

# Great days out by train!

## Buxton Line

Buxton – Manchester Piccadilly



Market Hall, Stockport



Beetham Tower, Manchester



Shutlingsloe from Shining Tor



Opera House, Buxton



## Manchester Piccadilly to Buxton

The Buxton line is an excellent way to access the Peak District. The train leaves Manchester Piccadilly, calls at Stockport and then leaves the conurbation behind to climb through magnificent scenery to the historic town of Buxton in the heart of the Peak District. Relax on the train and enjoy the ride, or alight at any of the stations en route.

### Manchester Piccadilly



Beetham Tower, Manchester

### Manchester

Manchester is one of Britain's great cities. For shoppers there are big-name stores and specialist shops to suit every taste and budget. The choice of must-see visitor attractions is no less impressive, with the National Football Museum, Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester Art Gallery and Manchester Museum to name but a few. Manchester is also a great destination for an evening out, whether for a visit to the theatre or cinema, a meal out or soaking up the city's legendary music scene and nightlife.

### Stockport

A town of contrasts, featuring a modern shopping centre, a historic core centred around the recently restored market hall and several award-winning heritage attractions, including the Air Raid Shelters, Hatworks Museum and Staircase House. The town is also renowned for its real-ale pubs, which are featured in the Stockport Real-Ale Trail.

### Middlewood

Middlewood station is conveniently located for accessing the Middlewood Way, a traffic-free path from Marple to Macclesfield, which runs right outside the station, and is ideal for walkers and cyclists.

### Disley

Alight at Disley for Lyme Park, with its large historic country house and gardens. The house and gardens (National Trust) are open to the public. Originally a Tudor house, Lyme was transformed by the Venetian architect Leonini into an Italianate palace. Some of the Elizabethan interiors survive and contrast dramatically with later rooms. Lyme Park was featured in the BBC production of Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice*.



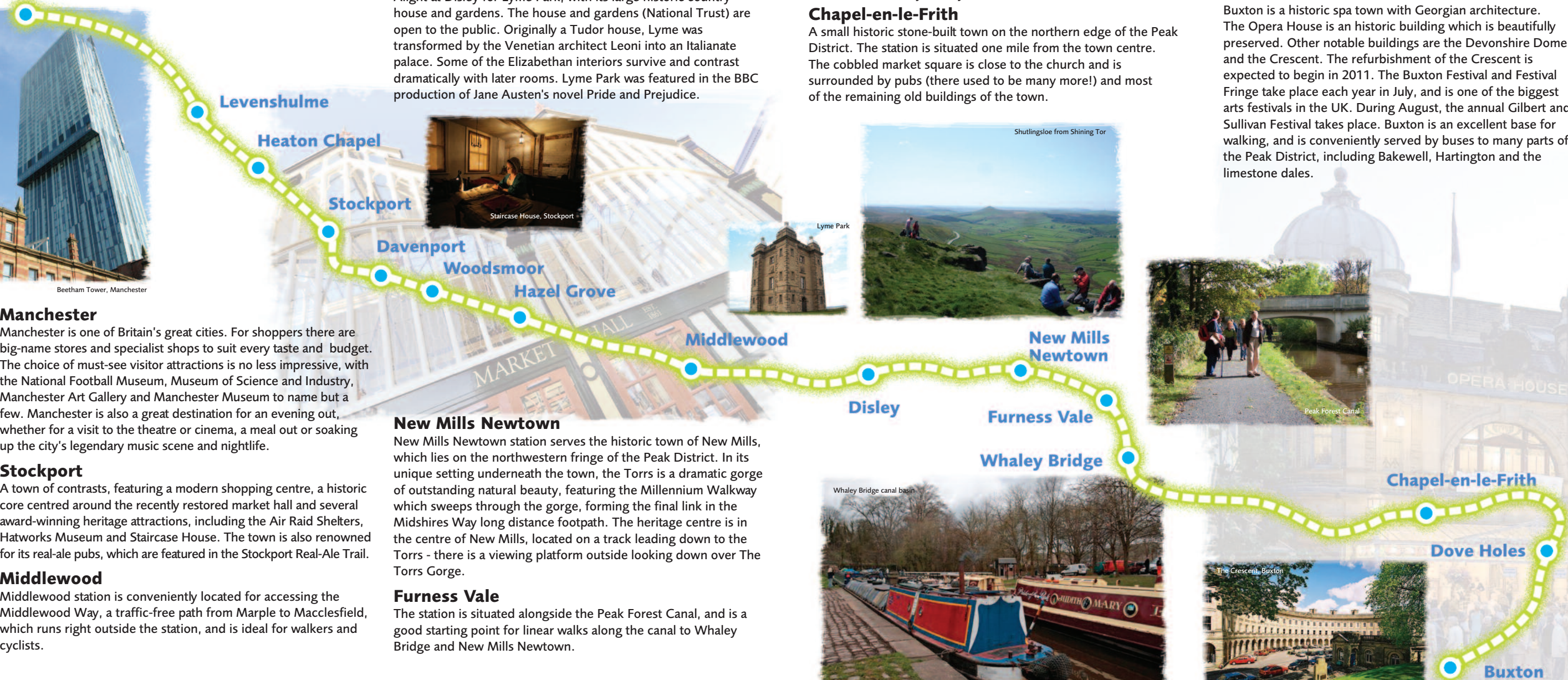
Staircase House, Stockport



Lyme Park



Shutlingsloe from Shining Tor



### Whaley Bridge

Many feel the real glory of Whaley Bridge is the canal basin. The town stands at the end of the Peak Forest Canal, which cuts through the narrow valley parallel to the railway. Many visitors come by water, and there is a thriving barge-restaurant base at the canal head. The whole area round the canal basin is very historic. In June the canal basin hosts the Whaley Water Weekend. Whaley Bridge is an excellent start point for walks in the attractive Goyt Valley.

