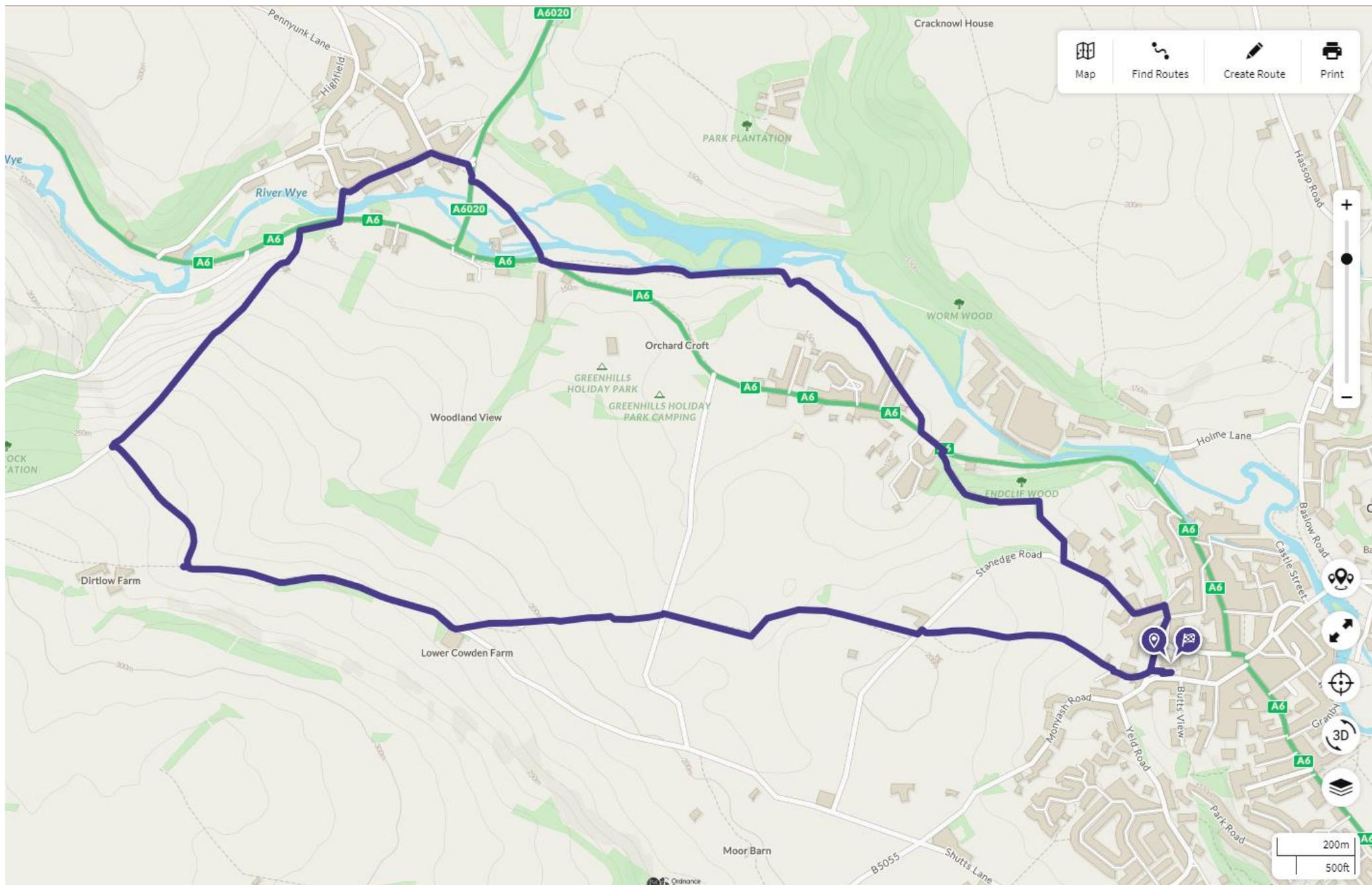


Bakewell to Ashford in the Water River Walk



Need to know

DISTANCE OF WALK: 7km

TYPE OF WALK: Circular villages walk, along a river and through farmland.

PARKING: There are lots of parking options in Bakewell. Please respect local residents and only park in designated car parks, and be mindful that this small market town is a tourist hotspot and gets busy on weekends and school holidays. The easiest place to park is the car park next to the Agricultural Business Centre ([click here for location](#) on Google Maps). A short footpath leads you back into town. If you want to avoid parking, there are regular buses to and from Bakewell ([click here](#) to check out the bus routes).

WALK HIGHLIGHTS: Bakewell All Saints Church, Bakewell Museum, walking along the River Wye and seeing the weirs, the pub and playground in Ashford-in-the-Water, feeding the ducks, stunning views on the second half of the walk.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE: Without kids this is a 2 hour walk, but allow for 3 hours with kids (longer if you're stopping for lunch and/or the playground).

ACCESSIBILITY: Not pram or wheelchair friendly. A couple of busy crossings over the A6. Lots of stiles.

TOTAL ASCENT: 228 metres

FACILITIES: There are public toilets in both [Bakewell](#) and Ashford-in-the-Water, as well as lots of choices for cafés and pubs (more so in Bakewell).

1. Starting at the church, walk through the arch at the top of the hill (behind the church). Take a right, and follow the road straight ahead. You may want to take a detour to Bakewell Museum here (or leave that to the end of the walk). The road then bends left along Stanedge Road.
2. Continue along Stanedge Edge for 300 metres. Just after St Anselm's school, there is a footpath sign on the right to Ashford. Go over the stile and continue along the footpath, which leads into the woods.
3. This brings you out onto the A6 opposite ALDI. Cross the road and take a left, walking on the pavement for 80 metres. Then take the footpath on the right. Admittedly this isn't the prettiest section of the walk, but bare with us, you will soon be out in open fields.
4. Keep following the footpath signs straight ahead, walking through the houses and then out into open fields, passing two weirs, then alongside the river. This is a very picturesque [Peak District river walk](#).
5. The footpath along the river then leads you back onto the A6. Take a right and walk on the pavement for 70 metres, to then walk over the bridge on the right. This leads you over the river and past Ashford-in-the-water cricket ground.
6. Cross the road and walk straight ahead to enter the village of Ashford-in-the-water. We recommend making a beeline to *The Bulls Head* or *Ashford Arms* to quench your thirst (follow the road round to the left).
7. After 1.1km metres along the road is a footpath on your left. Climb over the wooden stile and walk diagonally across the field to a yellow footpath sign. Keep following the yellow arrows that eventually lead you out onto a road.
8. Cross the road and take the public footpath opposite, climbing over a stone stile. Continue uphill, keeping the drystone wall on your right.