



#PeakDistrictConnect

For kids!

Here's one way you can connect to the National Park on your walk:

Discover new species

Explore the area and find an interesting plant or animal. Imagine you are the first person to see it. Give it a name that describes how it looks.

For more child-friendly activities to do on your walk go to peakdistrict.gov.uk/connect



Family walk 4

Explorer

Railway and River Ramble

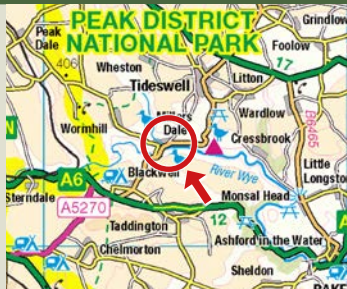
Discover the beauty of Miller's Dale

Your walk details

Distance	1.5 miles / 2.4km
Duration	1 hour
Buggy friendly?	Yes - but only on the Monsal Trail section
Dog friendly?	Yes
Facilities	Large pay and display car park at start with toilet and café facilities
Extra information	The first third of the walk is on the flat railway trail. The walk continues across meadows and follows a narrow path next to the river (which can be muddy after heavy rain). There is a long climb up steps to the finish

Start from here

Miller's Dale Station
Off the B6049 Tideswell-Blackwell road (signposted to Wormhill and Monsal Trail)



Postcode (satnav)	SK17 8SN
Grid ref	SK 138 732
What3Words	vows.wired.breeze

Be Peak District Proud

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Keep your dog on a lead to avoid disturbing birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife.



Be prepared. Weather conditions can change quickly and phone signal varies.



Leave no trace. Use bins for litter and dog waste, or better still take it home with you.



Stick to your rights of way whichever way you access the park, by foot, bike or horse.



Use the gates and stiles provided. Close and re-latch gates you have opened.



Be Dronesafe. Unauthorised drone use is against the law.



Camp fires, BBQs and naked flames are not permitted. Picnics are great, but please take your rubbish home.



Look and listen. Discover the wildlife and its habitat around you.



Drive with care and park in designated car parks.



Get in touch

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Railway and River Ramble

A short but exciting walk – at first on the busy Monsal Trail but then dropping down to the tranquil banks of the River Wye, with a lovely picnic spot and lots of river wildlife to see.

Look out for...

Miller's Dale station platforms are full of native wildflowers in spring and summer, with lots of bees feeding on the nectar. Look out for house martins nesting under the eaves of the station building.

Look out for...

Chee Dale Nature Reserve is managed by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. River water quality is very good and there is a resident breeding population of trout. Otters are rare but are nocturnal visitors.

Did you know?

Between 1863 and 1967 Miller's Dale was a really busy station, one of the largest rural stations in the country. Passengers would alight here for Buxton when travelling from Manchester or London. The station also had a post office. Local agricultural produce was sent from here to the cities.

1 From the station car park go around to the front of the building. Follow the platforms that stretch away to your right and begin to follow the Monsal Trail towards Blackwell Mill/Chee Dale. Please watch out for passing cyclists as this is a multi-user trail.

2 Follow the trail until you reach a bridge over the river with the entrance to Chee Tor tunnel on the other side. Immediately over the bridge leave the trail, turning right and going through a wooden pedestrian gate next to a field gate (signed Blackwell/Chee Dale). Follow the path downhill around a second gate and straight ahead through a field, down towards the River Wye.

3 Pass a sign post in the middle of the field (signed Chee Dale and Wormhill) and continue downhill to a footbridge across the river. Before crossing the river there is a perfect grassy picnic spot to the left of the bridge, beside the river.

4 Once across the footbridge, follow the path around to the right (finger-post sign to Miller's Dale) Ignore the paths off to the left to Chee Dale and Wormhill. Take care along this section as it can be muddy and slippery after heavy rain.



Grey wagtail

Look out for...

Look out for dippers, grey wagtails and water voles. Along the river banks you can see wooden sculptures of the dipper and water vole.

5 Follow the riverside path until you reach the tall viaduct bridge (if you want to cut the walk short you can climb the steps to the left of the bridge to take you back on to the trail and towards Miller's Dale station). Pass under the bridge, following the river on your right along a wider path.

6 Eventually you will reach a gate with a squeeze stile in the wall to the left. Pass through this and climb the flight of steps to reach the old station platforms at Miller's Dale station.

Look out for...

This large structure was a lime kiln, used for producing quicklime which was used in the chemical and steel industries and also in agriculture. Operated between 1880 and 1944 it produced over 50 tons of quicklime per day. Railway trucks brought coal to feed the kiln and took the quicklime away. In winter, hibernating bats have been found tucked into crevices here.

