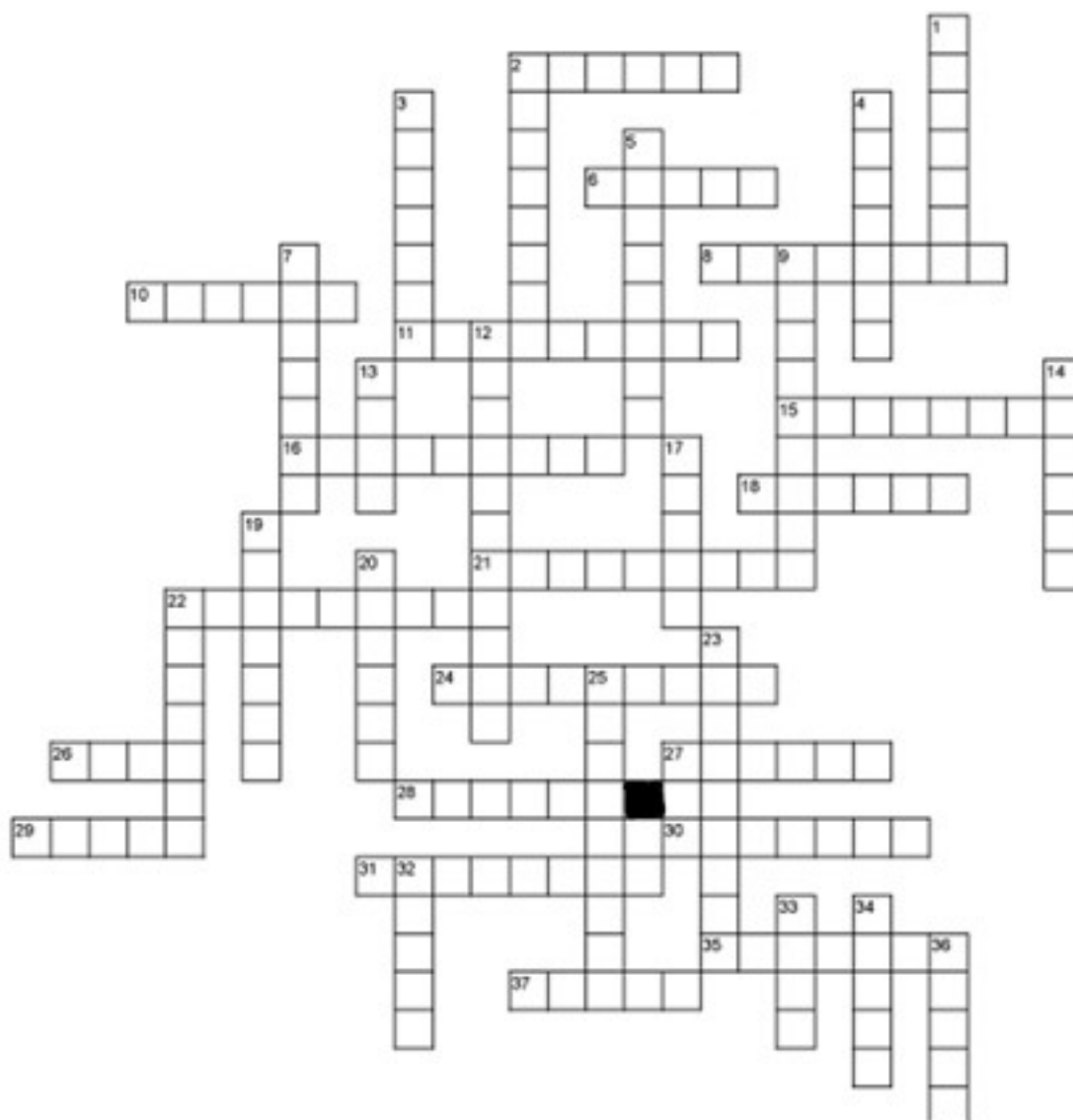


Stanton Moor Geocross V18 revision C 20 August 2020

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To solve this crossword puzzle you need to visit the 13 locations of the main feature in the following photographs.

