

The Saddle of Kerridge (SOK) has been rebuilt completely. The main route offers plenty of interest, some of which you will need to discover and explore yourself over time, as there are too many details to mention. I am only pointing to the main arteries to try to keep details uncomplicated. That said, SOK is now largely based on OS maps courtesy of bing.com. OS maps inherently more complicated to look at.

The venue takes its name from the backbone main route (red dots), which starts at the junction of Cow Lane and Lord Street. Map A features the start at Cow Lane. The little wooden gate next to the water trough, leading to public footpaths (maroon on the CEC map).

NB: Changing the subject, the 25px blue dot shown near Savio House on Map A is an excellent open-access pond, next to the public footpath. Good hunting there for Odonata species, both Hawkers and Darters.

I walk to Cow Lane from home but if you are travelling by car, the area is a maze of exceptionally narrow, winding and steep lanes. Totally unsuitable for non-resident parking. Nearby safe parking at the (free) Pool Bank Car Park (SK10 5PS).

The red dot route (Map B) is the original. It includes the White Nancy monument and Kerridge Hill Trig Point (SJ 942 759 – Elev: 313m). I sometimes use the blue dot route (Map B) and return by the red dot route (Map B). The green dot route (Map B) essentially a return route option for me in insect hunting season. Plenty of undergrowth and drystone walls. I use the blue route as a lead-in to Map C (Lamaload Reservoir) and the red route as a lead-in to Map D (Tegg's Nose Country Park).

Map C starts at the 30px blue dot at the end of the blue route. Main route along Berristal Road shown and leads straight to Lamaload Reservoir. All tarmac though there are well marked public footpath options if you prefer grass. Select those as you go.

Map D begins at the 30px red dot at the end of the red dot route on Map B. Cross the main road and turn right. Just a few metres away on your left squeeze through the public footpath steps at the side of the first house. Cross the field to the gate and turn right on Bull Hill Lane. Left at Buxton New Road and right almost immediately squeezing through the public footpath steps up and over the clear trail.

Turn right at the main road and Tegg's Nose is quickly seen on your left. Café there for those who do not already know.

At Tegg's Nose I invariably continue along the well maintained public footpath (black dots) up into the Country Park and the scenic vantage points with delightful views overlooking (essentially) Wildboardclough, assuming there is no mist. Views include Shutlingsloe and various reservoirs. Spectacular views which do not necessarily translate into spectacular photo opportunities.

I walk as far as a memorial bench located on the 'cliff' road. Total return journey for me is 14.34 km. A route I like in all seasons.