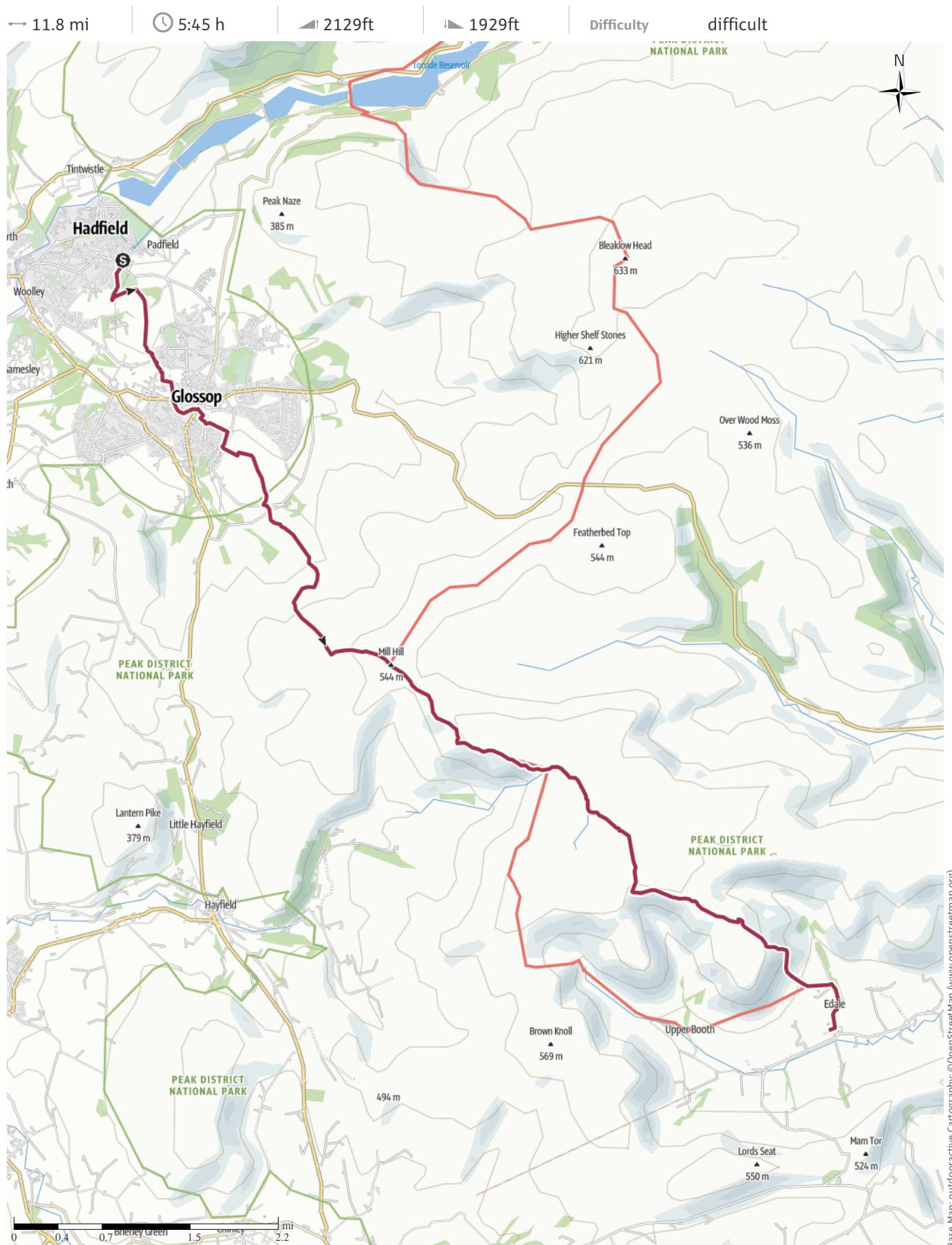


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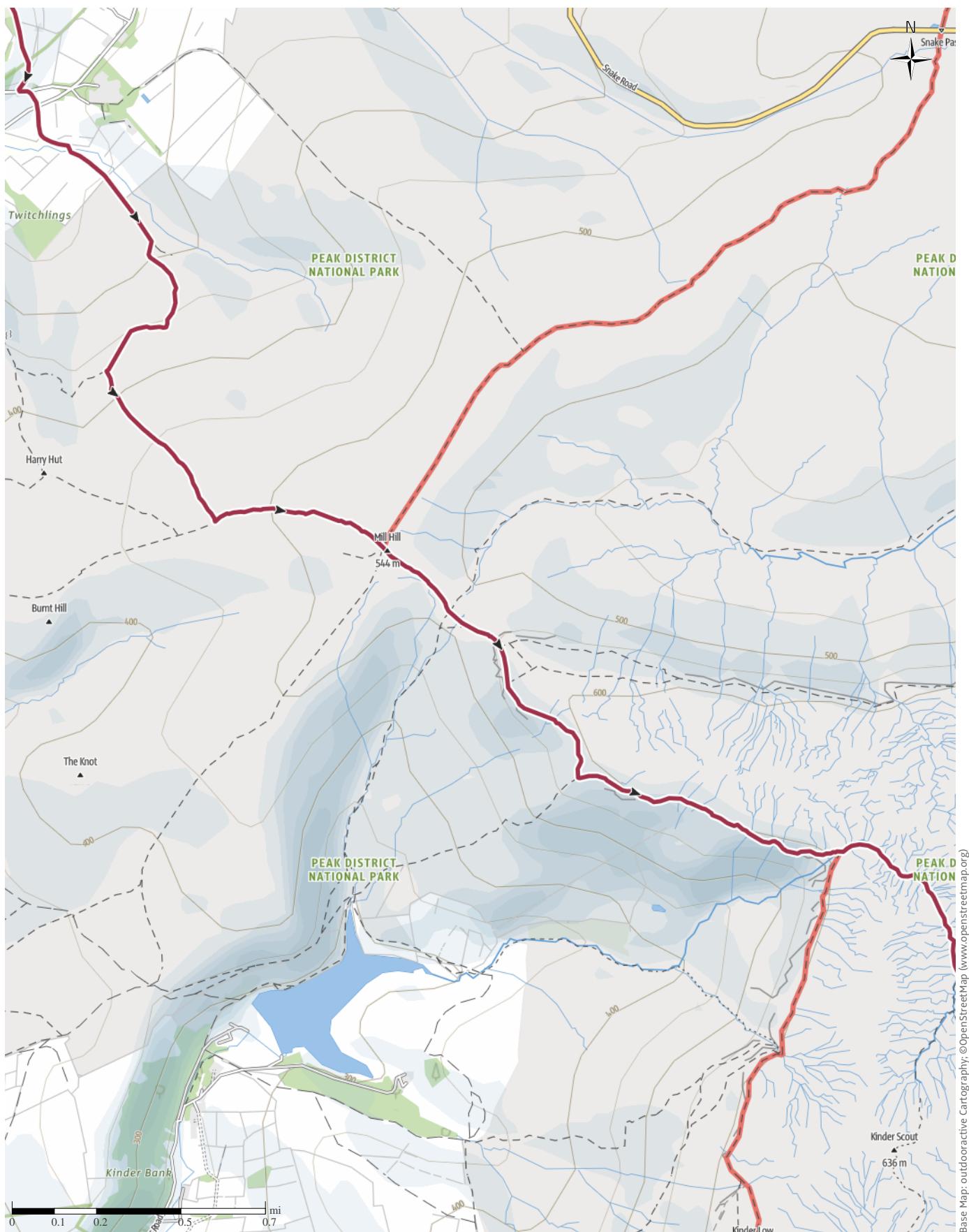
