

Please note that this walk can be muddy and overgrown at certain times of the year.

**Non-residents:** Parking and access to the public footpaths and the walk is available on Flash Lane.

Route Checked: April 2026.

# Beeley Moor & Halldale Wood (5.4 miles)

- Distance: 5.4 miles
- Time: 2-3 hours
- Grade: Moderate
- Terrain: Moorland trails, country lanes, woodland paths
- Accessibility: Uneven ground, step stiles, squeeze stiles, gates
- Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL24

*This beautiful route takes you across the heather-clad expanse of Beeley Moor, with fantastic views in all directions. It then follows a quiet country lane into mature woodland, where a pretty wooden footbridge crosses a stream, before returning via forest trails back to the park. Be aware that it has some steep sections and some difficult stiles to cross.*

1. Start your walk on the road beside the Reception building that runs past the Little Monkeys Play Centre. Follow the signs to the Recreation Area and from there join the Trim Trak that leads around the edge of the park.



2. Follow this clear path beneath beautiful beech trees with a small stream to your right. Continue until you reach a crossroads of paths, and then turn right on the track with the pond on your left.

3. Continue following the track until it begins to bear left at the corner. Look out for a wooden post with a blue square sign and then take a grass path across the grassy section to your right, towards the trees.

4. Follow this path as it bears left under a further avenue of beech trees. Go through a hand gate at the end of the path and immediately turn left, walking with a stone wall on your left and open fields to your right. Please keep dogs on a lead to protect livestock and ground-nesting birds.

5. Continue until you see a high wooden stile ahead of you between a stone wall and a fence. Continue following the path, keeping the farm buildings on your left in the next field. Follow to the right of the wall.

6. The path ends at a step stile over a stone wall to emerge on to a quiet lane (Flash Lane). Veer very slightly left and cross over the lane to go over a further step stile and follow a public footpath signposted to Rowsley Bar Road. (This can be a bit hidden in summer!)

7. Follow the clear path across the field through three hand gates, and then on between two fences in a wooded area.

8. The path continues through a narrow squeeze stile in a stone wall and enters the heather-clad expanse of Beeley Moor. Follow the clear path diagonally right through the heather.



9. Follow this path for approx 700 metres, with stunning views all around. The path ends at an extremely narrow squeeze stile; take care not to get stuck here, especially if you have a dog with you. Go through the stile and turn left to walk along the verge of the road (Chesterfield Road). Take care because the traffic travels very quickly here and there is no footpath.



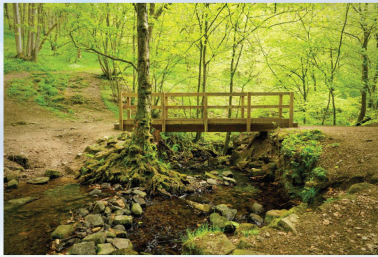
10. After 150 metres turn left off the road on to Bent Lane. There are fantastic views over to Beeley Moor and Halldale Woods on your left.

11. Continue on the tree-lined road for approx 1.2km. You will go past Bumper Castle Farm, then downhill until the trees give way to more open farmland. Look out for a public footpath sign on the left. Take the footpath, crossing over a step stile beside a wide metal gate.

12. Follow the bottom grassy path. It goes straight ahead and then curves to the right at the foot of the small hill. As you round the corner, walk towards a ruined stone barn.



13. Continue straight past the barn heading down towards the open field towards the trees. A 'broken' stone wall will appear on your left. Continue downhill with the wall on your left.



14. At the end of the stone wall go through a hand gate into Halldale Woods. Follow the narrow path as it zig-zags down through trees towards Halldale Brook. This is steep and slippery, so take care.

15. Cross the stream by way of the pretty footbridge. Immediately after crossing the bridge, take the path that heads up the hill diagonally right. At the fork, take the upper path, up the hill. Follow the path through the peaceful woods for approx 600 metres.

16. The path eventually meets a stile in a stone wall. Cross over the stile and immediately turn left to a metal gate leading into a field. Go through the gate and follow the clear path diagonally right across two wide fields.

17. When you reach a further metal gate, go through and turn left on to a quiet lane (Back Lane). Follow Back Lane for just over 1km as it winds gently uphill with farms on either side and wonderful views over open countryside in all directions.

18. Soon after passing a small wood of pine trees on your left, you reach the brow of a hill and see a young conifer plantation on your left. After about 100m, look out for a staggered crossroads of paths. Turn right, passing through a wide gap in a stone wall.

19. Follow this path with a recently felled area of trees to your left and young trees to your right. Continue straight on at all times. Ignore a clear path that leads off to your right after approx 250 metres.

20. The path eventually broadens and reaches a wide metal gate. Go through the gate, carefully cross Flash Lane, turn left and then immediately right to cross a low stile to enter woodland. Walk straight on for a short distance and then turn right on a path through pine trees. At a crossroads of paths continue straight on, and follow the path that leads back to the park.

## Along the way

### Beeley Moor

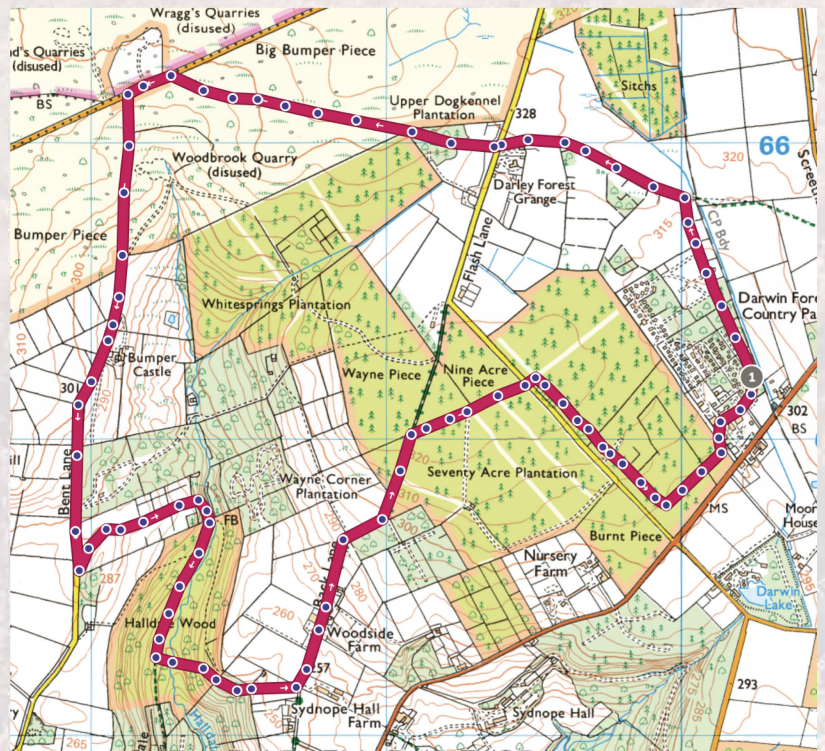
Beeley Moor is an upland area of gritstone moorland, bright with blooming heather in the summer months. It's a prehistoric landscape that contains many Scheduled Ancient Monuments, including cairns, burial mounds and guidestones.

### Bumper Castle

Halfway along Bent Lane you'll walk through the area known as Bumper Castle. This region was the site of intensive human activity in the Bronze Age, with some of the largest and best-preserved ancient field systems in Northern England. A prehistoric ring cairn is also located here, a ritual monument dating back to the Early Bronze Age, around 2000BCE.

### Back Lane

The now-quiet track of Back Lane was once a place of busy traffic. In the early 18th Century this was a well-used packhorse route leading from Darley Dale to Beeley Moor.



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