

# Cromford Canal & The High Peak Trail

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Start: Free car park at High Peak Junction  
(SK 3148 5609)

Route: High Peak Junction - Cromford Canal  
- Birch Wood - Bolehill - Black Rocks -  
High Peak Trail - High Peak Junction

Map: Explorer OL 24: The Peak  
District White Peak Area

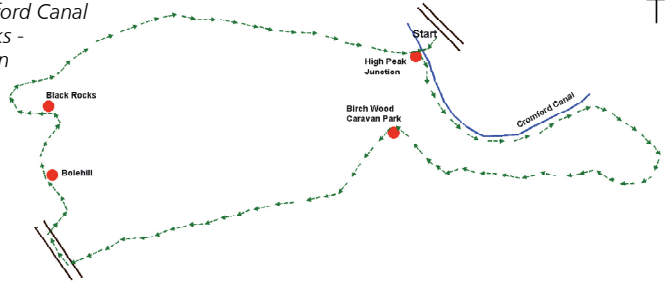
Distance: 6.75 miles

Terrain: Good paths which can be  
muddy in places.

Refreshments: High Peak Junction Visitors  
Centre, Holmesford Cottage

Toilets: High Peak Junction Visitors Centre

to Bolehill there are stunning views across to Crich Stand and Alport Height whilst from Bolehill's summit Carsington Reservoir and High Tor come into view. At Black Rocks a short scramble to the top of the rocks offers extensive views of the Derwent Valley. The final section of the walk, along a wooded section of the High Peak Trail, is full of interesting reminders of the trail's origins as a railway line.



From the back of the car park turn right over the bridge, cross the River Derwent to reach Cromford Canal and High Peak Junction.

Turn left, walk along the canal past Leawood Pumphouse to reach an old canal lock gate, cross this and continue along the opposite side of the canal.

Just before Leawood Tunnel leave the canal path taking the footpath on the right, signed for Holmesford Cottage. Cross the bridge over the Derwent, go under the tunnel and follow the track to the A6.

Cross the A6 and follow the track opposite behind the houses. As you approach a metal gate take the track which heads uphill but look for a gap in the fence, almost immediately on your right, to follow a clear footpath uphill through Birch Wood.

As you walk along the top of the wood you will reach a tarmac track, continue straight ahead



A walk that explores parts of Derbyshire's industrial heritage whilst also giving stunning and wide-ranging views that include Crich Stand, Carsington Reservoir and the Derwent Valley. Initially following the Cromford Canal, which is now a nature reserve, the route then climbs through leafy Birch Wood. As it heads across