

# The Peak Centre

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Community living,  
discovery and growth



## What we do

In a weekend or a week a temporary community is formed, with minimal outside distractions, within which young people and adults learn and grow as well as exploring the beautiful world of the Derbyshire Peak District.

Activities, both indoors and out, lead to new understandings and a more positive and creative approach to life and society.

The Peak Centre staff often contribute to this creative process by helping you to design your programme.

## Who we are

The Peak Centre is a residential centre where you can self-cater or be catered for and our accommodation is of a very high standard.

We offer activities and hold an Adventure Activities Licence.

Although priority is given to youth groups, adult groups can sometimes be accommodated.

The Peak Centre is a registered charity managed by a board of trustees appointed by the Derby Diocesan Board of Education.

Visit our website for more information  
[www.peakcentre.org.uk](http://www.peakcentre.org.uk)

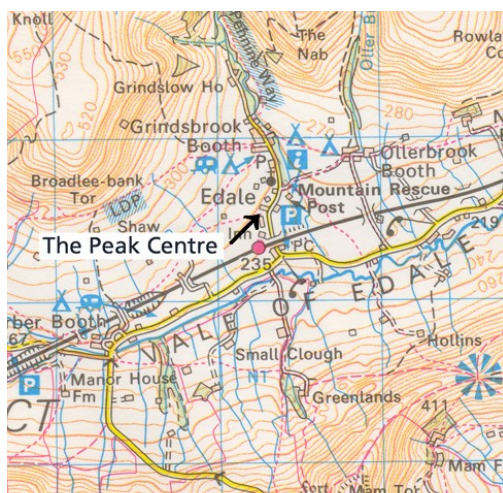
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# Directions to the Peak Centre

Postcode: S33 7ZA  
OS Grid Ref: 12316 85586  
What3Words:  
offers.promising.unimpeded

The Peak Centre is in the heart of Edale village, a 200m walk from Edale train station. Most SatNav will easily bring you here. Note—mobile phone signal is limited in the Edale Valley.



## By Road

Having reached the final turn into Edale village, go under the railway bridge, past the Rambler pub and in 100m you will see the Peak Centre sign on your left.

Parking for up to 15 cars is available at the Peak Centre.

## Coach drivers please note -

\* There is a narrow bridge between a tight S bend on the Hope to Edale road which is passable with care.

\* **Full size coaches may NOT** come beyond the railway bridge in Edale. If required, long term parking is available in the Pay & Display car park - there is a charge for this.

Groups will need to walk the 250 metres up the road to the Peak Centre.

## By Rail

Edale is on the Sheffield to Manchester Piccadilly line.

Enquire about reductions for groups on 0113 881 4604.

From Edale Station, go down to the road and turn left past the Rambler pub. In 100m you will see the Peak Centre sign on your left.

## Our Staff



### Ben is our Centre Manager

You will almost certainly speak to or meet him when you enquire or stay here. He also leads some of the activities around the centre.

### Chris is our Assistant Centre Manager

Most groups meet him either when he shows them around on a first visit or when they come to stay. He is responsible for maintenance of the buildings and grounds and also leads some of the activities.



### Julie is our Housekeeper and Tom is our Assistant Housekeeper.

You may never see them but they ensure the centre is prepared and welcoming for when you arrive.



### Lesley is our Finance & IT Manager and Sam is our Administrator.

You are likely to speak to them if you phone and they will be able to help you when booking or planning your residential.





## Accommodation

You can stay in either John Champion's Barn or the Grindslow Wing (each wing can be locked separately) or, if you have a large group, in the whole centre.

Both wings are fully centrally heated and in addition John Champion's Barn has a big open fire. Each has an exclusive lounge, dining area, kitchen, small bedrooms, semi-en-suite leaders rooms, wash, toilet and shower areas.

There is shared access to the Conservatory/Entrance hall where there is a small souvenir shop and drying room; and to the Broadlee Wing which has a sports hall with indoor climbing wall (see Activities), boot store, toilet, resources store and two meeting rooms.

John Champion's Barn has 26 bunk beds. There are 2 five bedded, 3 four bedded and 2 two bedded rooms (the latter with en-suite shower & sink). It still has the massive beams, the open fireplace and all the atmosphere you could wish for.



Camp beds can be provided if you have a few extra people. Numbers in red on the floor plan indicate how many and where.

Please note that Meeting Room 2 can only be used as an additional sleeping area if you have booked the whole centre. The maximum occupancy (including camp beds) in John Champion's Barn is 30, in the Grindslow wing is 25 and in the whole centre is 60.