You will need the what3words app (W3W) on your GPS device. Using your GPS device held over the main feature you then get the what3words address. You will probably have to move around to find the W3W square containing the 'word' provided.

Save all the words and eventually fit the words to the crossword grid.

There are just four crossword clues. Find these words first, then fit all the other words to the grid. There may be more than one solution.

Clues

- 2 DOWN more than just a duke
- 12 DOWN longest word 11 characters
- 9 DOWN cuts
- 17 DOWN what a leader does

The GPS on mobile phones can be imprecise. This can mean that multiple devices very close to each other might show different 3 word addresses, not because the 3 word addresses of your actual location is different but because the devices each think they are in slightly different places. Each location is a grid square 3x3 metres.

In order to help you ensure that you obtain the correct three word (W3W) address, the first word in the W3W is provided as a clue. You may need to walk around the main feature into different 3 x 3 metre grid squares to find the correct W3W address.

E.g. Let's assume that you are at a location given by the W3W address thick.verge.commented and you are told the first word of the W3W address is the word "thick". You now know you have found the right one.

Location	OS grid reference	W3W		
		First word	Second word	Third word
1	SK 24749 63870	dozens		
2	SK 25033 63710	imprinted		
3	SK 25127 63398	directive		
4	SK 25219 63248	configure		
5	SK 25014 62966	twee		
6	SK 25064 62898	expecting		
7	SK 24838 62715	hang		
8	SK 24344 62785	crown		
9	SK 24315 62729	preheated		
10	SK 24496 62908	waistcoat		
11	SK 24570 63185	winters		
12	SK 24876 63477	driving		
13	SK 24912 63494	archduke		

Each of the locations can be found on the route below. The locations are listed in order and sufficient background is included to help you triangulate your position to identify the location.



Start and finish north of Stanton Moor.

Location 1 OS ref SK 24749 63870

North quarry steps

Contains “dozens”



Stanton Moor is an outlier of the Eastern Millstone grit edges. The local stone here is known as Ashover Gritstone and was laid down 300 million years ago. On Stanton Moor the bedding is almost flat, giving pronounced horizontal rock and easily quarried. It makes excellent millstones and building stone, so good that all the sides of Stanton Moor have been extensively quarried, particularly in the past two hundred years. Most of the quarries are now abandoned to nature.

Location 2 OS ref SK 25033 63710

Duke of York Stone

Contains "imprinted"



The Duke of Rutland developed his part of Stanton Moor for sightseeing scenic drives, a fashionable activity for the wealthy in Victorian times. He was doing the same on his Longshaw Estate. From 1809 the Duke carried out 'improvements', allowing his guests to visit rock formations. He also carried out major tree planting. His rampant rhododendron thickets are now over-abundant. The Duke also created carved stones in honour of visitors. This Stone is for the Duke of York's visit in 1826.

Stanton Moor probably has the most desecrated gritstone rock features in the Peak District. Virtually every large boulder has graffiti of some sort. This 300 million year old moorland has been dramatically vandalised in the last 200 years.

Location 3 OS ref SK 25127 63398

Earl Grey Tower - west

Contains "directive"

