

4½ miles/7.2 km

3 hours

To reach the Peak

For a hill that looks like a mini Matterhorn the ascent of Shuttlingsloe (1,660 foot (511m)) is not difficult, but the airy, moorland summit affords a wonderful panorama that takes in Jodrell Bank and the Cheshire Plain, Tegg's Nose Country Park and the Roaches. The mountains of North Wales are even visible on a clear day. Shuttlingsloe lies south-west of Buxton, off the A54, near to the Macclesfield Forest. At the foot of the hill is the peaceful hamlet of Wildboarclough, which early last century spawned a short-lived textile industry. Clough Brook was dammed (the small reservoir remains) and a 30 foot (10m) water wheel was built to run Crag Mill. But although production switched from calico printing to carpets, the growing competition from steam power forced the mill to close in 1860. A handsome, three-storeyed mill building remains (on the left as you approach the church), plus the owner's original residence Crag Hall.

1 Turn left out of the car park, walk down the road and take the path on the right signposted 'Langley via Shuttlingsloe'. Follow the easy track along the bottom of the hillside past Bank Top cottage until you reach the gate at the far end of its drive.

2 Turn sharply right and walk up the farm lane, turning left at the wall for the obvious path onto open hillside, then directly up to Shuttlingsloe summit.

3 Descend steps beyond the trig point and along a flagged path to the second stile (don't cross it). Turn right across moorland, past a tiny wooden enclosure, then go down a short eroded gully. At the bottom, head half-right, cross a high stile, and turn left when you reach the main summit path.

4 Follow the path down to the gate, but now go straight on to the road at the bottom. Turn right for Brookside Tea Rooms (on the left beyond the pub).

5 Walk back up the lane, go right over the bridge, then left by the church. Follow the track past cottages and at the far end rejoin the road back up to the car park.

The walk

1 Start

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2 ¼ mile/1.4km

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DETAILS

Country Walking ID
1721
Mag Route 11,
September 1999
Region South West
Area Peak District
Length of walk 4½
miles/7.2 km
Time needed 3 hours
Difficulty Easy

IS THIS WALK

FOR YOU?
Terrain Easy valley tracks with a short steep slope to the summit.
Suites Six
Suitable for children, dogs

PLANNING

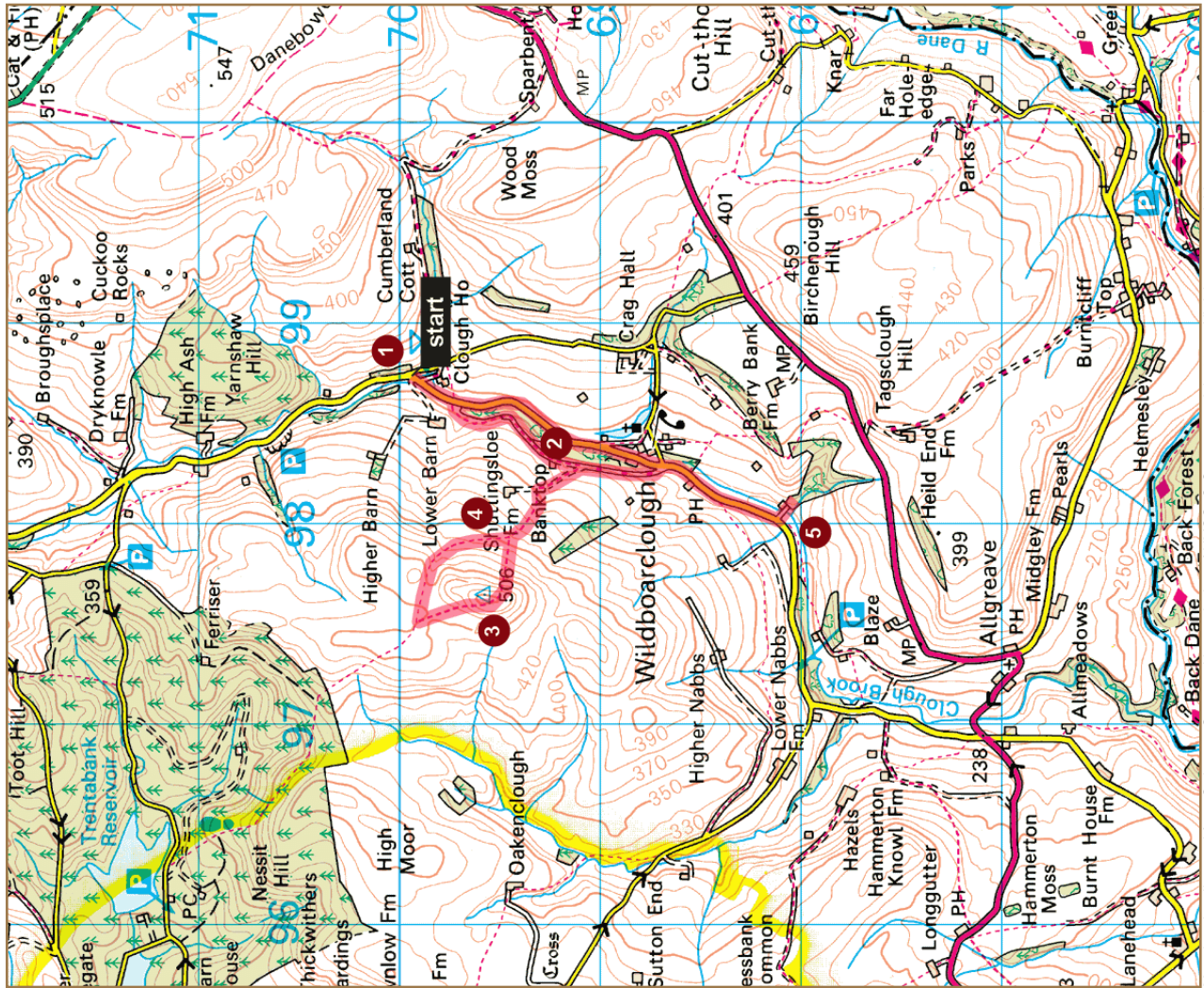
Parking Clough House car park, north of Wildboarclough
Start grid ref SJ987699

Nearest town Buxton
Refreshments Brookside Tea Rooms, open Wed, Sat/Sun, Easter-Oct; Sat/Sun only. Nov. – Easter, 01260 227632
Public toilets None
Public transport None

MAPS

OS Outdoor Leisure 24 (White Peak); Landranger 119

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