The Grindslow Wing has 20 bunk beds. There are 4 four bedded rooms and 2 two bedded rooms (one of the latter has an en-suite shower & sink, the other a full en-suite). It is a skillful blend of old and new with interesting angles and a mixture of stonework and modern materials.



We provide everything we think you might need (except for food and towels/toiletries), including bedding, cleaning materials and all kitchen/dining equipment.

## Facilities

Both **kitchens** are equipped with catering gas ranges, microwave ovens, water boilers, fridge freezers and all pots, pans, crockery, cutlery and utensils, washing up liquid, tea towels and paper towels. We also have a group size mobile **gas barbecue**.

The **drying room** is fully equipped including an automatic washing machine.

The small **souvenir shop** is in the Conservatory and can be operated by you.

All communal areas have **DVD and CD** players and there is a **Yamaha P250 professional stage piano** and a **lightweight keyboard** for those who like to make their own music.

For babies and toddlers we have **2 highchairs** and **2 cots**.

There are **two meeting rooms** in the Broadlee Wing. Meeting Room 1 has tables and a large screen TV and can be used for craft or classroom activities.

Our **Resources Store / Kitchenette** can be used for making drinks during meetings and is where you will find the **badge maker, basic art & craft supplies and a sink** for any creative craft sessions.

There are **fixed and portable screens, a data projector** (for use with your own laptop), **white boards** and **markers**.

We have a wide range of **worship resources** (including **song/hymn books, Bibles, Candles, Communion sets** etc.) and please feel free to browse our range of **books** on natural history, local interest and outdoor activities too.

There is a **wireless internet connection** throughout the centre.

We now have **EE reception** (although the coverage can be patchy!) and groups also have access to a phone in the entrance hall (01433 670277). Please ensure this is the number given to parents or anyone else who may need to contact you during your visit.



A **sports hall** (11mx8m) suitable for indoor games (including a play **parachute**), drama, teaching etc. **Disco lights** and a **Numark Mixdeck Express** add to the excitement and fun!!

Sessions on the **climbing wall** must be booked in advance - see current price list.



There is a **table tennis table** in the Boot Store for use in the Sports Hall.

**Outdoor games equipment** (including Rounders and Kwik Cricket sets, footballs and rugby balls) is provided for the playing field.

You can hire **boots, waterproof jackets, overtrousers & rucksacks** (see current price list) and there are **laminated local maps** and **compasses** available for use whilst here.

There is a **pond** for environmental studies and a **camp fire area**.



Our **woodland cabin (The Fold)** seats approx. 30 children and can be used as a meeting space, for learning or worship. This must not be used for sleeping.





# Peak Centre Instructed Activities

Activities must be pre-booked and should be planned well in advance as they are subject to instructor availability. Flexibility should be included to cope with changing weather. Please see the current price list for charges, group size information etc. We are always pleased to assist with planning so do get in touch. A Peak Centre consent form is required for activities which are run by us. You must use our form (although it may be possible to use your own with pre-approval) which is sent out to you when you book or can be downloaded from our website. Please copy it for each member of your group.

## Archery

The Peak Centre is fully equipped to teach archery to groups outdoors on the playing field or indoors in the Broadlee Hall.



## Walking - Hill & Valley or Moorland

We can provide a leader for a non-moorland walk or a more challenging moorland walk. Alternatively Ben or Chris would be happy to advise you if you want to lead it yourselves. The Peak Park booklet 'Eight Walks Around Edale' is recommended for local, shorter walk routes and you are welcome to use maps from our resources store.

## Orienteering

A popular half day activity run by The Peak Centre on challenging terrain at Rowlandcote Moor (1.5 miles / 30 min walk away).

## Mini Orienteering

Ideal for 7-14 year olds. Takes place in the Peak Centre grounds and lasts about 45 minutes. Can be self-led.

## Indoor Climbing Wall

The Peak Centre has an indoor climbing wall suitable for all abilities. This can be used as preparation for outdoor climbing or as an activity in its own right. The wall can be hired with our instructor or by groups who have their own instructor who holds a suitable climbing wall qualification, First Aid certificate and public liability insurance.

## Rock Climbing/Abseiling

The Peak Centre can provide a day or half day climbing or abseiling. Group to provide own transport and personal accident insurance if required. (11-20miles).



