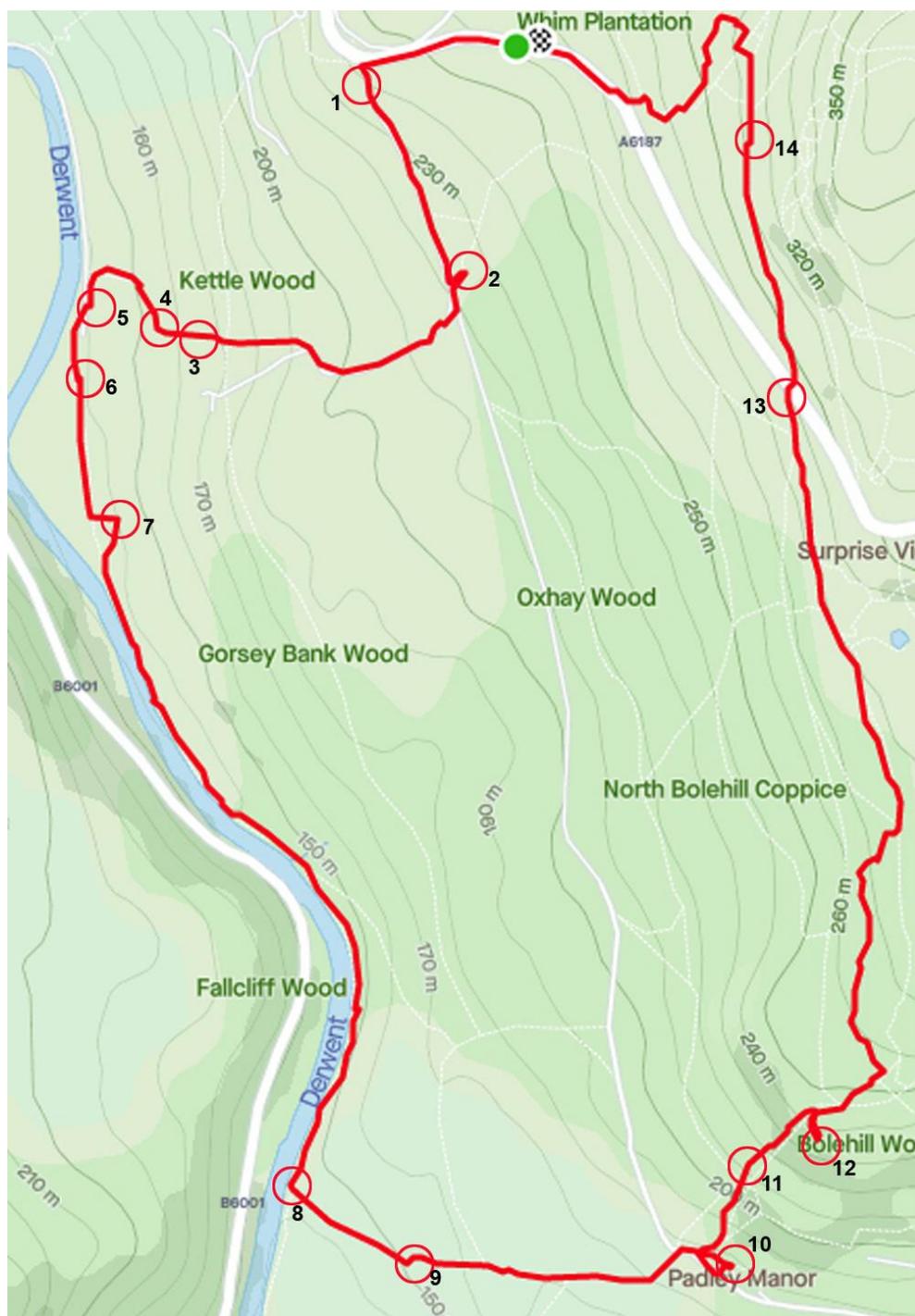


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Start from Whim Plantation on the A6187 Hathersage Road, or Surprise View..

