



50 of the Best Things to do
in the Peak District
FREE Guide



Welcome to the Peak District, where every path leads to beauty, every village tells a story, and every day holds something special.

We've lovingly put together this list of 50 handpicked things to do, from gentle rambles and hidden heritage gems to quaint tearooms and scenic spots perfect for a quiet moment.

Whether you're seeking inspiration, a dash of adventure, or simply space to breathe, there's something here to match every mood and meander.

So take your time, follow your curiosity, and let the magic of the Peaks unfold.

Let the journey begin...

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Chatsworth House

Visit the magnificent stately home, renowned for its art collection, expansive gardens, and rich history.

Kinder Scout

Conquer the highest point in the Peak District for panoramic views and challenging trails.

Castleton

Discover charming streets, traditional pubs, and access to stunning caverns.

Dovedale Stones

Enjoy a picturesque walk featuring iconic limestone stepping stones across the River Dove.

Heights of Abraham

Take a cable car ride to explore caverns and enjoy hilltop park views in Matlock Bath.

Monsal Trail

Ride along a scenic, traffic-free route through tunnels and past viaducts on a former railway line.

Haddon Hall

Explore this well-preserved medieval manor house with beautiful gardens near Bakewell.

Bakewell

Taste the original dessert at its birthplace in this charming market town.

Blue John Cavern

Discover unique Blue John stone formations in this famous Castleton cave.



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Stanage Edge

Experience dramatic gritstone escarpments popular with walkers and climbers.

Buxton Opera House

Attend a performance in this beautiful Edwardian theatre in the spa town of Buxton.

Eyam

Learn about the village's self-imposed quarantine during the 1665 plague at the Eyam Museum.

Climb Mam Tor

Hike up the 'Shivering Mountain' for stunning views over the Hope Valley.

Poole's Cavern

Take a guided tour through impressive limestone caverns in Buxton.

Tramway Museum

Ride vintage trams and explore a recreated period village.

Well dressing festival

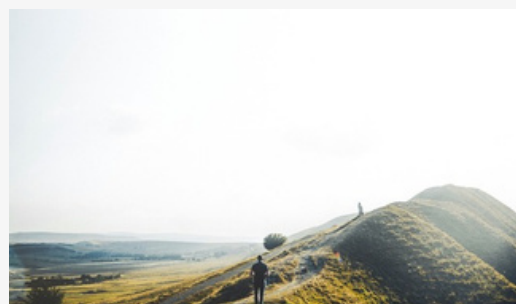
Experience this unique Derbyshire tradition of decorating wells with flower petals, throughout July and August.

Tissington Trail

Enjoy a leisurely walk or cycle along this former railway line through picturesque countryside.

Peveril Castle

Climb to this Norman castle above Castleton for historical insights and great views.



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Derwent Dam

See the impressive dam used for the 'Dambusters' training during WWII.

Bakewell Market

Browse local produce and crafts at this traditional market held every Monday.

Matlock Bath Illuminations

Enjoy decorated boats and fireworks during this autumn festival.

Padley Gorge

Explore ancient woodlands and babbling brooks in this enchanting area.

Mining Museum

Learn about the area's lead mining history in Matlock Bath.

The Roaches

Challenge yourself on these popular gritstone climbing routes.

Limestone Way

Trek this long-distance footpath through the White Peak's limestone scenery.

Tideswell

Visit the 'Cathedral of the Peak' and enjoy local shops and cafes.

Buxton Festival

Experience opera, music, and literature events in this annual summer festival.



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Old House Museum

Visit the Old House Museum in Bakewell. Discover local history in one of the town's oldest buildings.

Manifold Valley

Enjoy walking or cycling through this scenic valley with caves and wildlife.

Thornbridge Brewery

Sample local ales and learn about the brewing process in Bakewell.

Chesterfield Market

Shop at one of the largest open-air markets in England.

Cromford Mills

Visit the birthplace of the modern factory system and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Ladybower Reservoir

Enjoy scenic walks and learn about the area's WWII history.

Goyt Valley

Explore the Goyt Valley. Discover reservoirs, woodlands, and moorlands in this tranquil area.

Buxton Museum and Art Gallery

Visit the Buxton Museum and Art Gallery. Explore exhibits on local history, geology, and archaeology.

Shrovetide Football

Attend the Ashbourne Royal Shrovetide Football. Witness this historic and unique football game.



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Ecclesbourne Valley Railway

Ride heritage trains through picturesque countryside from Wirksworth.