## Bushcraft

A typical bushcraft session will involve shelter building, fire building, fire lighting and marshmallow toasting but can be tailored/extended to meet the requirements of the group.

The Peak Centre is registered with the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority as licensed to provide Single Pitch Rock Climbing, Abseiling & Hill Walking. AALA licence no R0642. [www.aala.org.uk](http://www.aala.org.uk)



## Circus Skills

Why not try a half day workshop including juggling, plate spinning, diabolos, stilts etc?

## Fencing

Why not learn the skills of attack and defence combined with co-ordination, balance and flexibility in the form of one of the oldest of sports?

## Pond Dipping

The pond is now set up for class work and we have all the equipment needed. Can be self-led.

## Team Games

This involves a range of activities, usually held outside, designed to encourage young people to communicate and problem solve. One of these activities, **Nightline** (which despite the name is a daytime activity), can be self led.

## Local interest

The Village Quiz takes about an hour and can be self-led. Talks and presentations on the Peak Park and on mountain rescue can sometimes be arranged with the Ranger Service or the Mountain Rescue Teams.

## Edale Parish Church

The Church is unlocked during the day. Groups are always welcome at services and contributions in prayer, readings, drama, song etc. will be welcomed in consultation with Revd Simon Cocksedge who is Priest-in-Charge.

## Other activities in the area ...

For local coach/minibus hire, you could try Hulley's Coaches, Baslow 01246 582246 ; Smiths Of Marple 0161 427 2825, Eden Tree Travel 01433 623804 or Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport 01629 641920. Edale train station (just a short walk away) is half way between Sheffield and Manchester (approx ½ hour in either direction).

### Cycling

Bike Garage in Bamford offers cycle hire 01433 659345 (8 miles)  
The Peak Park run Hire Centres at:  
Fairholmes near the Derwent reservoir 01433 651261 (12miles),  
Hayfield 01663 746222 (20 miles) and  
Parsley Hay 01298 84493 (21 miles).  
There are also cycle hire centres on the Monsal Trail at:  
Hassop 01629 810588 (19 miles) and  
Blackwell Mill 01298 70838 (15 miles)

### Water Sports

Edale YHA Adventure Centre  
(Canoeing) 01433 670302 (2 miles).  
Rother Valley Leisure Centre  
0114 2471452 (27miles)  
Carsington Water Sports, Wirksworth  
01629 540478 (35miles)

### Caving

Show caves in Castleton (5m):  
Peak Cavern 01433 620285  
Speedwell 01433 620512  
Blue John 01433 620638  
Treak Cliff 01433 620571.  
Poole's Cavern, Buxton 01298 26978  
(12miles) Has good disabled access.

For serious caving with journeys up to several hours:

Peak Instruction  
07422941438  
Edale YHA Adventure Centre  
01433 670302  
Dolomite Training  
07784 005 097

### Farm Visits

Hardenclough Farm , Barber Booth,  
Edale 01433 670274

### Swimming

Hathersage Open Air Heated Pool  
01433 650843 ( 9 miles)  
Buxton Indoor Heated Pool  
01298 26548 (12 miles)  
New Mills Leisure Centre  
01663 745424 (14 miles)  
Ponds Forge Sports Centre, Sheffield  
0114 2799766 (20 miles)

## Information

### National Park Information Centres:

Edale 01433 670207  
Castleton 01433 620679  
Derwent Valley 01433 650953

### Tourist Information Centres:

Buxton 01298 25106  
Bakewell 01629 813227  
Chesterfield 01246 345777

## and many more things to do too ...

### Arkwright's Mill, nr Matlock.

Water powered cotton spinning mill.  
01629 823256 (30 miles)

**Bakewell Market** on Mondays,  
livestock, stalls, etc. (17 miles)

### Old House Museum, Bakewell.

Tudor House open March - November  
01629 813642 (20m)

### Carsington Reservoir Visitors' Centre.

Water processing exhibition.  
01629 850696 (35m)

### Caudwell's Mill, Rowsley.

Water power flour mill & craft centre.  
01629 734374 (22 m)

### Chatsworth House, Farm and Adventure Playground

Open March- Christmas  
01246 582204 (18m)

### Crich Tramway Museum, nr Matlock

01773 852565 (30m)

### Eyam, Plague Village,

Eyam Hall 01433 639565

Eyam Museum 01433 631371  
(14m)

### Haddon Hall, Bakewell

Open Easter-October  
01629 812855 (19m)

### Hardwick Hall, Mansfield

01246 850430 (36 miles)

### Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath.