Location 1 OS ref SK 24163 80619

Greenwood Farm sign

Contains “pampered”



The National Trust own Greenwood Farm, part of the Longshaw Estate. The farmland includes a large area of gritstone moorland, Laurencefield Moor, extending to the National Trust's Longshaw Estate. It also covers Bolehill where prior to 1900, a large number of small quarries produced high quality millstones with parallel sides better named as 'grindstones'. A large portion of the Bolehill quarries was sold to the Derwent Valley Water Board in 1901 to provide a source of high quality gritstone for the Upper Derwent Valley Howden and Derwent dams.

Location 2 OS ref SK 24307 80333

Large Millstone

Contains "long"



One of two unsold and abandoned millstones close to Greenwood Farm. This one is over 2 metres diameter.

The farm dates back to medieval times, between 1500 and 500 years ago. As a working farm it is interesting because there is very little cleared land around the farmhouse. It was a woodland farm, established a long time before the Enclosure Act farms of 200 years ago. Some of the boundary walls have massive stones at the base, whereas 'enclosure' walls tend to have similar sized stone throughout.

Location 3 OS ref SK 23932 80247

Gate by railway bridge

Contains "swam"



The railway line is a formidable obstacle to cross, and there are few pedestrian crossing points between Hathersage and Upper Padley. Built by the Midland Railway Company between 1888 – 1894, it cut off the better riverside pasture land from the woodland farms.

Location 4 OS ref SK 23866 80320

Old stone stile

Contains "deputy"



Remains of an old stone stile on the once well used footpath between Hathersage and Grindleford.

Location 5 OS ref SK 23790 80293

Old carved stone

Contains "landings"



Possibly a remnant of an old building which has disappeared, maybe when the railway was built. It may be a relic of Padley Manor House.

Location 6 OS ref SK 23769 80183

Guide stone

Contains "careful"



The footpath crosses a large field and there are a number of large stones which mark the route. Sometimes flooded.

Before the Derwent and Howden reservoirs were built the River Derwent would have regularly flooded this field.

Location 7 OS ref SK 23832 79994

Ancient wall

Contains "sheep"



The lower part of the wall may be a medieval field clearance wall similar to those on Lawrencefield Moor. It has been topped off with smaller stone to make it stock proof.

Location 8 OS ref SK 24074 79074

Coppice Wood sign

Contains "petty"



The riverside footpath passes through Coppice Wood and is very muddy in winter.

Location 9 OS ref SK 24365 78952

Ruined barn

Contains "headings"



A derelict barn or shed in the centre of the nine enclosed fields of Upper Padley.

Location 10 OS ref SK 24682 78957

Padley Chapel – arched doorway in rear yard

Contains “ballparks”



Rough and ready rural paving, nothing fancy and not even level. Padley Chapel is a Grade 1 Listed Building and was once part of Padley Manor Hall. The Chapel is the only part still surviving after 600 years. The ruins of Padley Manor House lie behind.

Location 11 OS ref SK 24731 79122

Bolehill Incline – counterweight boulder

Contains “lined”



From 1901 to 1914 stone for the Howden and Derwent reservoir dams was lowered down this incline in railway wagons, to be collected by train from Upper Padley Sidings. This massive quarrying operation required an industrial scale of work with over 400 men employed. Upper Padley expanded into a temporary shanty-town on the lower slopes of Bolehill.

Wagons were lowered down the 300 foot incline at a gradient of 1 in 3. As one wagon went down an empty one was hauled up. Three hundred wagons were in use in 1905.

Location 12 OS ref SK 24884 79191

Rock pile

Contains "likening"



This is on the platform where Bolehill rock was 'dressed' before being lowered to the railway.

Over 1.25 million tons of gritstone were quarried and cut into large 20 - 30 ton blocks.

Workshop sheds were erected on this platform in the upper quarry, for dressing the stone before transporting it to the dam construction sites. The foundations can still be seen in winter but covered by chest-high bracken in the summer..

Location 13 OS ref SK 24745 80177

Bolehill sign

Contains "reissued"



On the side of the A6187, the access track leading to Lawrencefield and Bolehill quarries.

Location 14 OS ref SK 24686 80506

Powder store below Millstone quarries

Contains "entire"



Well away from the quarry workings is this substantial brick and concrete storeroom.