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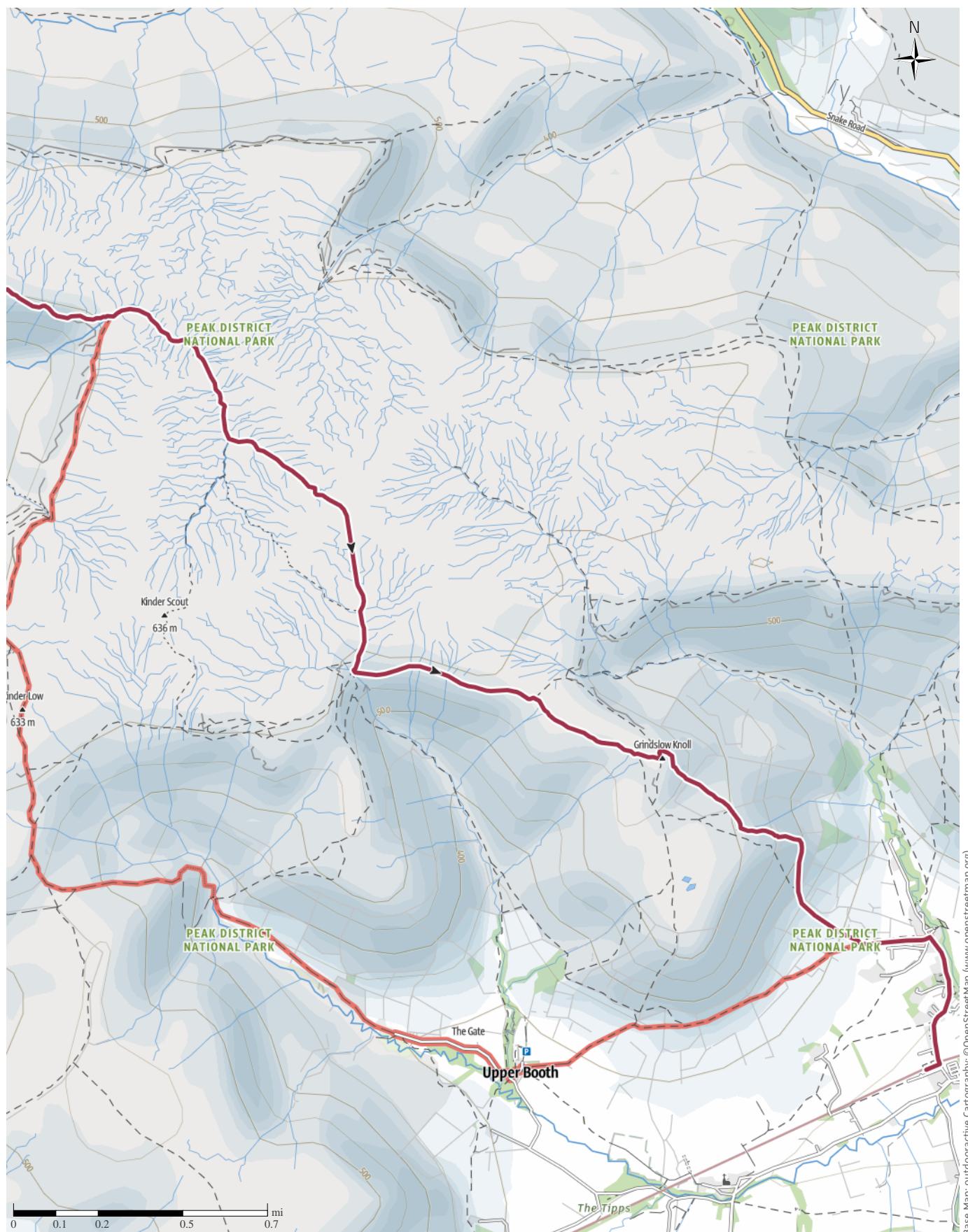
