

5.5 miles / 9 km

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## Bamford Edge Circular Walk

Bamford Edge offers some of the most spectacular views in the whole Peak District. This walk takes you past the famous plug holes and into the village of Bamford itself before ascending sharply up to the edge.

Start Point: Heatherdene Car park. Post code: S33 0AQ. what3words: [///wimp.matter.deflated](https://wimp.matter.deflated). OS Grid Ref: SK 20265 85941.

**1.** The walk begins at Heatherdene Car park. Post code: S33 0AQ. what3words: [///wimp.matter.deflated](https://wimp.matter.deflated). OS Grid Ref: SK 20265 85941. Once you are parked up, find the toilets in the car park, and take the path for 500 metres until you come to the A6013 Ashopton Road. Cross over and take the path across Ladybower Reservoir, taking time to enjoy the Plug Holes. When you get to the other side take the path to the left (Not the mud track). Follow this path for 250 metres and take a mud track on your right which is signposted 'Bamford Station' and 'Bridleway Thornhill Trail'.

**2.** Stay on the track/path for 1.3 Km (See if you can spot the Boar, Pine Marten, and Osprey on the way). When you come to a single lane road next to a car park, cross over and continue with the path, signposted 'Bridleway to Bamford Station'. After 100 metres you will come to a crossroads, keep going straight ahead.

After a further 350 metres there is a track to your left with a public footpath post (Keep your eyes peeled as it is easily missed). Take the track and go through a small gate. Follow it down the hill veering slightly to your right. Keep on this track and you come to Bamford Mills after 500 metres.

**3.** Cross over the bridge and a few stepping-stones, pass the Mill and turn right on a road with some residential houses on your right-hand side. Go past these and then turn left up a back lane (There is a signpost saying Touchstone Trail). Go up the lane for 270 metres until you come to the main road which cuts through Bamford Village. Cross over and you will notice a large stone inscribed 'Diamond Jubilee 1897'. Walk Past this along Fidlers Well Street. If you are wanting to stop for refreshment, then

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there are a couple of options in Bamford including The Anglers Rest.

4. Pass Bamford Primary School and go straight through a crossroads. This is the hardest part of the walk. Take a tough ascent for 650 metres. There is a bench about halfway up if you need to catch your breath. Thank Brigadier Trevor Hart Dyke and his friends at the Motorcycle Club for this resting spot.

5. When you come to a road at the top turn left and go along for 60 metres before going over a stile on your right. Take the track up onto Bamford Edge. Head along The Edge taking time to enjoy the reward of wonderful views across Ladybower and Win Hill. Follow Bamford Edge for approx 1.5Km and the track becomes a triangle shaped clearing with a track leading down from the edge through woodland. Take this narrow track. Be careful not to miss this as it looks more obvious to keep going straight on.

6. Descend through the woods for 650 metres and go over a stile. Continue to descend through more trees on the obvious track. Just before you come to the road at Ladybower Reservoir take the path to your right and head back to Heatherdene car park.



## KEY INFO

LENGTH: 9 km / 5.5 miles.

TIME: 2 – 3 hours.

ASCENT: 294 metres / 964 feet.

STILES: 2.

TOILETS: Heatherdene Car Park

REFRESH: Yorkshire Bridge Inn. The Anglers Rest in Bamford.

PARK: Heatherdene Car Park.

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OS MAP: OL 1 Dark Peak.