

# Walk and Talk

## The 'Wednesday' Walk on Thursdays



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### 198 – Whitwell Moor – 2.3 miles

This walk is pushing the '20 minutes drive' limit a bit, but is a walk I have been looking at for a long time. Most of it is firm, well walked paths or roadside, except for 'Mucky Lane' which we last walked in January (when it was far from firm) so grade 2. Park at the top of Peg Folly – up to Bolsterstone then down Stone Moor Road, bear left onto Long Lane and park on the right either just before or just after the solitary gatepost and Public Footpath signs.

Counterclockwise

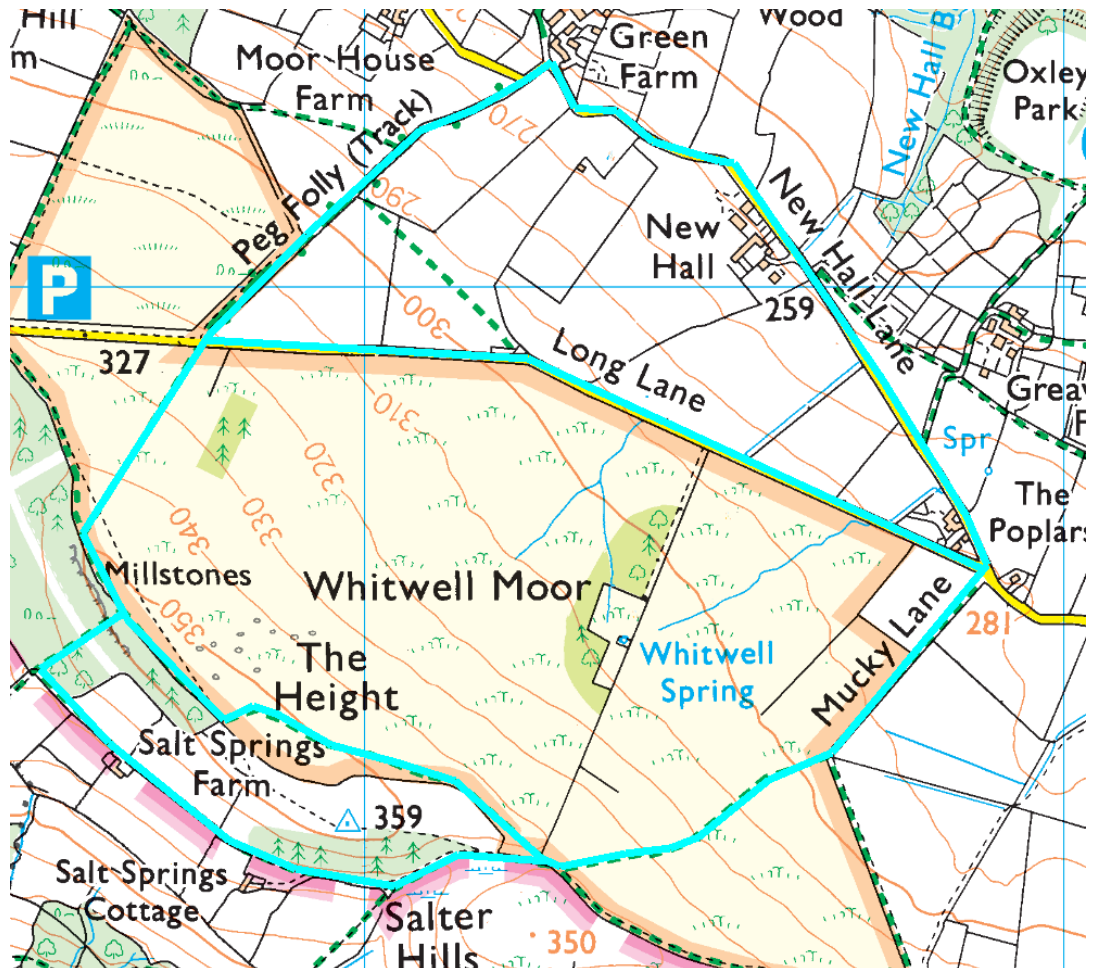
From the layby, cross the road and the stile and take the path across the moor, bearing right where the path splits. Turn left at the wall and follow beside the wall for a few yards, then turn right, over the stile and down the hill. (Alternatively, keep on along the edge of the moorland, which is a flatter and slightly shorter walk.)

At the edge of the wood, turn left and follow the track past Salt Springs Farm and round the slopes of The Height till you get back to the moor and the 'alternative' path rejoins us, then bear off to the left to the end of Mucky Lane. Follow down the lane to the road and turn left.

For a shorter, flatter walk, take the first left on Long Lane, straight back to the cars – but for a longer, more interesting walk, take the 'major' road (New Hall Lane) down the hill. Follow this round to Green Farm, bend left then go straight on up Peg Folly past the Guide Pillar and back to where you parked.

#### Risks

- Two stiles, some stoney descents (depending on which way you go).
- Paths may be muddy or slippery if wet, a bit rough underfoot and some tree roots.
- A bit of road walking on a quiet road, but blind bends so watch out for traffic.



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