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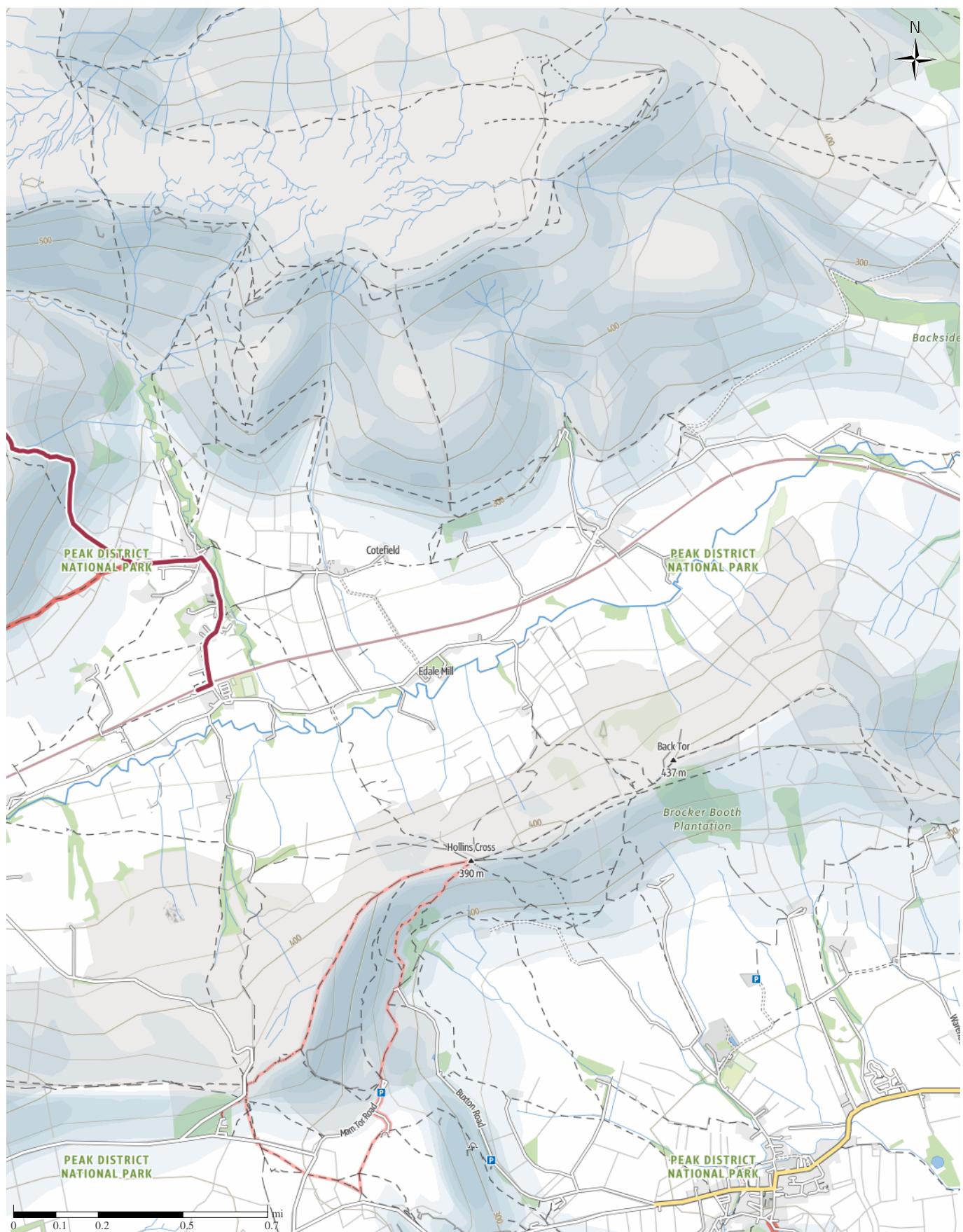
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