

**Dates:** May Day Bank Holiday Weekend – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2008

**Meet Leader:** Emma Bastock & Steve Ratcliffe

**Accommodation:** Eric Byrne Campsite, Birchen Edge, Baslow, Derbyshire, DE45 1NA.

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This year we will be trying another camp in the peak, this time a little more “back woods” at Eric Byrnes behind the Robin Hood Pub.

With some of the nicest hill walking England has to offer, literally thousands of world class Gritstone routes, more mountain biking, Touroiding and gear shopping than you can shake a stick at just a stones throw from your tent... this sure was a big success last year!

**Climbing:** The world renowned Gritstone Edges of Stanage, Burbage, Curbar, Froggatt, Millstone, Higgat Tor and Yarncliffe offer literally thousands of routes of all grades to keep climbers of any ability more than satisfied for a whole year's craggin, let alone the weekend!! Birchen Edge is within walking distance of campsite and hosts a huge range of routes, particularly low to mid grade.

**Campsite:** Toilets and cold running water. **Dogs are allowed on site but must be kept on leads and under control as there are young lambs around.** The Robin Hood **pub** is just a few minutes stroll away offering a variety of food options and real ales!

**Directions:** The Robin Hood Pub (SK279722) is located at the junction of the B6050 and the A619 – Chesterfield to Baslow road. There are two car parks, one next to the pub, and a larger one within the triangle of the road junction. The campsite is reached from the farm track 100yds down the road to the left side of the pub (sign by the gate on the road).

**Maps/Guides:** Ordnance Survey OL1, The Dark Peak Area. Ordnance Survey OL24, The White Peak Area. RockFAX Peak Gritstone East, Chris Craggs & Alan James. Chatsworth, BMC, Burbage, Millstone and Beyond, BMC, Collins Rambler's Guide to the Peak District, Roly Smith. Ordnance Survey Pathfinder Guide – Peak District.

**Walking:** Baslow is well situated as a base for the weekend, with several routes to choose from detailed below, or just simply stroll round Chatsworth all weekend taking in the peace and tranquillity of the estate with its pleasant tea shops and art's and craft's.

**A Circuit of Chatsworth House** (Walk ID: 675) 6.83miles moderate

Follow the River Derwent past the nursery, through the deer-park and past the magnificent Chatsworth House to Beeley, a typical Dales village, with good views over the house and surrounding countryside.

**Eastmoor (Robin Hood) - Froggatt - Curbar - Baslow - Chatsworth Park -**

**Eastmoor** (Walk ID: 1370) 9.5miles easy

An easy walk for most, with one short rocky scramble on Curbar Edge and an often muddy ascent onto Eaglestone Flats. Most of the walk is on moorland paths in this gritstone area. A feature of this area is the wind-sculpted rocks; the path passes beside the Eagle Stone just beyond the Wellington Monument on Eaglestone Flats. The return is easy walking, taking in a section of concessionary paths within Chatsworth Park which are not shown on the map but are waymarked in the park.

**The Edges from The Robin Hood Pub** (Walk ID: 1257) 9.63miles moderate

**The Robin Hood pub - Birchen Edge - White Edge - The Grouse Inn - Froggatt Edge - Curbar Edge - Baslow Edge - Gardom's Edge** This circular walk takes you from The Robin Hood Inn to The Grouse Inn, via various gritstone edges.

**Baslow - Calver - Bubnell** (Walk ID: 2001) 4.75miles easy

From Baslow the walk is through fields, gradually rising. A lovely ridge walk along a pleasant path is then taken. This drops down to Calver and returns with a serene stroll along the River Derwent, back to Baslow.

Full details of all these walks will be available from Emma Bastock at the meet.

**If you need any further information or have any questions, please contact either Steve on 07964 993816 or Emma on 07841 482469. Hope to see you there.**