Visitor centre and cable cars.  
01629 582365 (27miles)

### Ladybower, Derwent & Howden

**Dams & Reservoirs** Fairholmes Centre  
01433 650953 (13m)

### Lyme Park (National Trust)

House, park and activities.  
01663 762023 (15 miles)

**Nature Reserves.** Limestone dales  
including Lathkill Dale, Monks Dale.

### New Mills Heritage Centre

Simulated coal mine & model of town  
in 1884. 01663 746904 (15 miles)

### Paradise Mill, Macclesfield.

Museum of silk weaving.  
01625 618228 (20miles)

### Peak District Mining Museum,

Matlock Bath. History of lead mining.  
01629 583834 (27m)

**Peveril Castle, Castleton.** Free to  
students by arrangement in advance.  
01433 620613

**Well Dressing**—A Derbyshire tradition  
that can be seen in many local villages  
& towns through the spring and  
summer months. Enquire at Tourist  
Information Centres for dates/  
locations.



## Booking

**Bookings** can be made up to 2 years in advance. Please contact the office to make a provisional booking. The dates will normally be held for 2 weeks pending receipt of a non-refundable deposit and completed Part 1 booking form.

When you receive the Part 2 Form from us (about 10 wks before your visit) you will need to check that all the details are correct, add any final details and return it to us (ideally 8 weeks before your visit) so that we can prepare for your arrival.

Our **Cancellation** fee structure can be seen on the reverse of the Part 1 booking form. The percentages are based on the minimum accommodation charge for the period booked, plus any activities & catering.

### Payment

Charges are on a person-per-night basis (minimum numbers apply). See **current** price list for details.

### Insurance

You must be covered for third party claims and leaders negligence (ie legal and public liability). Organisers may wish to see that their members are insured against personal accident and loss of property.

### Bursary Fund

This Fund is available on the basis of individual need. Any application for grants **must** be received in advance of your stay.

### Arrivals & Departures

Arrive:

Monday after 12.00noon

Friday 6-00pm-9.00pm

Bank Holiday Mon after 4pm

Depart:

Friday before 2.00pm

Sunday before 4.00pm

Bank Hol Mon before 12noon

Please consult us about special arrangements. It *may* be possible to negotiate different times.

## Planning your visit

Leaders who have not previously used The Peak Centre are advised to arrange a pre-visit before planning their residential.

### Staffing

A mixed party must have leadership of both sexes.

### Broadlee Wing

Bookings for the sports hall and meeting rooms are allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are using just one wing, early reservation is advised.

### Activities

Please phone the office at least 8 weeks in advance to arrange activities using our instructors.

### Cleaning

Please allow 1-2 hrs for your final clean up as we ask groups to maintain a high standard of cleaning on departure. Equipment and materials are provided.

### Dogs

Only fully trained Assistance Dogs are allowed on-site. Please let us know in advance if any of your party will need to bring their dog with them.

### Shopping

Edale General Store sells small amounts of food though groceries can be pre-ordered and delivered 01433 670599.

The nearest supermarket (Morrisons) and banks are in Chapel en le Frith (6 miles). There is also a Tesco off the A6 at Whaley Bridge (10 miles).

Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda and Ocado now deliver to Edale.

Please book your delivery time after your agreed arrival time as we cannot take in deliveries for you.

Milk may be ordered for delivery on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday from Middletons Dairy 01433 651650. N.B. Please ask for 4 or 6 pint plastic with no crates.

### Bedding

All bedding is provided.

### Catering

Local caterers:

Jo's Pantry, Hope 01433 621748 or 0771 9698167

Details of local takeaways are available on request.

## Whilst you are here

On arrival a member of our staff will be here to welcome you.

### Smoking

Please note we have a no smoking policy, though people may smoke outside. Please make sure your group understands this.

### Leaders' Handbook

Each leaders' room has a handbook, full of useful information to help with any problems and emergencies. Information on emergency services is posted by the telephone.

### Warmth

The heating is generously programmed and you can override the programme setting. All radiators have thermostatic valves, so set them to meet your own needs. Coal is provided for John Champion's Barn fire.

### Noise

Please help us to maintain good relations with our neighbours by keeping noise down as much as possible. Please keep windows and doors shut after 11pm.

### Damage

Things will occasionally get broken and we rarely ask residents to pay for accidental damage although, in exceptional cases, we may ask you to cover the cost of repair. In any event, please let us know as soon as possible if anything is broken.