

DARK PEAK WALKS

**40 WALKS EXPLORING THE PEAK DISTRICT
GRITSTONE AND MOORLAND LANDSCAPES**

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My wonderful wife, best friend, and fellow adventurer.

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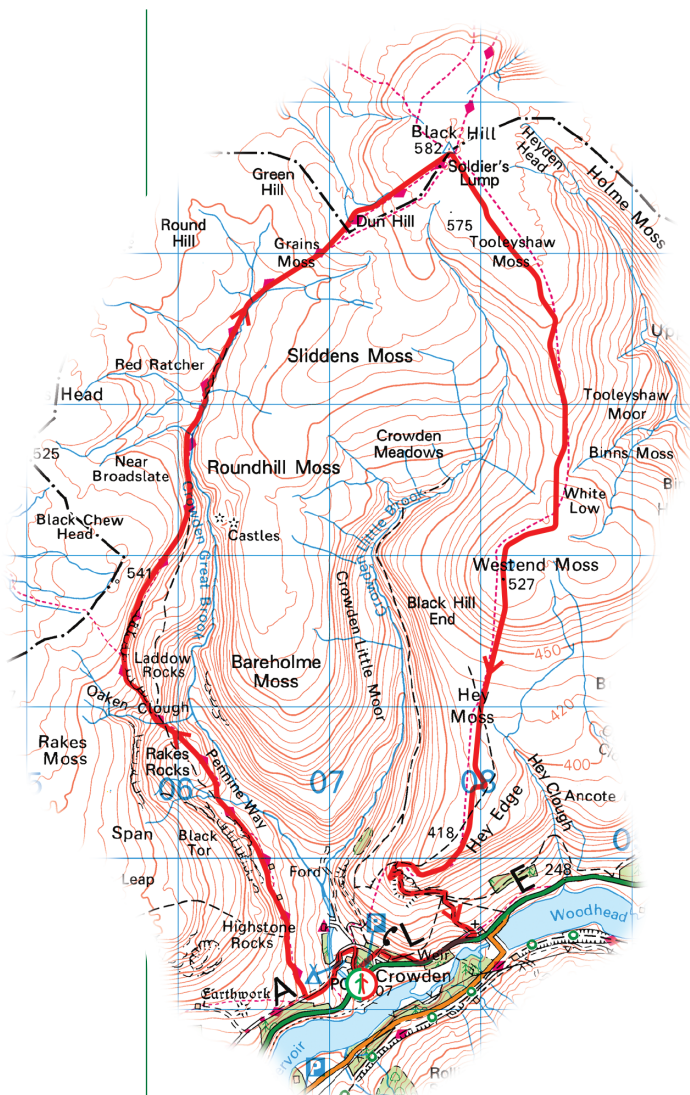
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The **triangulation pillar** on Black Hill is a little confusing. Its official name is Holme Moss, which is 1km away to the southeast. Ordnance Survey maps have it down as Soldier's Lump, this name coming from the Royal Engineers who used it for surveying in the 18th century.

From Black Hill take the faint footpath a few metres back along the stone path from the triangulation pillar, and head south-southeast over the featureless moor, eventually turning south for **Tooleyshaw Moor** and on up to White Low, passing through a line of grouse butts and a wooden stile on the way. At **White Low** the path heads west, with stakes indicating where a path lay, towards a small pool situated on **Westend Moss**.

The route heads generally south with a steep and muddy descent to **Hey Moss**. Keep well to the right of **Hey Clough** to avoid a boggy morass and look out for the abandoned triangulation pillar on Hey Edge in the distance.

Although the word '**Pillar**' is written on the map there is no accompanying blue triangle to denote a triangulation pillar. This is because it was not used in any of the surveys that followed its construction. However, it was used during a levelling survey in 1949, being 1388.99 feet above the Newlyn Datum.

From here the route goes south across open moor, then descends towards a quarry. Go right, around the quarry to its northern edge then along the narrow edge-path that leads down to the vehicle track that runs along the quarry floor. Follow this track to a cobbled track leading to a wooden stile and gate. Go over the stile and continue down the cobbled track generally south-east until it meets the bridleway running parallel to the A628. Turn left to visit St James church.

St James Church served the small community of Woodhead. Outside the churchyard are the