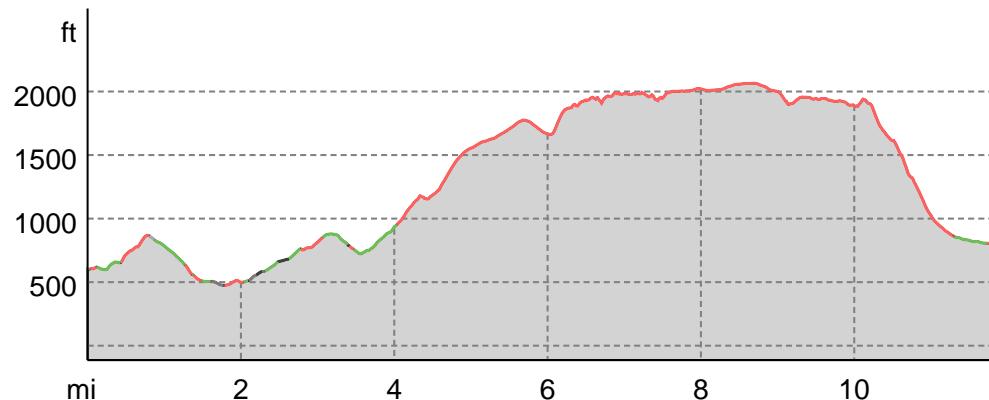
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Road surface

