

Title.	Distance	Place	OS Map
Monsal Trail From Bakewell, Hassop	1 - 4 Miles 1 – 6 Km.	Nr. Bakewell	OS 119 Buxton & Matlock

The Monsal Trail is a traffic free route for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and wheelchair users through some of the Peak District's most spectacular limestone dales, and is the former Midland Railway line running for 8.5 miles between Blackwell Mill, in Chee Dale and Coombs Road, at Bakewell.

Most of the route was opened to the public in 1981 but four former railway tunnels had to remain closed due to safety reasons, until 2011 when the four railway tunnels - Headstone Tunnel, Cressbrook Tunnel, Litton Tunnel, Chee Tor Tunnel – were opened for trail users. Each tunnel is about 400 metres long and will be lit during normal daylight hours. Two shorter tunnels Chee Tor No.2 and Rusher Cutting already formed part of the Monsal Trail.

The public can now experience the full length of the former railway route at their own pace and see breathtaking views at places like Water-cum-Jolly Dale that have remained hidden since the railway closed in 1968.

This section of the walk is from Bakewell Station or Hassop Station covering Coombs Road Viaduct to Monsal Head.

See the rest of the Monsal Trail from Millers Dale Station.

Also for information see the website - www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/cycle/monsaltrail

- **Facilities** – Along the trail are many villages, Public Houses, Inns and Cafes which are close by – but see the map as there are only 3 places in this part of the walk to park for wheelchair entry / exit to the trail, at the following locations -

At Bakewell Station – Park at the old Bakewell Station. or park on the road / lanes nearby.

Hassop Station – There is a pay and display car park at the Hassop Bookshop & Café at the side of the Trail.

Near Great Longstone – You can get on / off the trail at the old Gt. Longstone Station near Thornbridge Hall but you will have to be picked up / dropped off – as there are only a few spots to park on the narrow roadside.

See the walk leaflet / location Map

- **Café** – There are numerous cafés and local inns in the villages close by. But on the trail there is the Hassop bookshop, cycle hire and café selling excellent food.

Also off the trail at the Monsal Head Hotel there is the 'Stables' restaurant and café also 'Ellerys' Café.



Hassop Station, Cycle Shop & Café

- **Toilets** – Toilets can be found on the trail at Bakewell Station and Hassop Station café.
- **Path** – The length of the trail is quite flat and is made up of fine rolled-in crushed stone, with tarmac in some tunnels and suitable for all wheelchairs. You will need to choose the section to walk as wheelchair and mobility scooter users can only access the trail through accessible places at the old Bakewell Station, Hassop Station, Great Longstone Station and Millers Dale Station.
There are quite a few stretches where you are limited to a view as you are in railway cuttings.

There is also a spectacular view of the Monsal Head viaduct and valley below from the Monsal Head Hotel which is shown in the photo gallery.

For walkers you can use other paths to combine the Monsal Trail into a round walk.



Crushed Stone Path

See the Gallery for more photos

- **Information** – There is excellent information on the Monsal Trail website and at Bakewell Tourist Information Office and at the Hassop cycle shop.

Tel. No. – Bakewell Tourist Information Office - 01629 813227
Hassop bookshop / café – 01629 815668

- **Website** – Monsal Trail
Monsal Trail - www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/cycle/monsaltrail
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Hassop Station Café - www.hassopstation.co.uk

- **Directions** – Bakewell is close to the M1 and about 12 miles West of Chesterfield on the A619 through Baslow to Bakewell, look for a left to Bakewell Station.

To get to the old Hassop Station take the A619 towards Baslow and look for a left to Hassop on the B6001 – the Hassop station bookshop is first left on the round a bout.

The Great Longstone Station entry / exit location at Thornbridge Hall is close to Great Longstone see the maps for directions.

- **Places to visit nearby** – Bakewell - Baslow to Chatsworth walk – Edensor to Chatsworth walk– Chatsworth House – Chatsworth Farm Shop – Millers Dale – Baslow – Rowsley - Longshaw Lodge Estate walk.



Monsal Trail



Bakewell Station



Thornbridge Station



Headstone Tunnel



Monsal Head Viaduct



Monsal Head View



View of Viaduct from Monsal Head Hotel