

Sheffield Christian Aid / CAFOD May Day Trek 2009

Brief description of routes.

5 mile trek

The trek starts at the village hall in Bolsterstone and heads in the direction of Whitwell down Stone Moor Road. From Whitwell, the route crosses the fields to Greave House Farm turning towards Oxley Park, carry on down through the left hand side of the park and onto Hawthorne Avenue. Head along Churchill Road and onto Smithy Moor Avenue and the dam head of Underbank Reservoir. Take the path at the side of the reservoir to the Sailing club. From the sailing club walk along Oaks Lane towards Langley Brook taking the farm track to Wind Hill Farm and onto the trigonometry point at Salter hills alongside the edge of Whitwell Moor. From Salter Hills take the path towards Hunger Hill farm and Heads Land back to Bolsterstone.

10 mile trek

The trek follows the route of the 5-mile trek until Salter Hills.

From Salter Hills start down the farm track and almost immediately down through the fields, crossing Salt Spring Beck and onto Mortimer Road by Ewden Coppice. Follow the road down to Ewden Bridge and then up to Broomhead Hall. From the Hall cross the parkland over Park Brook and onto Allas Lane. Turn down Allas Lane and take the un-metalled track on the right heading towards Broomhead Reservoir but keep on the track as it swings around to the road leading to Canyards, then take the footpath through the woods to Rocher Bottom.

Shortly after Rocher farm where the road bends sharply on itself take the metalled track on left descending to Raynor House. Take the footpath immediately before Raynor House descending down through the fields to the road at More Hall Reservoir. Walk on the road around the bottom of More Hall Reservoir crossing New Mill Bridge to Ewden Village. Turn onto the metalled track leading towards the dam wall. Where the trees on the left thin out after the metal barrier and before the dam, select the tree with the multiple trunks and take the path opposite leading up the hillside to the water dyke. At the water dyke turn right and walk alongside the edge of the dyke and follow the footpath to the top of Ewden Village and along to the road. Take the footpath up the road, crossing at the house called Armstrong Castle taking the footpath up through the fields onto the road leading to Bolsterstone.

15 mile trek

The trek follows the route of the 10-mile trek until shortly after Rocher Farm.

Shortly after Rocher farm where the road bends sharply on itself take the path across the fields leading to Snell Farm, then continue to the disused quarry onto Spout House. Walk from Spout House to Glen Howe Park past Tinker Brook House and Benteholme Farm. Head down through Glen Howe Park past the keepers lodge and join Storth Lane by the car park. Walk along Storth Lane to Brightholmlee and then to More Hall Reservoir. Walk across More Hall Reservoir dam-head and then head towards the A6102. On reaching the A6102 about turn and walk along Moor Hall Lane towards Bolsterstone. After approximately 150 yards join the footpath on your right leading up into the woods to Hollin Edge Height. From Hollin Edge Height continue onto Height Lathe and Cote House to Bolsterstone keeping to the edge of the hillside overlooking the reservoirs.

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5-mile trek, and start of 10-mile and 15-mile treks