Asphalt	0.3 mi
Way	2.6 mi
Path	8.6 mi
Street	0.2 mi
Unknown	0.1 mi

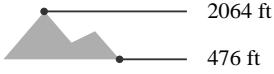
Elevation profile

route data
Hiking route

Distance	11.8 mi
Duration	5:45 h
Ascent	2129 ft
Descent	1929 ft

Difficulty  difficult

Stamina 

Technique 

Altitude 

Best time of year

JAN | FEB | MAR
APR | MAY | JUN
JUL | AUG | SEP
OCT | NOV | DEC

Ratings
Authors

Experience 

Landscape 

Community

Route (1) 

More route data
Properties

Public-transport-friendly	Linear route
Multi-stage route	Scenic
Geological highlights	Summit route



Matthew Ball

Update: September 16, 2021

Stage 11 of the Round Manchester Hiking Trail:
Hadfield to Edale via Kinder Downfall

Starting from Hadfield Railway Station, we head up over higher ground at Mouselow before heading down again into the town centre of Glossop. We then head south-eastward over some boggy paths and bleak moors towards Kinder Scout via Mill Hill. We then ascend to the plateau of Kinder, reaching an elevation of 633m above sea level, and then head into the

interior along the River Kinder. As the footpath eventually gives out, this does involve a substantial moorland crossing over potentially very wet and tricky ground. This moderate degree of peril is such that this walk is not recommended for beginners and will need anyone participating to be suitably equipped and prepared. Once we reach the southern edge of the plateaux, we are rewarded with views of the lovely Vale of Edale, which we then descend into, after a brief foray up onto the 601m summit of Grindslow Knoll.

Author's recommendation

This route was walked by Manchester Weekend Walkers (a branch of the Ramblers) on Saturday 14th August 2021.

As well as being a walking route in its own right, it is also Stage 11 of the Round Manchester Hiking Trail, a 13-stage long distance walk that completely encircles the city of Manchester. The Trail is designed to be

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accessible by public transport, and to take in a varied selection of the best scenery in the Manchester area. It is 157 miles long in total and has about 6,000m of ascent.

The Trail starts in Macclesfield, and then proceeds in a clockwise direction via the other twelve staging points (Wilmslow, Knutsford, Lymm, Leigh, Blackrod, Entwistle, Rawtenstall, Todmorden, Marsden, Hadfield, Edale, and Buxton) before the last stage takes it back to Macclesfield again to complete the loop.

Since 2019, Manchester Weekend Walkers (a branch of the Ramblers) have been walking each of the stages in order roughly once every four weeks (pandemic permitting), which results in the full loop being completed once every year. The first five stages cover mostly lowland territory, and so are walked in the winter months, leaving the sunnier parts of the year in which to tackle the hills that otherwise nearly surround Manchester on three sides.

As of the summer of 2021, it is intended that the Trail will at some point be registered with the Long Distance Walkers Association as an "official" long distance path, although this hasn't yet happened at the time of writing. However, all 13 stages are available on the Outdoor Active website and can be downloaded as GPX files.

