

Another circular route so you can start anywhere but for the purposes of this page I am based at the Derbyshire Bridge car park, which includes a public convenience 09.00 to 17.00 on a timer (solenoid lock no RADAR key needed). I am walking the route anti-clockwise.

The map illustration cannot be relied on near the Goytsclough Quarry part of the route as there is far too much cluttered detail, however the broad route is indicated by the usual 15px red dots. On the day this route was walked, it was a sunny day and the entire route could be photographed. Some useful images were obtained. See the **C2** entry on the Landscapes page, for the *cross-country* part of this route.

Leave the back of the car park and around the dog-leg onto the obvious vehicular track uphill. There is an early turn-off through a gate to the left onto open-access land, leading to ten grouse butts. That area can be explored and includes ephemeral / vernal pools.

Local knowledge: There are ephemeral / vernal pools early on the left of the main track (where the logs are) which were seen by me playing host to many newts early spring. I want to check August / September for signs of Darter Dragonflies. Vegetation at all ephemeral / vernal pools suggests the pools generally remain wet.

Follow the main vehicular track to the finger post indicating the public footpath. Turn left along the track across the moor. Continue to where the path slopes off down to the left until you hit another finger post confirming Berry Clough and Goytsclough. Ultimately on this pebble- stoned downward path (reminiscent of the Stake Clough route) you will stumble into the *wooden footbridge*, which is probably the one referred to on the OS map.

Pass through the small gate in the stock fencing but do not cross this bridge unless taking a short-cut back to Derbyshire Bridge (a good safe place to cross if needed).

Otherwise follow the obvious goat track up and down hill until you reach the well-known Packhorse Bridge where you can cross and return via tarmac. From here on, the **Y** entry under Landscapes completes the photography set. The Goyt River can become a rapid at times.

This route will be interesting in winter snow but remember the 1.5km direct route to the car park from the A537 can become impassable to 2WD cars in snow and ice. You may drive in but not get out, using 2WD.

Distance: 5.8km (GPS)

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