

Cheshire's Peak District Suggested itinerary

Day 1

Explore Cheshire's Peak District

Cheshire's Peak District covers 100 square miles of inspiring scenery, with a great choice of walks for all abilities.

Take a walk through the village of Bollington and up to White Nancy, originally a summer house built in 1815 by the Gaskell family. White Nancy is a famous landmark in the Bollington area and can be seen for miles around.

If you fancy a longer walk then try the Gritstone Trail, a 35 mile walking route covering wild moorland, rocky outcrops, impressive peaks and breathtaking scenery. You don't have to do the whole 35 miles though!

After a refreshing walk, enjoy lunch in one of the many country pubs or cafes.

Visit Lyme

Lyme is a stunning National Trust estate with a striking house and beautiful gardens.

A visit to the hall takes you back in time to the Edwardian era with lavish interiors, a piano that you can play, library where you can read a book and a dress up area and stage for taking photos – perfect mementos of your visit.

Step outside and you will find yourself in one of the tranquil gardens, wander around the Edwardian rose garden, ravine garden or around the lake made famous in the BBC production of 'Pride and Prejudice'. More recently Lyme Park has been used as one of the film locations for the BAFTA nominated hit, 'The Village'.

Spend some time exploring the 1,400 acre estate, which is home to a medieval herd of red and fallow deer. With a mix of woodland, pasture, grassland and moorland, there are plenty of fantastic walks offering picturesque views.

Day 2

Alderley Edge

Alderley Edge is a pretty town in rural Cheshire, known as the Champagne capital of Britain, it has more than its fair share of quality restaurants and bars but that doesn't mean that a visit to the town has to be expensive.

Explore the town's boutique shops and enjoy a tasty lunch at one of the many cafés or restaurants before heading to 'The Edge', a dramatic sandstone cliff with stunning views over the Cheshire Plain and Peak District.

Explore the woodland paths which lead up to 'The Edge', the highest point, which was originally a Bronze Age burial mound and see if you will be the first to uncover the legend! Legend has it that there is a secret chamber under the rocks where 140 beautiful, milk-white horses lie in sleep with 140 knights waiting to fight the last battle of the world.

Further afield, other suggestions

Tatton Park

One of the UK's most impressive historic estates with 2,000 acres of deer park, a stunning neo-classical mansion, 1930's rare breed farm, Tudor old hall, 250 year old gardens, adventure playground, speciality shops and a restaurant, there's plenty for everyone to enjoy.

Knutsford

The town of Knutsford has plenty to offer visitors; boutique shops, quaint café's and coffee shops line the streets, which are famous for their Italianate architecture. Visit the Heritage Centre where you'll find the Millennium Tapestry, beautiful courtyard gardens, as well as fascinating exhibitions which change regularly. Knutsford was the childhood home of the author Elizabeth Gaskell and the inspiration for 'Cranford'. Visit Brook Street Chapel, where you will get an insight in Gaskell's early life in the town, or join one of the guided tours that can be booked at the Heritage Centre to find out more.

Macclesfield Silk Museum

There is plenty to explore at Macclesfield Silk Museum, set in four buildings in Macclesfield you'll be able to discover the story of silk in the town and the impact it had. There are interactive exhibitions and activities, working looms, Egyptian antiques, a decorative art collection, a shop, café and the only cinema in the town; plenty to keep all ages interested.