

5 miles / 8 km

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PEAK DISTRICT



B-29 'Overexposed' Wreckage Circular Walk

The B-29 Superfortress 'Overexposed' tragically crashed at Bleaklow whilst descending through clouds on the 3rd of November 1948. The site today is a memorial for the 13 Crewmembers who sadly lost their lives.

Start Point: A57 Snake Pass Road. Layby parking at Snake Pass Summit. OS Grid Ref: SK 08776 92900. what3words [///starters.spilling.pythons](https://www.what3words.com/starts/spilling.pythons).

1. This walk begins at OS Grid Ref: SK 08776 92900. what3words [///starters.spilling.pythons](https://www.what3words.com/starts/spilling.pythons). You join the Pennine Way where it crosses the A57 Snake Pass Road. Head north through a gate. There is a National Trust signpost here, 'Hope Woodlands Moor'. Follow the well-defined path of the Pennine Way for 2.5km to Hern Clough, which is a small stream. Keep your eye out for way markings, which are a white arrow on a black background. These have been provided by the Peak District National Park to help you find the crash site

2. Cross over Hern Clough and notice there are two tracks. Take the left-hand track which is way marked for the wreckage. Follow the track until you come to the site. At the crash site you will see Higher Shelf Stones trig point about a 100 metres further on. When you have finished at the wreckage head up to the trig point. From there take a track to

the right, you are now heading for Lower Shelf Stones which is an interesting rock formation with views of Glossop and Manchester beyond.

3. Pass Lower Shelf Stones and you come onto Shelf Moor. Follow this track for 600 metres. As you start heading up a short incline keep your eyes peeled for a grass track which bears off left of the main track. This is easily missed, so be on the lookout. Take the grass track and you will come to a second air crash memorial for KB993 No.408 Squadron of the Canadian Airforce which crashed 18th May 1945. Keep following the track down hill and go over a stile. From the stile continue downhill for a further 900 metres until you come to a T-Junction in the track. Turn left here.

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4. This track follows the course of an old Roman road and is known as the Doctor's Gate Path. See if you can spot the Grouse Butts on the hill to your right. The track heads uphill for 2.2km until you come to a cross-road in path. Turn right and here back on the Pennine Way which will take you to the Snake Pass Road and the start of the walk.

KEY INFO

LENGTH: 8 km / 5 miles.

TIME: 2 – 3 hours.

ASCENT: 378 metres / 1240 feet.

STILES: 1.

TOILETS: None.

REFRESH: None.

PARK: Roadside parking on Snake Pass, A57.

START: W3W:

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OS MAP: OL 1 Dark Peak.

