



Walk Description

Title: The Roaches - Luds Church

Map: OS Explorer OL24

Distance: 9½ Miles

Ascent: 1758ft

Start: Parking Layby – Roach Road - Leek - ST13 8TA – MapRef SK 00625 61621

- 1) Facing the road turn left and walk to an access road on the left – Follow the access road to a footpath on the left – The path ascends a very steep slope to the summit of **Hen Cloud** – From the summit turn left and follow the path downhill to a pass between **Hen Cloud** and the **Roaches** – At a path crossing go straight over and climb uphill with the edge of the **Roaches** on your left – The path levels out but still climbs to **Doxey Pool** – Continue along the escarpment until you reach the top at the Trig Point - Continue to follow the path downhill to a road. (2½ Miles)
- 2) Go straight over the road and continue on the path along a ridge which slowly descends – At a fork in the path bear right and follow the path to a T junction – Turn right and walk into Forest Wood – Where the path forks take the right fork and walk to **Luds Church** – The path continues on through the woods for 1 mile where the path bears right and climbs uphill back to point 2. (5½ Miles)
- 3) Just before reaching the road bear sharp left on to an access road – Walk past some buildings on the left – The path bears right and drops downhill to **Black Brook** – Cross over the brook and with the brook on the right walk to **Goldsitch House** on the right – The path meets an access road turn right and skirt round **Blackbank** on the left to return to the brook on your right – Continue to follow the path which now climbs away from the brook to a road.. (7¼ Miles)
- 4) Turn right and follow the road to a T junction – Turn right and follow the road to a fork – Take the left fork and walk past a farm on the left – Look for a footpath on the right – Walk through **Blue Hills** on to a junction in paths turn right by a brook and follow the brook on the right – Pass **Summerhill** on the right and then cross over the brook – Bear right at a fork in the path and follow it to **Well Farm** – Turn left at the access road then right on to a footpath – Follow the path to a T junction turn left on to a path skirts around the base of **Hen Cloud** – Go through some trees on to **Roaches Hall** – Go past the Hall on to an access road – Turn right and follow the access road back to **Roach Road** – Turn right back to the start.

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