

Mill Hill (544m) and Featherbed Top (544m) – returning via Harry Hut

Summary

The walk starts from the A624, two miles south of Glossop, near the hamlet of Chunal. The route heads west over Burnt Hill to Mill Hill. Between these summits, just off the track, is the site of an aircraft crash. From Mill Hill the walk follows the Pennine Way before branching off to the featureless summit of Featherbed Top. Retracing the route beyond Mill Hill, a track leads to the trig point at Harry Hut and the route heads downhill to the car park. This walk is boggy in places when wet.

Start/Finish

Free roadside car park on A624 about 2 mile south of Glossop, after the hamlet of Chunal –
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1. Follow the roadside path in a southerly direction. It is just about possible to walk along the grass verge beside the road, but take care as cars often drive at speed. Continue for about 700m, passing the former Grouse Inn and Joan's food van, to the junction with a signpost to Charlesworth. Turn left over a stile and head uphill across moorland with the wall to the left. Continue straight ahead, crossing into the National Trust land and follow the paved path to the summit of Burnt Hill. There is a good 360° view from here.



Valley beside A624



Joan's food van



Junction



Path to Burnt Hill



National Trust open access land



from Burnt Hill looking across to Kinder Plateau

2. After about another kilometre, the plane crash site is just to the left of the path. The American bomber, a brand new Consolidated B-24J Liberator, went down in fog in October 1944. Both crew members survived and were able to walk down to the road and get help. There is a second site of wreckage a few metres along a path heading to the north east.



Aircraft wreckage



Engine

Return to the main path and continue in an easterly direction to the summit of Mill Hill, where there are good views of the Kinder plateau to the east.



Path to Mill Hill



Summit of Mill Hill looking across to Kinder

3. From Mill Hill head north-east along the Pennine Way. Continue for just over 3km, first of all downhill and then slightly uphill over Moss Castle. You will come to a point where the path dips slightly, to form a bridge over a distinct gully. Just before the gully turn right (heading east) and follow a faint path along the right of the gully. As the path bears left, keep straight ahead to Featherbed Top. The summit is very indistinct, and only really found with any certainty by using GPS. Featherbed Top can be very wet and boggy!



Pennine Way from Mill Hill



Looking across to Kinder



Faint path to Featherbed Top



View from Featherbed top summit to Bleaklow

4. Retrace your steps to Mill Hill and return in the direction of Burnt Hill. About a kilometre from Mill Hill, there is a path leading to Harry Hut which has a trig point. This path can be very boggy.



Path leading to Harry Hut



Harry Hut summit

5. Take the path heading south-west from Harry Hut, which shortly turns to head in a westerly direction. Follow the track downhill passing through a gate at the dry-stone wall. Continue downhill towards the A624 and cross the stile over a dry-stone wall into the car park

Walk details

Grade – moderate

Distance – 15km/9.3 miles

Ascent - 380m/1250 ft

Walk time - approx. 3½ hours

