the track, or return to Baslow down the steep path.

At the bottom of the steep footpath take the stone steps down into Chatsworth Park. Pass the big tree on your right and follow the path to the right, downhill to a track on your right. Follow the track left, downhill, to the junction. At the junction go straight on across the park, keeping the two trees ahead on your left, back towards the kissing gate, and return to Baslow car park the way you came.

WALK FIVE - EXTENSION

Continue along the track to a T junction. Turn left. After about 50yds you can take a narrow right hand path to visit the Hunting Tower with views out over Chatsworth House and Park.

Return to the main path and continue, ignoring the next track on the right. Keep left until you come to the Emperor Lake (320m) on your right.

Cross the end of the lake, continuing along the track to Swiss Lake on the left (450m). Continue along the track to a T junction. Turn left. After about 45m you can take a narrow right hand path to visit the Hunting Tower with views out over Chatsworth House and Park.

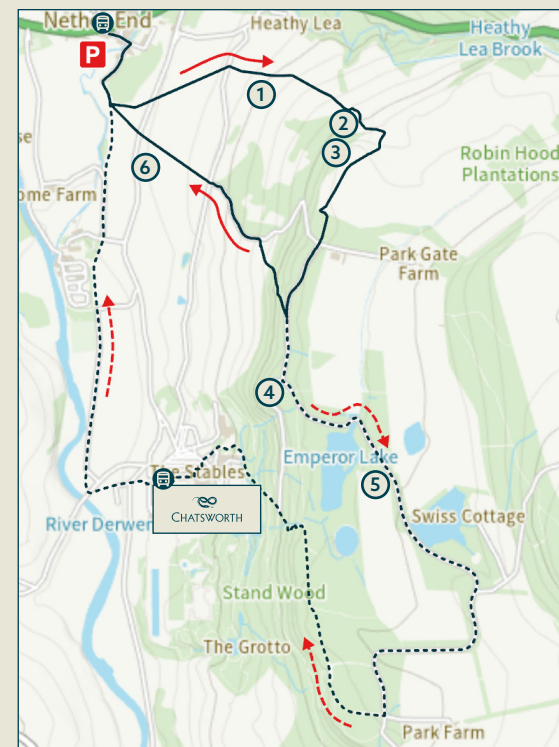
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left until you come to the Emperor Lake (320m) on your right.

Cross the end of the lake, continuing along the track to Swiss Lake on the left (450m), with Swiss Cottage on the far side. Ignoring the left turn to the cottage, continue on the track to a crossroad. Go straight ahead and after about 90m the path turns left which leads out onto Eastmoor and Beeley. You will come to the edge, with the Derwent Valley below you and Beeley to your left through the ancient oak trees. After 450m this path re-joins the main track from Park Farm. Turn left onto the track and after 100yds fork right, uphill, as the main track starts to descend.

Follow this track for 700yds to a footpath junction with a group of yew trees on your left. Go between the yews down steps to the pond at the top of the waterfall and views down to Chatsworth House and Park.

Follow the steps down to the left and cross the aqueduct on a footbridge. The cascade is below you. Keep right and when you meet the road, go straight across into "The Dell" and follow the path to the bottom road. At the road, turn right and follow it down to the gates to Stand Wood. Turn left through the gate and into the car park ahead. Then turn left towards the stables and either go through or round, to take the main drive downhill to the house. Keeping the gardens and main house entrance on your left, continue straight down towards the bridge. Don't cross the bridge but turn right and go through the gate and follow the river, past Queen Mary's Bower, the showground, cricket pitch and lodge. Continue straight on and then take the footpath to the revolving kissing gate. Retrace your steps back to Baslow car park.



POINTS OF INTEREST

- ① Jubilee Stone
 - ② Coal Pit Lane
 - ③ Old Stone Quarries
 - ④ Hunting Tower
 - ⑤ Emperor Lake & Swiss Cottage
 - ⑥ The "New" Park
- Bus Stop

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