Safety information

The moorland crossing from Kinder Downfall to Crowden Tower is tricky, and should only be attempted if conditions underfoot are reasonably dry (something that should become apparent during the ascent of Mill Hill earlier in the walk).

In wet conditions the alternative route from Kinder Downfall is to stay on the Pennine Way along the westward edge of the plateaux, passing the trig point at Kinder Low on the way to Jacob's Ladder. After descending the Ladder we keep on the PW until we reach the hamlet Upper Booth, at which point we turn off to head straight for Barber Booth. From Barber Booth, footpaths lead right beside the railway track back to Edale Station.

This route is about a mile longer than the main route,

and has about the same amount of climbing.

Equipment

Good walking boots and otherwise sensible hiking gear.

Additional information

Tips and hints

Assembly Point:

There is a large space immediately outside the only exit from the Station, from which the route doubles back to the left to follow the line of the railway.

Footware Change:

There are benches on the platforms at the station.

Toilets:

No toilets at walk start so use either Piccadilly or go on the train. At Glossop Market, just over 45 minutes in, there are free public toilets at Glossop outdoor market, but none from there till the end.

Obstructions:

None known as of August 2021.

Timings:

0:50 - Glossop Outdoor Market

1:45 - Bray Clough

2:45 - Mill Hill

4:00 - Kinder Downfall

4:25 - Kinder Gates

5:10 - Crowden Brook

5:40 - Grindslow Knoll

6:20 - The Nag's Head, Edale

Bail-Out Points:

The last real bail-out point is the point where we reach the stone-flagged path running east-west between Mill Hill and the A624. Where the route heads eastward along this to Mill Hill, anyone wishing to leave could walk the other way and catch the no.61 bus from the main road to either Glossop or New Mills. Anyone getting in to serious difficulty after this point will to call on the mountain rescue service.

Alternative Routes:

If underfoot conditions are bogger than normal then it would be advisable to stick to the edge of the plateaux rather than attempting the moorland crossing from Kinder Gates to Crowdenbrook Head. Doing this adds about a mile to the route, and means keeping to more crowded areas, but this is obviously better than getting stuck in the mud.

The waypoints for this alternative, from Kinder Downfall, are: Kinder Low (trig point), Jacob's Ladder, Upper Booth, Barber Booth, permitted path to Edale Station.

Lunch Stop:

There are few places with any shelter after Glossop, but the rocks at Sandy Heys should offer some protection from any prevailing winds. Alternatively, Mill Hill provides places to sit and a nice landmark.

Post-Walk Refreshments:

There are only two choices, but both of them are excellent. The Nag's Head offers the more traditional pub experience and the real ales, whereas the Ramblers Arms has a lot of outdoor space and is also right by the railway station.

Turn-by-turn directions

Starting point / trailhead

Hadfield Railway Station

Coordinates:

DD: 53.460894, -1.965367

DMS: 53°27'39.2"N 1°57'55.3"W

UTM: 30U 568691 5924041

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Point of arrival

Edale Railway Station

Turn-by-turn directions

On exiting Hadfield Railway Station we turn left and head towards Park Road, where we turn left before immediately heading right again on a bridleway towards Banks Wood. After about 500 yards of the bridleway we reach a big crossroads of paths, at which we take a sharp left to head eastwards and gently uphill towards Castlehill Wood. On reaching the high ground (called Mouselow) after 300 yards we take a right turn along a broad track heading southwards, through Hilltop Farm, for about 2/3 mile before we reach the small hamlet of Higher Dinting.

At this point we turn left on to a tarmac road which we follow for 100 yards until we reach a footpath to the right, which continues for 500 yards across the railway line to some mills at Glossop Brook Business Park. We turn left onto Surrey Street, which we follow for 100 yards before turning right on to Shrewsbury Street, which we now follow for about 400 yards until we reach the A57, the main east-west road through Glossop. We cross this and turn right, before immediately turning left again to follow a footpath adjacent to Glossop Brook through Harehills Park to come out at the Glossop outdoor and indoor markets, with their car park and toilet block.

