

## Walk 6 Bubnell & Calver

Distance: 4.9miles (m) (extended route 5.2m)

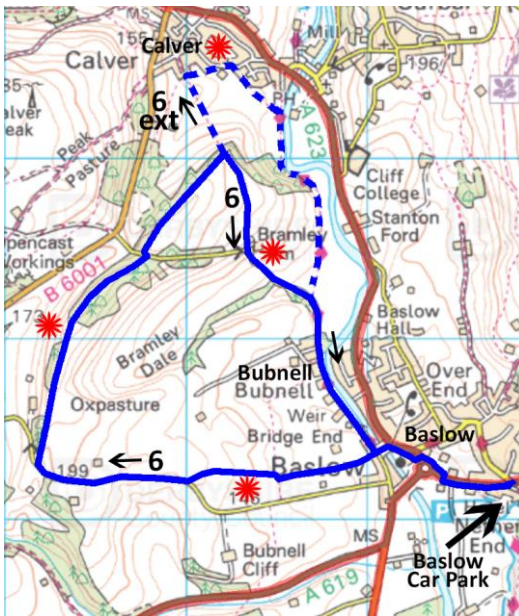
Elevation: 804ft

Difficulty: Easy but medium/difficult section on extended walk

Start point: Baslow Carpark DE45 1SR

Grid reference: SK 25877217

Summary: A walk up above Bubnell, along the Edge looking back to Baslow Edge and the villages of Baslow and Calver, then descending to return along the river Derwent and past the church.



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On leaving the car park turn left along the main road, past the Cavendish Hotel and Baslow Sportsfield to the roundabout. Cross the Bakewell road and continue past the burial ground and *Baslow Church* to the *old ford* and *toll bridge* on your left. Cross the bridge and immediately ahead is the entrance to a narrow alleyway. Go up the alley and into the field at the top. Keeping the wall on your right cross 3 fields to a pedestrian gate under a big tree. Go through the gate and follow the wall on the right. At it's corner go towards the top right hand corner of the field to a stone stile. Go over the stile, and another on the far side of the next field. In this field after about 100 yards is a signpost pointing diagonally left. Follow the direction of the signpost, even though the path is not clear to a gateway on the far left of the field. Exit onto Wheatland's Lane and turn right.

Follow the lane to the crest of the hill and start to descend. After about 100 yards the road briefly flattens, with farm gates on each side (1.8m). Take the stone stile by the gate on your right and follow the path diagonally uphill towards the trees. Go over the stile and into the wood, then follow the path by the side of the wall.

After about 350 yards you go through a gate into Bank Wood South. Along this section are views on your right to Curbar Gap, Baslow Edge, Baslow and Chatsworth House.



Baslow from Bank Wood South

Continue through a gate onto open land with views to your left back to Hassop, Longstone and Longstone Edge. Below you are lead mining remains on the hillside. Enter into Bank Wood North, following the Edge to a sign near the far end "Bank Wood North" on your left. Go through the gate to your right and turn left to Bubnell Lane (2.6m). Cross the road and go slightly left past an old moss covered farm gate to continue along the edge in Bramley Wood. On this section you get views on the right to Baslow and Baslow Edge and to the left of Calver, below. Follow the path, through the banks of rhododendrons, until the wall turns right and trees are ahead. Continue for about 50 yards to a T junction and turn right for the main walk or left for the extended walk.

After turning right, cross the stile into the field and follow the direction of the signpost diagonally to the right to the far corner of the field.



Hassop Avenue and Hassop

Go through the pedestrian gate and look for the pedestrian gate on your right. Go through this and continue diagonally across the field as before. Go through the pedestrian gate and across the corner of the next field to another similar gate. The next few gates come in rapid succession as you go round *Bramley Farm*, until the last gate gives onto a tarmac path beside a wall with a steep drop on the right. Follow the path round to descend to road level by the farm entrance (3.5m).

Go down Bubnell Lane. The extended walk joins the road in the dip, then climb the gentle hill to Bubnell, up the lane. Continue along Bubnell Lane, past the weir and Bubnell Hall, to the old *Baslow Bridge\**, with its *Watchman's hut* and *Toll Bar cottage* on the far side (4.4m). Cross the bridge and turn right past *Baslow church\**.

Cross the Bakewell road at the roundabout and continue past Baslow Sportsfield and the

Cavendish Hotel on your right. Turn right at the village green and hall to the car park.

### Walk 6 extension

Turning left above Calver follow the path downhill. It is very steep in places and curves to the right half way down. At the bottom, cross the stile, go straight ahead across the field, through the hedgerow in the dip, and up the far field. Almost at the top there is a dry stone wall on your right. Cross the wall where it has crumbled and go diagonally right across this field to the farm gate. Once through the gate stay beside the wall on your left to a signpost, then descend, through the stone stile to the lane below. Follow the lane to the right and curve round up to the road. At the road turn right and continue to *Calver* village hall.

On the left hand side of the village hall drive is a footpath. Go along this and cross a farm driveway at the top. Enter the field through the pedestrian gate and go straight ahead to the next gate. After going through this the path goes to the far left hand corner of the field in the trees. Go through this gate and down a short track between fields to the river Derwent. (3.3m from start) Turn right along the river. Keeping the river on your left, go through the gate at the far end. The path initially follows the curve of the river, but then continues along the valley side. Go through a gate in a dry stone wall ahead of you. Enter the next field through the pedestrian gateway. On your left, across the field and river is *Stanton Ford House*, an 17c

school. As the field widens out there is a wall ahead with a pedestrian gateway to the right, and across the field a gate on the far side. This field can be very waterlogged in winter. If it is impassable don't go through the gateway in the wall, but follow the raised grass track to your right. This comes to a farm gate and exit onto Bubnell Lane. Here you meet the main walk. Turn left onto Bubnell Lane.

### Points of Interest

\* Baslow church and the Old bridge and ford are described in the walk around the village.

### Footpath from the bridge.

The original mediaeval road went straight up from the bridge to the top of Wheatlands Lane. The Lane was diverted centuries ago.

### Quarry & Lead mining remains.

The hillside on the left of the path was the site of lead mines that closed 200 years ago. The quarry (Backdale) was recently worked for limestone, but closed down after extensive legal action.

The valley below is the boundary between the White Peak (limestone) and the Dark Peak (sandstone and Gritstone).

### Bramley Farm

There has been a farm at Bramley for centuries. The Kitchen family were there in the late 1500s, and left in 1935. The current building dates from 1802. You walk past the footings of the earlier homestead just before reaching the road.

### Calver village

This started as a small lead mining community until the arrival in 1786 of the Cotton Mill. Other past industries included lime burning and boot making.