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.

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Directions to the Peak Centre

By Road
From the East: Pick up the A6186 (previously A625) at Hathersage, Bamford or Brough, then go west into Hope. Turn right straight after The Old Hall Pub, signed Edale. Continue for around 5 miles around countless bends, then turn right after the Pay & Display car park opposite the phone box. Go under the railway bridge, past the Rambler pub and in 100m you will see the Peak Centre sign.

From the West: Turn off the A6 at Chapel-en-le-Frith and go east on the A625 (signed Rushup and Edale), for about 4 miles. Look out for the left turn (signed Edale and Barber Booth) and go over the top of the ridge and wind down a mile of 1:6 hill, over a bridge at the bottom and continue another mile. Turn left opposite the phone box just before the Pay & Display car park. Go under the railway bridge, past the Rambler pub and in 100m you will see the Peak Centre sign.

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
Northern Rail operate a pay train service between Sheffield and Manchester Piccadilly. Details: 0845 0000125 (24 hours). Enquire about reductions for groups on 0113 881 4604.
From the Station, go down to the road and turn left past the Rambler pub. In 100m you will see the Peak Centre sign board.

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 Georgina 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.
Whole Centre (46 beds, max occupancy 60)
John Champions Barn (26 beds, max occupancy 30)
Grindslow Wing (20 beds, max occupancy 25)
Broadlee Wing / Conservatory
No access - Staff only

4 Number of beds
4 Number of spare mattresses allowed, subject to max occupancy
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 drying room, payphone and souvenir shop; and to the Broadlee Wing which has a sports hall, craft room and meeting room (Jaggers room). There is an indoor climbing wall in the sports hall. see Activities.

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.

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 skilful blend of old and new with interesting angles and a mixture of stonework and modern materials.

We provide everything that we think you might need (except for food and towels/toiletries), including bedding, cleaning materials and all kitchen/dining equipment. In addition many parts of the building are accessible to people with disabilities.

Additional mattresses 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 the Broadlee wing can only be used for extra sleeping areas if you have booked the whole centre. The maximum occupancy (including spare mattresses) in John Champion’s Barn is 30, in the Grindslow wing is 25 and in the whole centre is 60.

The number to contact a resident group is: 01433 670277
Facilities

A sports hall (11mx8m) suitable for indoor games (including a play parachute), drama, teaching etc. Stage & 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.

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

(We now have EE reception although the coverage can be patchy!)

For Small Children we have 2 highchairs and 2 cots.

You can hire boots, waterproof jackets, overtrousers & rucksacks - see current price list.

We can lend you laminated maps (of the Peak District) and compasses.

All communal areas have DVD and CD players and there is a small library of DVD’s and CD’s in the Resources store.

Feel free to browse the wide range of books on natural history, local interest, outdoor activities and worship resources.

Find our Yamaha P250 professional stage piano, a lightweight keyboard and a collection of recorders, tambourines, etc.

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

There is a wide range of worship resources including song/hymn books, Bibles, Candles, Communion sets etc.

The payphone will take incoming calls. Please give this number to anxious parents etc. (01433 670277) and not the office number!

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.

Some outdoor games equipment, including footballs and a Kwik Cricket set, is provided for the playing field.

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

The Jaggers Room is a group meeting room in the Broadlee Wing.

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 craft room is purpose built and well stocked with the basics for art and craft. Why not make badges on the badgemaker? Everything is there.

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

There is a wireless internet connection throughout the centre.

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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 walk leader or you are welcome to borrow maps from our resources store. Alternatively, maps, compasses, books, advice and information can be obtained from the Moorland Centre at Fieldhead, Edale 01433 670207.

The Peak Park booklet 'Eight Walks Around Edale' is recommended.

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.

Nightline
A daytime activity to promote communication and thought for others. 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 SPA and First Aid qualified instructor with 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).

Abseiling can be arranged for people with severe disabilities.

Circus Skills

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

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

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?

Team Games
This involves a range of activities, usually held outside, designed to encourage young people to communicate and problem solve.

Local interest
The Village Quiz takes about an hour and can be self-led.

Talks and slides 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
The Peak Park run Hire Centres at:
Fairholmes near the Derwent reservoir 01433 651261 (12 miles).
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)
You can also hire bikes at Rother Valley Country Park 0114 247 1453 (27miles)

Water Sports
Edale YHA Adventure Centre
(Canoeing) 01433 670302 (2 miles).
Rother Valley Leisure Centre 0114 2471452 (27miles)
Derbyshire Education Auth., Lea Green Centre, Matlock 01629 534561 (30miles)

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

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.

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)

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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 (i.e. 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 12.00pm
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 Broadlee Hall, Craft Room and Jaggers Room 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 Shop sells small quantities of groceries etc. Bread may be ordered in bulk. 01433 670220. 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.

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