

Allow: 1 hour 30 mins

0.15 miles

0.25 kms

Grade: Easy Nearest Town: Birchover Map: Explorer OL24 The Peak District - White Peak Area Terrain: Four stiles will need to be crossed, but the route is generally flat and good under foot.



Moors for the Future Audio Trails Stanton Moor – Nine Ladies Circular Route Directions



Start - SK 2413 6277

From the car park, take a left and take care as you head up the road. After approximately 3 minutes you will see a public footpath sign directing you to turn right. This is the start of the walk.

Cork Stone - SK 2435 6278

Follow the public footpath, cross over a stile and after approximately 100 metres you will reach the cork stone standing approximately 15 feet high.

T2 - SK 2467 6279

Taking the right hand fork, continue along the footpath for approximately 4 minutes until you reach a distinct crossroads. Turn left and you will see a semi-circular feature to the right of the path – this is T2.

Gorse Stone - SK 2482 6271

Looking beyond T2 you should see your next stop, the Gorse Stone about 400 metres in the east. Return to, and continue along the path we turned off to visit T2 and follow this path for approximately 50 metres. Here, take the right hand fork down to the fenceline where you will need to cross over the stile to Gorse Stone situated on National Trust land.

Heart Stone - SK 2479 6260

Taking a slight de-tour, head down the path, with the fence on your right, for about 200 metres and follow it round to the left until you see an Oak tree growing out of the rocks, here, hidden amongst the trees is Heart Stone.

The Cat Stone - SK 2521 6325

When you are ready, return back up past gorse stone, with the fence now on you left hand side and follow the path as it first snakes left then right and after approximately 10 minutes (depending on your pace and whether you've stopped to take in the view at stop 5) you will notice the fenceline takes a sharp left hand turn. It is here that if you look to your right you will see Cat Stone, stop 6, nestled behind an oak tree.

Tower - SK 2512 6340

Continuing following the path you were on and within 3 minutes you will stumble across the tower.

The Nine Ladies and the Fiddler - SK 2490 6350

Behind the tower (Westside) there is a stile, climb over and take the right hand path. This will take you straight to the Nine Ladies Stone Circle.

Quarries - SK 2459 6332

Head off past the fiddler stone and down towards where two paths intersect, 50 metres ahead. Ignore both the paths running along the fenceline of the quarry and turn left, heading uphill and follow this path for 2 or 3 minutes as it weaves its way through the heather into the open wooded area. In front of you, hidden behind the trees are the quarries consisting of heather dominated mounds upto 15 metres high. Bear right along the path, keeping the high ground to your left and head towards the gate. You have reached your final audio stop – the quarries. You may like to explore the area as you listen to this narrative, but remember to return to the path keeping the fenceline on your right.

Finish - SK 2413 6277

Follow the path through the Birch trees and within 10 minutes you will come across the open moorland. Continuing down the path you will see a gate on the right hand side. Turn left so the gate is behind you and climb a small hill. Upon reaching the top you should be able to see the starting point of the journey, The Cork Stone. After walking around the quarry back to the Cork Stone, travel westwards, keeping the Cork Stone to your right and this will take you back to the start.