Post	Grid reference	Location	Route directions	Footpath Condition	Time	Fast	Slow
0	SK 27100 96757 965 ft	Bolsterstone village hall	Walk ahead to Castle Inn	Tarmac path	0:00	10:00	10:00
1	SK 27110 96847 957 ft	Castle Inn	Cross road, turn left and walk down Stone Moor Road	Tarmac path	0:02	10:02	10:03
2	SK 26660 97272	Junction of Stone Moor Road and Coal Pit Lane	Cross Coal Pit Lane and proceed along Stone Moor Road	Tarmac footpath, then along road past houses	0:07	10:07	10:10
3	SK 26270 97547	Junction of Stone Moor Road and track to Whitwell	At sludgy area, turn to right, walk along track to road	Very muddy track	0:12	10:12	10:16
4	SK 26210 97597 880 ft	End of track onto Whitwell Lane	Turn right, walk down Whitwell Lane about 50 yds	Tarmac road	0:13	10:13	10:18
5	SK 26260 97672 852 ft	Whitwell Lane by housing	Take footpath on left, walk across fields keeping wall on right	Grass fields and stiles	0:14	10:14	10:19
6	SK 25850 97882 860 ft	Footpaths junction at Greave House Farm	Turn right onto track and proceed to narrow footpath	Farm track	0:19	10:19	10:28
7	SK 25955 98037 827 ft	Entrance of footpath	Using narrow footpath proceed ahead to Oxley Park	Muddy track	0:20	10:20	10:30
8	SK 26050 98157 785 ft	At tarmac track in Oxley Park	Walk across grass to tarmac path, turn left and stay on tarmac path until park exit	Tarmac track with some slippery moss	0:22	10:22	10:33
9	SK 26130 98607 631 ft	Hawthorne Ave at bottom of Oxley Park	At road turn left, proceed along Hawthorne Ave to Churchill Road	Tarmac footpath	0:29	10:29	10:43
10	SK 25840 98757 606 ft	Junction of Hawthorne Ave and Churchill Road	Proceed along Churchill Road	Tarmac footpath	0:32	10:32	10:47
11	SK 25680 98822 604 ft	Junction of Winston Ave and Churchill Road	Turn right down hill then turn left onto Smithy Moor Avenue. Walk to end of road	Tarmac footpath	0:34	10:34	10:51
12	SK 25265 99062 587 ft	Smithy Moor Lane by footpath to dam-head	Cross road, using footpath proceed towards dam-race then turn left walking with reservoir on right	Mud path	0:39	10:39	11:00
13	SK 25185 98952 607 ft	South-east corner of Underbank Reservoir	Walk along path keeping reservoir on right	Mud and grit path	0:40	10:40	11:01
14	SK 24590 99257 605 ft	Underbank Reservoir sailing club	Head to top of drive and turn left onto road	Tarmac	0:47	10:47	11:11
15	SK 24595 99132 636 ft	Road leading to sailing club	Turn left onto road, climbing uphill	Tarmac	0:50	10:50	11:15
16	SK 24705 98892	Farm track leading to Wind Hill Farm	At footpath on right follow farm-track to Wind Hill	Stone track	0:53	10:53	11:20

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	740 ft		Farm and go through yard				
17	SK 24690 98367 940 ft	Footpath crossing behind Wind Hill Farm	At gate turn right, follow track across moor keeping wall on right	Grass and grit path	1:00	11:00	11:35
18	SK 24480 97947 1081 ft	Long Lane and Whitwell Moor by car parking	Cross Long Lane heading across moor keeping close to wall on right	Very boggy sections in places	1:07	11:07	11:50 Drink 10 mins
19	SK 24650 97567 1150 ft	On Whitwell Moor	Keep close to wall and wooded area on right	Very boggy sections in places	1:13	11:13	12:10
20	WP0121 SK 24940 97307 1159 ft	Where path crosses wall onto Salter Hills	After wooded area and wall breaks up walk towards trig point then down to dirt track	Grass	1:19	11:19	12:20
21	SK 25270 97177 1116 ft	Junction of dirt tracks on Salter Hills	At dirt track head straight ahead towards Bolsterstone Church in distance then onto metalled road of Heads Lane	Dirt track then metalled road	1:23	11:23	12:25 Lunch break 30 mins
0	WP0101 SK 27100 96757 965 ft	Bolsterstone village hall			1:53	11:53	13:45

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Continuation of 10-mile and 15-mile trek

