

LONGNOR and REAPS MOOR, 8 MILES,

MAPS; OS SHEETS LANDRANGER 119; OUTDOOR LEISURE 24.

A. Walk through river meadows and Moorland. Many superb views.
Start; At 089649, the car park, Longnor Market Place.

Turn left from the car park along the road past the CHESHIRE CHEESE INN. Go right as footpath signed into a farmyard, turning left in the middle to cross a stile in the corner. Go diagonally right across two fields and corner stiles into the meadows alongside the River Manifold. Follow the clearly stiled path downstream across several fields and a farm track to arrive at LOWER BOOTHLOW FARM.

Ignore the stile in the left wall, crossing instead to one to the right of the gate. Cross a footbridge and go through the gate beyond. Continue straight ahead on a clear path to reach a wooden stile with a footpath sign for BRUND. Follow this, as directed, over a footbridge and stile beyond to reach a barn.

At this point the walk leaves the Brund route by turning right to cross a stile by a gate. Go straight ahead through the right hand of two gates and diagonally across a field to a footbridge. Beyond this turn left along a track and go over a corner stile to the right of a gate. Go along the left field edge, over a wooden stile near the corner and, 60 Yards on, turn left over a second wooden stile. Go diagonally right to a stile on to a road.

Turn left, then right at a junction. Opposite a farm go left to cross a footbridge. Pass a solitary stone post, cross a stile and follow the right boundary to a road. Cross the road and continue up the gorse clad hillside, following the left-hand wall round to a stile in the wall. Go over this, and another in the right-hand wall. Continue along the wall past a derelict cottage and over two more stiles.

Now follow the left-hand wall to another road. Cross to the footpath sign and go as directed over two stiles then up a field and round a corner to cross a third stile. Follow the wall to a gate/stile near a barn and, beyond, go along the left boundary. Go over two stiles and a footbridge to reach a stile left of a gate. Once over, pass left of a thorn tree to reach a line of trees.

Walk to the end of these a continue across a field to a stile/gate in the corner. From here the path line follows the hedge on the left across two more stiles to a track by BOOSLEY GRANGE. Turn left, go through a gate and along a wide grassy path. Just beyond the end of the right boundary fence turn right by thorn trees and cross the stream and a stile to the left in the field corner. Climb the field beyond to a stile/gate on to a track passing BANK HOUSE. Cross a road and go along a walled track to a narrow lane.

Go left then right at the cross roads on to what is called THE LANE, part of the old Longnor to Leek packhorse way. Go past LANE FARM and through a gate to a deep hollow way worn to bedrock by countless packhorse hooves. The way continues as a metalled road to a T-Junction.

Turn left and left again at the next junction. At the end of the trees turn right over a stile and right again to a footbridge, seen ahead, over the River Manifold.

Now head for a farm. Go through the yard and along the drive for a few yards to reach a clear field path.

This crosses three fields before turning diagonally right to pass through a wall-corner stile. Follow the path to a farm access road and go straight on to LONGNOR.

