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Duration - 2 hrs 30 mins

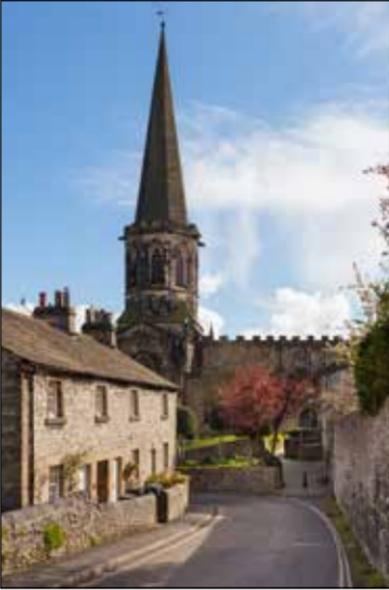
Bakewell – Haddon Hall and return by Haddon Fields – Intake Lane

Pleasant walking near the River Wye to Haddon Hall, with gentle gradients and good views on the return.

Please note this route between Bakewell and Haddon Hall is often muddy or very wet after periods of heavy rain. From the Visitor Centre door turn right, down Bridge Street. Just before the bridge over the River Wye take the path, on your right, leading down to the riverside, turn right alongside the river. Go downstream and turn left across the footbridge, and the next one, over the sawmill stream. Now turn right, down the pavement to the cattle grid outside the Show office. Pass through the adjacent gate and cross the road to the wooden fingerpost indicating 'Footpath to Haddon Hall'.

Continue along the obvious path parallel to the road for about a mile (1.5km), taking the gate at the right-hand bend in the road and following the hedge on your left. When the hedge turns left continue aiming for the far end of the field. At the far end of the field you rejoin the hedge; keep it on you left and the river on your right, passing a large, fenced-off veteran ash tree. On joining a surfaced track at a gate, turn right, and after 30 metres, take the path to the left, again keeping the river on your right. Follow the path across the bridge and when it reaches the A6, turn left and you'll come to the entrance to Haddon Hall in approximately 200 metres.

On the opposite side of the road to the entrance (between the car park and the cottages) a bridleway starts, leading to Alport and Youlgrave. Follow the bridleway and after passing through the second gate, follow the green metal sign indicating 'Public Footpath to Alport', that leads off half left, to go above the field barn. Do not follow the track through the hedge into the next field, but follow the line of the path to the far top field corner above the barn. At this point there are fine views back to Haddon Hall and across to Stanton-in-Peak. You will then see a stone squeezer 30 metres to the right of a gate in the wall, pass through and turn immediately left on to a path. Turn right along the path to a wooden gate a few metres to the right of a fieldgate, then immediately left through a grit stone squeezer stile. Turn right through the squeezer and head half left, aiming just to the left of Haddon Plantation ahead. Go half right at the corner of the plantation, diagonally across the field to join a track. Turn right (N.W.) along this and over a stile next to a field gate. At the first bend go around a locked fieldgate on to a path leading through the plantation, exiting via a stone stile and along the outside edge of the plantation to a gate at the north corner and into a meadow to a large squeezer in a wall.



Bakewell Church by autumn colours

Continue in the same direction, following the sign to Wigger Dale across a huge enclosure, part of Haddon Fields. Ahead are two woods, the one on the left is Map Plantation; for the correct line head slightly right of this and eventually you will see a stone squeezer stile 40 metres left of a gateway. Go through the squeezer and continue ahead parallel to the wall on your right (but

passing 40 metres out from the stone building at the edge of the field) until you see a gateway and pedestrian gate in the wall on the right, pass through and turn half left across the field to another wooden gate in a wall. Desend the hill and around the corner at the lower end of the walled plantation, which is to your left; following the edge of the plantation round to a small footbridge, (Wigger Dale). Go up the rise in front and head for the far right corner of field, where a wooden kissing gate leads you into Burton Ashes Wood. Follow the path through the wood and then keep left of a hedge to just above a house, where a stile is next to the gate.

Turn right, down Intake Lane to the A6, turning left and crossing carefully after 30 metres to an opening on the opposite side of the road between trees. Keep just left of a sewage pumping station, surrounded by a metal fence, and carefully cross the road to a path between allotments and then gardens, crossing another road (Wye Bank) and into the recreation ground. Keep straight ahead, rejoining the river, back to Bridge Street.

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