Post	Grid reference	Location	Route directions	Footpath Condition	Time	Fast	Slow
22	SK 25025 97142 1069 ft	Where path leaves track to descend across field	At end of wall on left, descend through field entrance, walk down field and onto green track	Grass field	1:25	11:25	12:57
23	SK 24900 97002 979 ft	At start of green track	Walk along track descending gently, then more steeply	Grass track, but muddy on steep section	1:27	11:27	13:00
24	SK 24585 97012 839 ft	After stile at bottom of track	Walk diagonally across short open space, carefully look for footpath signs	Steep grassy slope	1:32	11:32	13:07
25	SK 24420 97037 828 ft	Start of muddy path	Keep straight ahead	Very muddy	1:33	11:33	13:09
26	SK 24270 96987 825 ft	At stream in trees	Keep ahead, descending gently across fields	Grass	1:37	11:37	13:15
27	SK 24165 96932 825 ft	Exit of path from Salter Hills onto Mortimer Road	Descend road keeping to right around the zig-zags	Tarmac busy road	1:40	11:40	13:19
28	SK 24235 96887 771 ft	Next bend on Mortimer Road	Keep on right hand side of road	Tarmac busy road	1:41	11:41	13:20
29	SK 24145 96832 715 ft	Ewden Bridge	Keep on right hand side of road and ascend	Tarmac busy road	1:42	11:42	13:22
30	SK 24350 96707 769 ft	Next bend on Mortimer Road	Keep on right hand side of road	Tarmac busy road	1:45	11:45	13:27
31	SK 24170 96237 946 ft	Opposite entrance to Broomhead Hall/Farm	Cross road heading down track to Hall	Tarmac busy road	1:51	11:51	13:40
32	SK 24300 96232 920 ft	At stile, by no entry sign to Hall	Follow footpath into parkland	Grass fenced path	1:52	11:52	13:41
33	SK 24300 96302 916 ft	At stile at entrance to parkland	Keep to fencing on right	Grass parkland	1:53	11:53	13:42
34	SK 24875 95972 762 ft	After bridge crossing brook	Keep to wall on left	Grass field	1:59	11:59	13:50
35	SK 24865 95852 782 ft	At field with lots of trees	Head right diagonally across field and cross stream heading to stile	Grass field	2:00	12:00	13:51
36	SK 24860 95777 779 ft	At Allas Lane	Cross road, turn left and keep on right	Tarmac road	2:04	12:04	13:56 Drink 5 mins
37	SK 25190 95972 673 ft	Leave Allas Lane by rough track on right	Take rough track on right and proceed down rough track	Stony uneven track	2:07	12:07	14:05
38	SK 25500 95927 597 ft	Where track divides	Take right hand fork walking along track by stream	Stony uneven track subsiding in places	2:12	12:12	14:11

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39	SK 25670 95722 617 ft	Exit from track onto road	Ascend up the road	Tarmac road	2:16	12:16	14:17
40	SK 25805 95562 651 ft	By Lodge	Take footpath leading towards woods	Wide grit path	2:20	12:20	14:22
41	SK 26385 95497 705 ft	Exit from footpath onto road	Ascend up the road	Tarmac road	2:27	12:27	14:32
42	SK 27250 95367 807 ft	On very sharp right hand bend after Rocher Bottom			2:37	12:37	14:47

Continuation of 10-mile trek after Rocher Farm

Post	Grid reference	Location	Route directions	Footpath Condition	Time	Fast	Slow
42	SK 27250 95367 807 ft	On very sharp right hand bend after Rocher Bottom	Descend track to farm then take footpath immediately on its left	Tarmac road	2:37	12:37	14:47
43	SK 27355 95607 643 ft	At Raynor House	Descend through the fields to road	Grass fields	2:42	12:42	14:53
44	SK 27420 95862 487 ft	At road by More Hall Reservoir	Turn left and follow road around bottom of reservoir	Tarmac road	2:47	12:47	15:00
45	SK 27275 96017 497 ft	Entrance to Ewden village	Ascend and follow track straight ahead until level with dam head	Tarmac then grit path	2:52	12:52	15:07
46	SK 27065 96152 599 ft	Where the trees on left thins out before dam. Select tree with multiple trunks and on opposite side of track look for path leading into the coppice	Ascend path to dyke	Dirt path	2:55	12:55	15:12
47	SK 26705 96247 680 ft	At stone bridge crossing water dyke	Turn right and follow path beside water dyke	Grass/dirt path	3:00	13:00	15:19
48	SK 27105 96207 601 ft	At Ewden village	Follow wide level track	Grit track	3:03	13:03	15:22
49	SK 27390 96207 584 ft	At road	Turn left, ascend using footpath	Tarmac footpath	3:05	13:05	15:29
50	SK 27225 96367 731 ft	At Castle Armstrong House	Cross road and ascend footpath through fields	Grass path	3:10	13:10	15:36
51	SK 27245 96642 914 ft	At Sunny Bank Road	Turn left to Bolsterstone	Tarmac road	3:20	13:20	15:51
0	WP0101 SK 27100 96757 965 ft	Bolsterstone village hall			3:22	13:22	15:54

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Continuation of 15-mile trek after Rocher Farm