### Chapel-en-le-Frith

A small historic stone-built town on the northern edge of the Peak District. The station is situated one mile from the town centre. The cobbled market square is close to the church and is surrounded by pubs (there used to be many more!) and most of the remaining old buildings of the town.

It also contains a fine old market cross, the old town stocks, the war memorial and a horse trough placed here to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It is well worth taking a short walk around this area to see the neat little cottages down Chapel Brow.

### Dove Holes

An old quarrying village and the highest point on the line.

### Buxton

Buxton is a historic spa town with Georgian architecture. The Opera House is an historic building which is beautifully preserved. Other notable buildings are the Devonshire Dome and the Crescent. The refurbishment of the Crescent is expected to begin in 2011. The Buxton Festival and Festival Fringe take place each year in July, and is one of the biggest arts festivals in the UK. During August, the annual Gilbert and Sullivan Festival takes place. Buxton is an excellent base for walking, and is conveniently served by buses to many parts of the Peak District, including Bakewell, Hartington and the limestone dales.



Peak Forest Canal



Whaley Bridge canal basin



The Crescent, Buxton

### Chapel-en-le-Frith

### Dove Holes

### Buxton

# The Buxton Line – full of surprises

## Walks from station to station along the line

- Middlewood to Disley via Lyme Park – 4.5 miles
- Disley to Whaley Bridge – 5 miles
- Disley to Whaley Bridge via Lyme Park – 6 miles
- Disley to Furness Vale via the Torrs Gorge at New Mills – 4 miles
- New Mills to Whaley Bridge via Peak Forest Canal – 3 miles
- Whaley Bridge to Chinley via Peak Forest Tramway Trail – 4.5 miles (Chinley station is on the Hope Valley line)
- Whaley Bridge to Buxton via the Goyt Valley – 10 miles
- Chapel-en-le-Frith to Dove Holes – 2 miles
- Buxton to Pooles Cavern, Grin Low Tower (Solomon's Temple – a local viewpoint) to Buxton – 3 miles

## Station to station guided walks

These station to station guided walks are all organised by a non-profit group by the name of Transpeak Walks. For further information and advice please visit:

[www.transpeakwalks.co.uk](http://www.transpeakwalks.co.uk) or telephone **07879 023881**.

## Places to visit

- Lyme Park to see where Pride and Prejudice was filmed
- The Whaley Bridge canal basin
- Explore the Torrs – the dramatic gorge at New Mills
- Go walking in the Goyt Valley – start Whaley Bridge
- Enjoy the Georgian architecture of Buxton, take in the Dome and the Opera House
- Visit Poole's Cavern in Buxton (approx. 1 mile from the station) **01298 26978**
- 'Go Ape' – highwire course at Grinlow, a major attraction at Buxton only one mile from the train station. For details go to [www.goape.co.uk](http://www.goape.co.uk)

## Explore the Peak by bus or train

Peak Connections guides have been designed to make getting around the Greater Peak District

without a car as easy as possible. Lots of ideas for days out, places to visit and fun things to do – all accompanied by bus or train times. Arrive by bus or train and enjoy discounted entry to many attractions across the area; Simply download the vouchers from the website and show your bus or train ticket at your chosen attraction. Visit: [www.visitpeakdistrict.com/peakconnections](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/peakconnections) to view and download available guides; some are available as printed leaflets from local tourist information centres. Arrive proud of the fact that your car-free travel is helping to save the environment.

## Travel further into the Peak

Buses run from outside Buxton railway station to Matlock via Bakewell, to Ashbourne via Hartington and to Tideswell, Great Hucklow, Eyam and Calver. For times and further information please visit:

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport\\_roads/public\\_transport/timetables](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/public_transport/timetables)

## High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership

A partnership of local authorities, Northern Rail, community groups and businesses which share the common aims of promoting and enhancing rail transport services in the Hope Valley and High Peak areas of Derbyshire. The partnership organises a regular programme of guided walks and folk trains. For details go to [www.hvhtpt.org.uk](http://www.hvhtpt.org.uk) or phone **01629 538093**.



## Useful Information

### Tickets

Purchase a Cheshire Day Ranger ticket and hop on and off trains all day along the Buxton Line, throughout Cheshire and beyond. For terms and conditions and full details of all tickets available, please visit: [www.northernrail.org](http://www.northernrail.org) or call **National Rail Enquiries** on **08457 48 49 50**.

### Where to purchase

Tickets can be purchased at ticket offices at any staffed station or from conductors on trains when starting your journey from unstaffed stations or where the ticket office is closed.

### Greater Manchester Wayfarer ticket

Valid between all stations on the Buxton Line. Valid on bus, rail and tram services throughout Greater Manchester, on all direct trains to the Peak District, and on nearly all bus services in the Peak District. Wayfarer tickets can be bought from stations within Greater Manchester and all staffed stations on the Buxton Line. Available in Derbyshire from tourist information centres. Wayfarer tickets are not available to buy onboard trains. For more information on please visit: [www.gmpte.com](http://www.gmpte.com).

## Tourist Information

Buxton: [www.visitbuxton.co.uk](http://www.visitbuxton.co.uk)

Derbyshire: [www.visitpeakdistrict.com](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com)

Manchester: [www.visitmanchester.com](http://www.visitmanchester.com)

Stockport: [www.visit-stockport.com](http://www.visit-stockport.com)

## Timetable Information

For details of train times, please refer to Northern Rail timetable 20 or visit our website [www.northernrail.org](http://www.northernrail.org). Alternatively, call National Rail Enquiries on **08457 48 49 50**.

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