

TRY PILGRIMAGE

The Peak Wesley Way

Location: Peak District National Park
Distance: 47 miles
Starts: Matlock (train station)
Ends: Edale (train station)
Route: <https://explore.osmaps.com/route/21572534/peak-wesley-way>

A new, self-guided, way-marked pilgrimage through the Peak District National Park, the Peak Wesley Way is 47 miles, starting at Matlock train station and ending at Edale (also the starting point of the Pennine Way for any brave souls wishing to continue their trek!). The path connects six rural Methodist chapels, each with their own character and story, still in use as places of worship, where pilgrims can stay overnight. The invitation is open to people of all faiths and none.

The route takes in some of England's most breathtaking natural beauty, journeying north through the picturesque hills and dales of the White Peak to the more dramatic, rugged, Dark Peak, and yet still a landscape that bears the marks of generations of farmers, industrialists and travellers who have trod these paths before. The travellers included John Wesley's Methodist preachers, ordinary people who made extraordinary journeys to bring their good news to the villages and founded the chapels along the Peak Wesley Way.

The pilgrimage is planned as a 6-day walking route, travelling up to 10 miles each day, on terrain graded as moderate on OS Maps App. There are good bus and/or rail connections between the villages.



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