Post	Grid reference	Location	Route directions	Footpath Condition	Time	Fast	Slow
42	SK 27250 95367 807 ft	On very sharp right hand bend after Rocher Bottom	Climb stile then follow contour of hillside to next stile, keep wall to left and cross field	Grass fields	2:37	12:37	14:47
52	SK 27350 95187 857 ft	By stile, footpath leading to stream	Follow footpath to wooden bridge, exit from gully onto road and turn right	Mud step sided track with wooden bridge over stream	2:40	12:40	14:52
53	SK 27325 94952 920 ft	By stile, Footpath leading up hill-side	Follow narrow footpath by side of wall opening out into steep field	Stone/mud path	2:44	12:44	14:57
54	SK 27355 94937 952 ft	At exit of footpath pointing to track diagonally across field	Walk diagonally across field climbing gradient until reach track, turn left	Grass field	2:45	12:45	14:59
55	SK 27345 94857 1005 ft	At track pointing up-hill	Keeping to track climb to top of hillside and turning to right	Stone/grit track	2:48	12:48	15:03
56	SK 27530 94902 1087 ft	At top of track pointing to gate	Walk to towards single evergreen tree, wall to its immediate left	Grassy bumpy field	2:52	12:52	15:10
57	SK 27525 94722 1145 ft	At gate by single evergreen tree	Walk ahead into sunken gully	Uneven grass	2:54	12:54	15:13
58	SK 27640 94607 1127 ft	At edge of sunken gully pointing down gully	Keeping to gully with wall on right walk ahead onto stone track leading down pass farm-house	Uneven grass bottom leading onto stone track	2:55	12:55	15:14
59	SK 28270 94422 881 ft	At Tinkerbrook House	Climb stile and follow footpath straight ahead	Grass fields	3:09	13:09	15:31
60	SK 28595 94252 777 ft	At Benteholme farm	Follow footpath to right of the houses	Tarmac track	3:18	13:18	15:41
61	SK 28810 94212 717 ft	Beyond Benteholme at entrance of narrow walled path	Walk down walled path into fields and keep straight ahead	Muddy footpath then grass fields	3:20	13:20	15:44
62	SK 29175 94202 600 ft	By stile leading into Glen Howe	Descend through trees keeping stream to right to park lodge, then along track to park entrance	Mud/gritty paths	3:24	13:24	15:49
63	SK 29595 94292 427 ft	By entrance to Glen Howe park near car park	At entrance turn left onto stony track walking gradually up hill	Stony uneven path improving into mud path	3:33	13:33	15:59 Drink 5 mins
64	SK 29305 95022 583 ft	At road	At road turn left continuing uphill	Tarmac road	3:43	13:43	16:15
65	SK 29140 95087 615 ft	By footpath between the buildings at Lea Croft	Follow footpath straight ahead down grass track, across field and through woods	Grass track then field then mud track through wood	3:46	13:46	16:19
66	SK 28635	At side of reservoir	Turn right, follow path	Dirt track	3:57	13:57	16:35

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Post	Grid reference	Location	Route directions	Footpath Condition	Time	Fast	Slow
	95547 498 ft	where track comes out of wood	around reservoir on your left				
67	SK 28765 95817 465 ft	On fence by dam entrance	Turn right onto tarmac road and walk to A6102	Tarmac road	4:04	14:04	16:46
68	SK 29685 95707 383 ft	At A 6102 and More Hall Lane	On reaching A6102 turn left onto More Hall Lane and walk uphill	Tarmac road	4:14	14:14	17:00
69	SK 29540 95782 476 ft	At footpath leading to Bitholmes Wood	Turn right onto footpath. Keep ascending hillside	Gravelly/mud path grass in places	4:17	14:37	17:03
70	SK 28850 96432 959 ft	At telegraph pole near Hollin Edge farm	Keep to track leading along edge of hillside with reservoirs on left in valley bottom	Stony/mud farm track	4:43	14:43	17:33
71	WP0062 SK 28335 96477 882 ft	At Bank House	Take track to right leading into fields. In field drop gently down contours towards house in distance beyond line of trees	Stony track, then grass fields	4:50	14:50	17:41
72	WP0063 SK 27875 96587 879 ft	At house with diversion signs	Follow direction signs around house then keep to footpath following edge of hillside	Stony/mud path	5:03	15:03	17:54
0	WP0101 SK 27100 96757 965 ft	Bolsterstone village hall			5:09	15:09	18:00