

West Nab (500m)

Summary

West Nab is the most northerly of the Ethels. This is a short walk, at first along road and then over exposed moorland before joining the Pennine Way to return to the start.

Start/Finish

Wessenden Head Road Car Park - on the right, about 100m up the hill from the A635

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1. Turn right out of the car park and walk along the road for about a kilometre. On the right there is a boundary stone marking the parish boundary between Meltham and Marsden. As the road bends to the right take the track to the left just after a fence and, crossing a stile, head towards the summit of West Nab – marked by a trig point. In wet weather this track is boggy in places.



Boundary Post



track up to West Nab



Looking East towards Huddersfield and Emley Moor Mast



approaching the summit

The Emley Moor Mast (or Arqiva Tower) is visible on the horizon to the East. This is the tallest freestanding structure in the UK (taller than the Shard) and the 25th tallest tower in the world.

2. From the West Nab summit follow the path along the ridge in a westerly direction. Follow the path between boulders leading to a fence which can easily be stepped over. Take the path downhill, keeping to the right of Leyzing Clough until the Pennine Way is reached.



Fence gap starting descent



descend on grassy slopes to join Pennine Way

3. Turn left onto the Pennine Way and continue uphill for about 1.5km, passing Wassenden Head Reservoir on the right. Continue straight ahead to the road and car park opposite. On reaching the road, on the left there is a poignant memorial to Keith Bennett, a victim of the Moors Murderers, Ian Brady and Myra Hindley. Keith Bennett disappeared, age 12, and his body has never been found.



Wassende Head Reservoir very low omn water



memorial to Keith Bennett

Walk details

Grade – medium

Distance – 4.2km/2.6 miles

Ascent - 164m/540 ft

Walk time- approx. 1½ hours

