



Audio Trails

Leaving the Edge - Kinder Scout

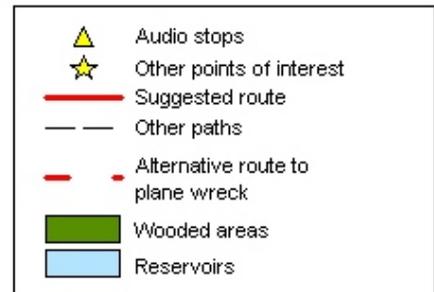
Start point (OS grid ref):

SK048869

Distance:

9 miles / 14.5km

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Grade: Strenuous
Nearest Town: Hayfield

Map: Explorer OL1 The Peak District – Dark Peak Area

Terrain: a mixture of tracks, rough moorland paths and open moor with some steep ascents and descents.

Allow: 6 hours 30 mins



Moors for the Future Audio Trails Kinder Scout – Leaving the Edge Route Directions



Bowden Bridge Car Park – SK 04870 86942

Leave the car park and proceed up Kinder Road. At the first cottage, on the right, ignore the footpath sign and pass through the steel gates and continue along the road (once private but now a concessionary bridleway). At the end, go through the gate to the left of the waterworks entrance and up a steep cobbled path until the reservoir is on your right.

Reservoir - SK 05977 88750

Continue along this path and after approximately 10 minutes you will enter William Clough. Take the footpath to the left hand side of the clough and ascend steadily for approximately half an hour. Near to the top, the Pennine Way will dissect your path. You have reached Ashop Head

Ashop Head – SK 06524 90037

From here you need to head right, along the flagged (slabbed) path where you will soon undertake a short but steep climb. At the top, a large cairn will be on you left. From here you have two choices; either continue along the path following the edge to 'Charged Rock' for further directions please read 'plane wreck' notes), or for the more adventurous, you can discover the plane wreck.

If you choose the latter, head up to the rocks above and to your left (SK 0690 8980). Then from the first group head approximately 110 degrees magnetic. Within 100 metres you will discover the plane wreckage.

Plane Wreck - SK 06966 89704

When you are ready, veer right to regain the edge path. Continue along the edge path and shortly after the path takes a sharp left turn (at Sandy Hays), look at for a group of rocks on your right. Find them by looking for a deep, unmistakable gully in the ground-level rocks on your left, then directing your gaze right, across the path. At the end of those rocks look for a white painted cross that bears the initials 'GK'

Charged Rock - SK 07278 89215

Continuing along this edge path will soon bring you to possibly the best known features of this mountain, a waterfall and the main drain from the plateau.

Kinder Downfall - SK 08302 88947

If the weather is bad and visibility poor, or your navigational skills are not sharp

then you would be well advised to continue along the edge path (the Pennine Way) to Kinderlow and Edale Rocks (Audio Stop 9). If so, after approximately 25 minutes you will begin to head downhill. Where the Pennine Way takes a sharp left, you need to turn right through the gate and head downhill along the track. Where after a few hundred metres you will see Edale Cross on your right.

Alternatively, follow the river, walking on its sandy bed where it is shallow enough and after 10-15 minutes you will arrive at two large prominent crags between which the river passes.

Kinder Gates - SK 08814 88677

Continue along the river, and very soon you will come upon a small cairn in the middle of the river, next to a branch leading off to the left (SK 0890 8840). From here, the best route is to follow the river, ignoring any of the tributaries or branches that lead off to the left as it slowly diminishes to no more than a narrow stream and then winds and twists until it peters out completely. You will eventually emerge into a bare area of peat. A bearing of 192 degrees magnetic should bring you, after approximately 200 metres, to (or very close to), a cairn with a stake protruding from its top.

Summit Cairn - SK 08642 87540

Another cairn will be seen to the southeast (it should be on you left), without the stake. Ignore this. Look for an anvil shaped rock on the skyline to the south – your next objective. You can walk a straight line to Pym Chair, but take a bearing – 153 degrees magnetic, in case mist descends.

Pym Chair - SK 08797 87065

From your vantage point you will see your route ahead, past Noe Stool (the big slab of rock on the right) and then winding round almost to the top of Jacob's Ladder. A glance at the OS map will reveal alternative routes with several paths leading to your last stop on the walk. When you reach a gate go through and look for the cross on you right after a few hundred metres.

Edale Cross - SK 07722 86094

Continuing along the track will eventually bring you to Bowden Bridge, but our route takes us over a stile on the right when you meet a shallow ford. Follow the clear narrow path over Harry Moor and through fields descending to Turnstead Clough Farm. Continue to the tarmac road and follow it back to Bowden Bridge.