

Dudales Hope and Maund Bryan

One short, sharp climb, giving possibly the best views in the area

5.5 miles (9 km.) or 7 miles (11 km.)

Start:- Car park at the Parish Hall, or

England's Gate Inn (S) opposite

Explorer 202 or Pathfinder 994 GR 545 514

Leave the Parish Hall (R) and turn right along the A417 or turn left out of England's Gate Inn (S) car park and left again at the A417, for 100 metres. Take the stile on the left at Calderwell (R) and follow the hedge to another stile into Ketch Lane. Turn left and, at the end of the lane, right for 50 metres to a kissing gate on your left. Follow the hedge through two more gates and cross the field ahead to a fourth gate. Bear left to a footbridge into Orchard Close and cross the road into Chapel Lane.

Walk up Chapel Lane to just before a road junction from the right where a metal footpath sign in the hedge on the left points you into the drive of the cottage ahead. Enter the drive but IMMEDIATELY turn left to a stile behind the woodshed. PLEASE RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF THE OWNERS AT ALL TIMES.

Follow the hedge on your left over three more stiles and where it ends bear diagonally left to another stile by a gate. Turn right along the hedge to the road. Turn right up the road for 300 metres and cross the road to walk up the drive to Dudales Hope. Just before the drive turns sharp left to the house, cross the stile in the hedge on the right and walk up the sunken lane. Cross the stile at the top of the lane and turn left to walk diagonally uphill to the far corner at the top of the field. After a pause to appreciate the view, cross the stile and the field ahead and turn right through a metal gate down the road, still with the view. Cross the A417 into Chapel Lane opposite and walk to the grain drying complex on the left.

For the shorter walk continue down the lane to the end of Chapel Lane and turn right up the road back to the starting point.

For the complete walk turn left alongside the grain dryer, into Watery Lane, and follow it to Maund Common (W). Cross the common and turn right, passing the Old Mission House (W) on your right and continue to the road junction where you turn right. Pass between the buildings of Rowberry Court and just over 0.5 mile (1 km) turn right at the road junction which will bring you back to Pool Head. Turn left down Chapel Lane and right at the junction opposite Orchard Close. Walk up the road to England's Gate Inn (S) or cross the road to the Parish Hall.