We then head across Victoria Street (the A624) on the pelican crossing before climbing up Collier Street and Gladstone Street towards St Mary's School, to the south-west of Glossop town centre. From here we follow a footpath for about 250 yards to Cliffe Road, which we turn right to follow for another 200 yards till we reach a left turning on to a footpath that leads uphill towards Brownhill Farm. We perform a left-right shimmy about 200 yards in to this path before taking a right fork to pass through the farm yard. After this the broad track continues southwards for another half a mile before it reaches a country lane called Kidd Road. At this road we go left and then (after 50 yards) right again onto another footpath that takes us southwards across another road towards Bray Clough.

We follow this new path for a while, uphill for about 1/2 mile to the border with the open country, and shortly after this we take a right when the path forks. We are now in moorland and heading uphill towards the shooting cabin near Chunil, which we reach after another 1/2 mile. After this we head southwards and steeply uphill along a boggy path that takes us towards Mill Hill. After a further 120m of ascent we reach a stone-flagged path which we now turn left to follow to the summit of Mill Hill.

At Mill Hill we head straight on to join the Pennine Way and head towards the northwest buttress of Kinder Scout. After climbing the steep steps up this we take the southern path along the plateaux edge to Sandy Heys (a rocky outcrop with great views that makes a good lunch stop). The Pennine Way then takes us after another 20 minutes to Kinder Downfall, where we leave it to follow the River Kinder inland across the Plateaux to the Kinder Gates (two giant rocks either side of the waterway). After another 15 minutes, our route leaves the river to head out across Edale Moor, at first along identifiable paths which then fade to become ever harder to follow. After about 40 minutes we should emerge at the southern edge of the plateaux, at Crowden Tower. If you lose the way, just head south and you will get to some other point on the edge of the

plateaux nearby.

From Crowden Brook (which flows down into the Vale of Edale, which we can now see), we head eastwards along a paved path that takes us towards Grindslow Knoll, a peak slightly higher than the surrounding plateaux. From here we descend steeply down towards Grindsbrook Booth (the northern end of the village of Edale). Once we get to the Nags Head, we turn right and head along the road to get back to the Railway Station.

Getting There

 This route is conveniently accessible by public transport.

Public transport

Trains to Hadfield run from Piccadilly Station every 30 minutes on Saturday mornings, and take about 40 minutes to get there.

Getting there

The return trains from Edale are normally once an hour until fairly late on Saturday evenings, and take about 45 minutes to reach Piccadilly.

Parking

If using the car for part of the journey the you would need to park somewhere near Piccadilly. Although both train lines pass through Ashburys railway station, the Edale service doesn't stop there.

Protected areas

National park Peak District

Some or all of the following may apply in protected areas:

Observe local conservation rules and information

Comments & Ratings



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Website

<https://out.ac/lInHui>



Kinder Reservoir, seen from Kinder Scout

Photo: Matthew Ball, Community

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Legend

Topography

	Wood, forest
	Moor, swamp, marsh
	Moorland
	Residential building area with single building
	Industrial real estate with single building
	Cemetery
	Golf course
	Sportsfield, stadium
	Stadium
	Open-air pool
	Vineyard
	Petrograph
	Country border
	State border
	District border
	Contour line
	Special use area
	Nature reserve

Topographic single signs

	Summit cross
	Elevation point
	Rock
	Cave
	Church
	Chapel
	Cemetery
	Palace/Castle
	Abbey
	Monument
	Ruin
	Mine
	Cairn
	Broadcasting tower
	Windwheel
	Water-/windmill
	Viewpoint

Streets and ways

	Freeway with number
	Highway with number
	State, country, district street
	Village road
	Main agricultural road
	Agricultural road
	Trail
	Via Ferrata

Lifts, Railway

	Ropeway lift
	Gondola lift
	Chairlift
	Ski-, draglift
	Aerial ropeways
	Railway
	Suburban train
	Subway
	Tram
	Railway station