

“Cressbrook Dale”

January 7th

Led By Alan Barnes



**7.3 miles Undulating
(9,00am from Biddulph)**

Start point: SK 1572 7311

Notes: Free parking at the mouth of Tideswell Dale near the Field Study Centre off the access road to Litton Mill.

In the event of very wet weather when the start point may be flooded or in the unlikely event that the parking spot is full, the walk will start at Litton village green (SK 1634 7518) and will follow approximately the same route anticlockwise (|7.8 miles)..

Leader's mobile number on the day: 07419 311312

The walk starts in a westerly direction along the access road to the Ravenstor footbridge across the Wye. A short climb onto the Monsall trail follows which we follow eastwards for about half a mile before cutting to the right to follow a footpath which climbs steadily to provide wonderful views of Miller's dale and Water-cum-Jolly. Contouring around above the line of the Litton tunnel and then descending we emerge almost on the Monsal trail at the far end of the Cressbrook tunnel. Turning north we cross the Wye again at Cressbrook Mill and proceed northwards along a minor road for half a mile before forking right onto a footpath through Cressbrook Dale via Ravensdale Cottages. We climb steadily along the eastern edge of the dale to a stile at the start of a footpath to Wardlow. Rather than following this we contour around on unmarked paths to Peter's Stone and then descend to cross the Cressbrook before climbing to the northern rim of the dale. From there we contour around on a good path above Cressbrook and Tansley Dales which again provides wonderful views ove the dales. The return route then skirts Litton village and returns to the start point on minor roads via New Houses, Litton Salck and Litton Mill.

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