HATHERSAGE STEPPING STONES

Grade – Easy  Distance – 2.8 miles or 4.5 kilometres  Ascent – 30m or 100 feet
Terrain – Easy paths and tracks, road walking, no particularly steep hills

ROUTE SUMMARY
This is a lovely walk from the centre of the busy Peak District village of Hathersage. The stepping stones don’t seem to be particularly well known compared to the more famous set in Dovedale. The walk follows good footpaths at all times, generally on the flat, yet still provides great views of the Hope Valley hills. The route starts at the junction of the A6187 and the B6001 in Hathersage. Initially you follow the road down to the railway station, continuing down and across the River Derwent. You then leave the road and follow a lovely riverside path, through some woods and fields. Nothing too difficult. You’ll come to a footpath junction, where you’ll have to cross the Hathersage stepping stones. It’s not too tricky but take care. Just bear in mind that last time we were there, there was a tree stuck in the way, but we got across ok!

The walk then heads up to the A6187 and the adjacent railway line. You’ll cross both, before taking a path up to the outskirts of Hathersage.

NEARBY FACILITIES
Hathersage is a bustling village and has several cafes and outdoor shops. Outside has a cafe, and Cintra’s is one of our favourites. There’s also a Spar, and an Alpkit shop (we love their gear!).

You’ll also find a curry house, a fruit and veg shop, and various other shops including a petrol station and a cashpoint.

As for activities, there’s a children’s playground, an outdoor swimming pool and also an ice cream parlour not far away at Thorpe Farm.

GOOGLE MAPS – VIEW ROUTE
We have uploaded the route to Google Maps, which allows you to view the route on your phone. If your location is switched on, you should then be able to see your position compared with the route and check you’re in the right place.

It depends how your phone is set up, but if you click or tap here, either Google Maps or your internet browser should open. The walk is then highlighted with a red line. We aren’t technology experts but this seems to work ok – we hope it is helpful.

GETTING THERE
If driving, there’s a Pay and Display opposite the outdoor swimming pool. Other than that, there’s street parking. The bays on the main street are limited to 40 minutes only.

The walk is also accessible by bus from Buxton, Bakewell and Sheffield, with stops close to the car park. Click here for more information on bus routes and times. Train is also possible – see National Rail for times.
1 \textbf{START}
This first stage is a nice and easy 1km down the B6001. Head past the Little John and onto the railway bridge. Continue under, round the bend and over the river.

2 \textbf{FOOTPATH THROUGH FIELDS}
Go through the gate, and follow the path along the riverbank. Head through Goose Wood and carry on along the obvious path, through numerous gates.

3 \textbf{STEPPING STONES}
Time to cross the stepping stones! Then, head right along the river bank for about 700m. The path then splits and you head up to the main road,

4 \textbf{ROAD AND RAILWAY}
This short 200m section requires care. Cross the busy main road, then head over a small field and across the railway. Follow the path up to a minor road.

5 \textbf{BACK TO HATHERSAGE}
You’re nearly back! Upon reaching the road, turn right and follow it back into the centre of Hathersage where you started.

\textbf{DISCLAIMER}
Our full terms and conditions can be viewed here, but in summary, by the very nature of walking, it is not risk free and sometimes the unexpected can arise.

Please ensure that you (and others walking with you) are fit and able enough to undertake the walk as provided and that you have adequate food, equipment and first aid with you, and are capable of navigating the walk provided. It is your responsibility alone to decide whether to proceed with the route provided. You walk at your own risk and you are responsible for your own safety.

We will not be liable for any injury, illness, or death or consequent losses suffered by you or any member of your party, nor will be responsible where you do not enjoy the walk provided.