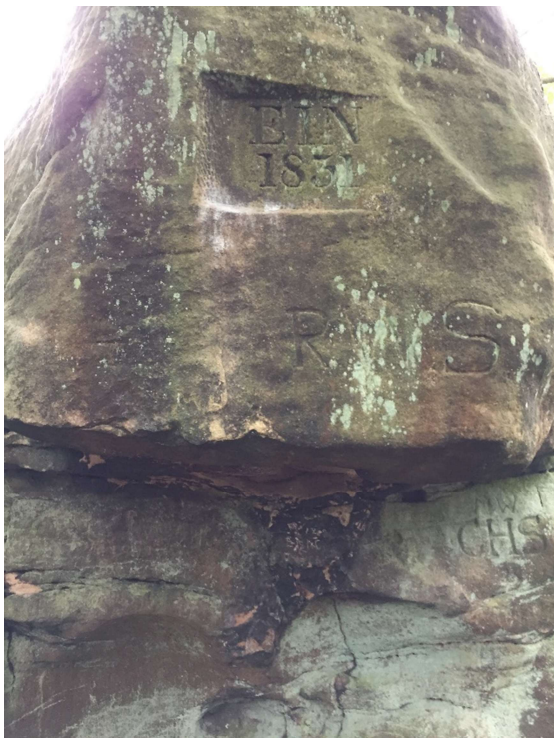


An expensive folly in honour of Earl Grey. Also called The Reform Tower. Prime Minister Earl Grey passed The Reform Act in 1832, a major change in voting legislation. During his tenure as PM, slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire in 1833..

Location 4 OS ref SK 25219 63248

Cat Rock

Contains “configure”



There are carved steps up the back, giving a small adventure for the Dukes guests.
The carved inscription is EIN 1831.

Location 5 OS ref SK 25014 62966

Quarry building ruin

Contains "twee"



Ruins of 20th century quarry buildings. There is a deep fenced off quarry nearby.

Location 6 OS ref SK 25064 62898

Duchess of Sunderland Stone

Contains "expecting"



Duchess of Sunderlands ducal coronet and date 1830

Location 7 OS ref SK 24838 62715

Gorse Stone Stanton Moor Edge - east

Contains "hang"



Another in a series of interesting wind sculpted rocks on Stanton Moor Edge. These would have been more easily viewed in Victorian times.

Location 8 OS ref SK 24344 62785

The Cork Stone

Contains "crown"



The most famous wind sculpted gritstone pillar on Stanton Moor. Well worn carved holds on south face with metal handles. Lots of graffiti.

Location 9 OS ref SK 24315 62729

Chair Stone

Contains “preheated”



A deep quarry near the Cork Stone has this balanced chair shaped rock at its high point. On the quarry floor an a stack of large millstones.

Location 10 OS ref SK 24496 62908

Stanton Moor trig point

Contains "waistcoat"



The high point in a heather moorland, surrounded by ancient burial sites, field boundaries and other signs of thousands of years of human settlement.

Location 11 OS ref SK 24570 63185

Windswept pine

Contains “winters”



One of the Duke of Rutland's tree plantings, a pine which was blown over many years ago due to wind exposure and poor rooting in the thin moorland soil, and continued to grow.

Location 12 OS ref SK 24876 63477

The King Stone

Contains “driving”



The archaeological highlight of Stanton Moor is the Nine Ladies Stone Circle, and set 35 metres from it the slightly underwhelming King Stone. It is smaller than originally due to being hit by a vehicle. Avoid visiting around the summer solstice.

Location 13 OS ref SK 24912 63494

Nine Ladies Stone Circle

Contains “archduke”



The Nine Ladies Stone Circle was selected as one of 28 archetypal monuments in England and Wales in the Schedule to the first Ancient Monuments Protection Act 1882.

The circle is one of the finest in Britain. Nine small gritstone standing stones and a tenth one buried. The grass has been restored and now looks pristine. Before the Duke's trees grew, this stone circle would have had spectacular views to the Eastern Edges. The site is owned by Historic England. The boundary of the Scheduled Monument covers the whole of the fenced area of Stanton Moor, approximately one square kilometre. It's worth reflecting that early man settled on Stanton Moor 4000 years ago and in the next 3700 years they did nothing of great harm to the environment. In fact they created features which we recognize as having great cultural significance. There are at least four stone circles here.

The Nine Ladies became well known when an environmental protest began in 1999. Stancliffe Stone tried to reopen a massive quarry on the east side, and to raise awareness the Stanton Lees Protest Group occupied the quarries by rigging ropes and living on tented platforms high in the air for nine years. They succeeded in creating national support and despite a High Court Order to evict them in 2004, continued their protest until the Peak Park revoked the quarry licence in 2008.