

Puddings and Palaces

RURAL RAMBLE TO A ROMANTIC HALL

An interesting 6 mile walk from Bakewell following the River Wye, starting along a former railway track, with time to visit Haddon Hall on route.

Refreshments on route

Refreshments are available at Haddon Hall and there is a pub ('The Lathkill Hotel') at Over Haddon.

Route

A From the centre of Bakewell cross the medieval bridge over the River Wye and turn right immediately afterwards, taking the uphill road to the old station (this was on the former Derby - Manchester line). Go through the car park onto the former railway track, turn right and follow it along to its end, then drop down onto Combs Road.

Cross straight over Combs Road and follow the track, turning right into a field before you reach the lodge, and walk diagonally downwards along the sloping field until you emerge onto a lane. Turn right here, then left before the river onto a footpath that follows the River Wye.

Emerging onto the A6 road, turn left and walk along until you reach the entrance to Haddon Hall.

Haddon Hall is one of the best preserved medieval halls in the country. Owned for centuries by the Dukes of Rutland it has fascinating kitchen, a splendid banqueting hall and long gallery and superb gardens (which are particularly colourful in June when the roses are out).

B From Haddon Hall car park cross the busy road with care and follow a stony bridleway uphill keeping the wall on your left, to cross three large fields, one gate and a stile. Pass the farm buildings on your left and go through a gate in the field corner. Bear very slightly right across the next field, walking towards the white building on the right-hand end of Over Haddon village in the distance. Cross the stile by the waymarked post and keep straight on aiming for the stile to the left of a field gap. Pass through the squeeze stile, cross the lane and through another squeeze stile, keeping straight on to cross a double stile.

Follow the path above the River Lathkill. Cross a fence stile and bear left up the field aiming for the waymarked post. Cross the stile and go through a small gate. Continue uphill towards the Lathkill Hotel.

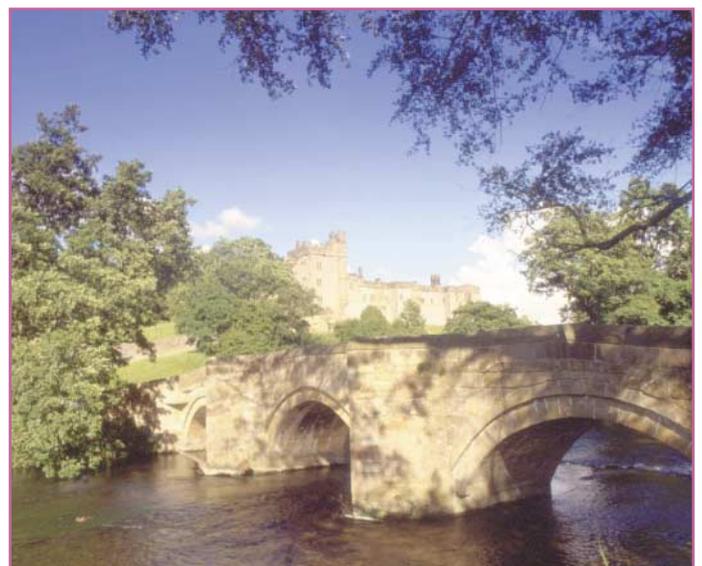
C Cross the stile and walk down the road in front of the hotel. Take the right hand fork uphill to join another road and continue ahead to the road junction. Turn right and keep straight on along the road out of Over Haddon.

After nearly 1/2 mile and having passed the road to Youlgreave, leave the road where it bends left and keep straight on through a squeeze stile. Walk down the steep slope to cross a gated stile. Turn right to walk towards and past the footpath post. Follow the path as it gradually descends to the valley bottom.

Follow the wall on your left, cross a broken wall, down the valley until you reach a gated stile on your left. Go through the gate and turn left. Walk up the field, following a wall now on your right, passing through a squeeze stile in the field corner. Keep straight on, as you near the field corner turn right to walk towards old stone gate posts and follow the hedge on your left.

Cross the stile in the field corner. Turn left for a few metres then turn right to follow the hedge on your left. Cross the stile in the field corner. Keep straight on passing the school on your right. Cross the stile and turn right onto the road.

Cross the road. Walk down past the tennis courts. At the corner of the playing field keep straight on to follow bushes on your right. Cross the stile. Continuing in the same direction walk down the pavement, across the road and on down the path between the houses, onto a minor road. Where the road bends keep straight on down steps. Turn left down the road and at the T-junction turn right down Monyash Rd and King St. back into the centre of Bakewell.



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