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DIRECTIONS

Turn left outside the house and walk up past the George and turn right onto Lode Lane. Walk out of the village for about 200 meters and take the second track on your left (*YHA sign*). Follow this track, it does have a sharp right and then left turn. Keep following the track, as you get to the top it goes through a narrow gully, which opens out at the top of Gypsy Bank.

Cross over the stile proceed carefully down the hill and cross-over Coldeaton Bridge. Turn left and follow the river for about a mile (*Turning to Biggin loop*). Follow the river through Wolfscotedale. After about 1.5 miles you will come to a footbridge and a stile into a flood plain (*Cross the footbridge if you want to do the Narrowdale loop back to Alstonefield*). Go over the stile and cross the flood plain to the second foot bridge. Cross the river and turn right into Beresford Dale wood. Proceed along the river, you will cross back over the river on another footbridge beside the Pike Pool.

Follow the path to the edge of the wood and cross over the stile into some open ground, the path will lead you into Hartington. It turns down at the back of the Public Toilets.

If you plan on taking the Narrowdale loop you will take this path back to Beresford Dale.

Visit the Village Stores (*great Huntsman's Pie*) and the Cheese Shop.

NARROWDALE

At the footbridge in Beresford Dale turn right at the road and then left to pick up the track back through Narrowdale. Follow the track through several gates (*it can be muddy*) until you get to two derelict houses. The Narrowdale path leads you between the two houses and up a gradual climb at the side of Narrowdale Hill. About halfway up the track turns left. **Don't turn left**, proceed on the footpath through the gate in front of you. Follow this footpath, crossing over another track and up to the top where it meets the road that will lead you back into the village.

At the road you can turn left to follow the field wall and then turn right on the footpath to avoid walking along the road. This will take you to a farm track at the back of the Rakes.

**There are several alternative routes if you wish to make it a fully circular walk.*

BIGGIN DALE

From Hartington take the road up past Hartington Hall (YHA) and either take Reynard's Lane or Highfield Lane to access the top of Biggin Dale. Follow this gorge back down to the river. Turn left at the river and then right over the foot bridge to come back up Gypsy Bank (*This is very steep but has steps*). This will join a track that takes you back into the village at Lode Lane.