Thor's Cave

Walk up to Thor's Cave. Hike to this impressive limestone cave with panoramic views over the Manifold Valley.

Hartington

Explore the village of Hartington. Enjoy traditional shops, tea rooms, and the famous Hartington cheese shop.

Pavilion Gardens

Visit the Pavilion Gardens in Buxton. Stroll through beautiful landscaped gardens and enjoy the conservatory.

Y Not Festival

Experience live music and entertainment at this amazing music event.

Edale

Explore the village of Edale. The starting point of the Pennine Way, Edale offers charming pubs and scenic walks.

National Stone Centre

Visit the National Stone Centre in Wirksworth. Learn about the geology and quarrying heritage of the area.

Hope Show

Experience a traditional agricultural show with livestock displays and local crafts.

Derwent Valley

Walk the Derwent Valley Heritage Way. Follow the River Derwent through picturesque landscapes and historic mills.



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Ashford-in-the-Water

Explore the village of Ashford-in-the-Water. Known for its medieval Sheepwash Bridge and charming limestone cottages.

Peak Wildlife Park

Get up close with exotic and endangered animals in a walk-through experience.

Nine Ladies Stone Circle

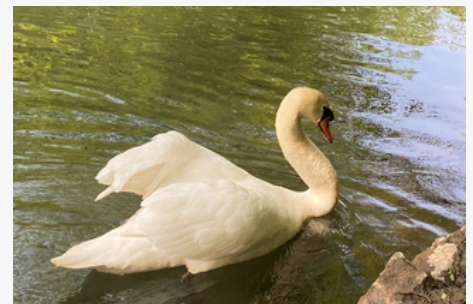
A Bronze Age stone circle shrouded in legend and mystery.

Renishaw Hall

Take a guided tour of Renishaw Hall and Gardens. Explore the historic home and its beautiful Italianate gardens.

Bakewell Carnival

Attend the Bakewell Carnival Week. Enjoy a week of festivities, including parades, music and family activities.



Welcome to Top Riley Holiday Cottages

Nestled in the heart of the Peak District, this peaceful retreat, exclusively for grown-ups, is surrounded by rolling hills and tranquil woodlands, perfect for couples seeking serenity and breathtaking natural beauty. It's a place to unwind, reconnect and embrace life's simple pleasures.

Recharge Amid Nature

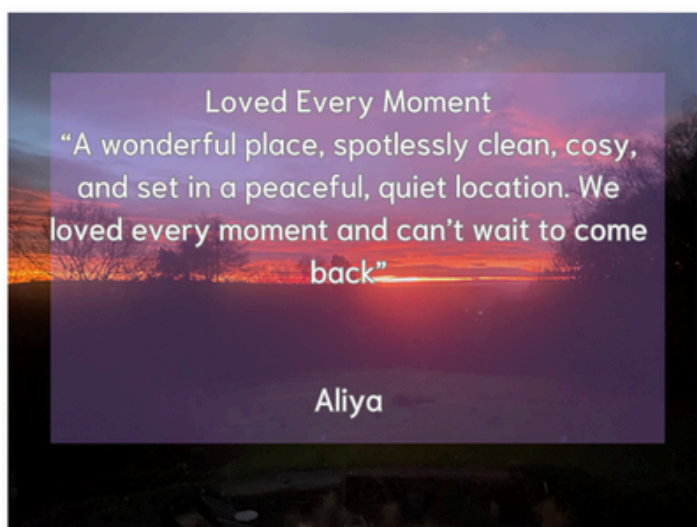
Wake up to the gentle melody of birdsong, breathe in the fresh air and kindness and immerse yourself in the ever-changing landscapes. Spend your days exploring hidden trails, wandering around Castleton, Bakewell and Chatsworth, or unwinding by a crackling log fire with a good book.

Stunning Peak District Views

With magnificent views across Curbar and Froggatt Edge, 12 acres of private land to roam, and the enchanting village of Eyam just a short stroll away, what better place to switch off, breathe deeply and experience the magic of the Peak District.

At A Glance

- Perfect base for exploring the Peak District.
- A peaceful escape designed for grown-ups.
- Off the beaten track yet close to everything.
- Magnificent views of Curbar and Froggatt Edges.
- Over 12 acres of private countryside to explore.
- Outstanding hospitality.
- Excellent reviews that speak for themselves.
- Three beautifully renovated cottages and barn.
- All you need for a perfect self-catering holiday.
- Ample private off road parking for.
- A short walk to Eyam with cafes and restaurants.
- Only a 15 min drive to Bakewell and Chatsworth



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