

## **Macclesfield-Outdoors Walking Route: Tegg's Nose, Walker Barn**

Start/Finish: Tegg's Nose Country Park. Distance: 3.9 miles (6.3 km). Difficulty: Medium

Time: 1½ to 2 hours

1. Leave the car park and turn right up the road. After a short distance, the Gritstone Trail is signposted to the left, away from the road.
2. Follow the Gritstone Trail over the brow of the hill, via several stiles and gates. Eventually a cross roads of footpaths is reached. Head straight on down hill to meet the busy A537 Buxton Road.
3. Cross the A537 carefully, and turn left along the pavement for a short distance, to Bull Hill Lane on your right.
4. The Gritstone Trail continues from the corner of Bull Hill Lane, down across a field, over two stiles to a stream. Cross the stream, and walk up hill, bearing right to a kissing gate. After the kissing gate, head across the field to a stile. After the stile, follow a wall which is to your left. At the end of the field, cross another stile onto a lane.
5. Turn right along the lane to Hordern Farm. Pass between buildings at Hordern Farm.
6. Past the farm, bear left along the footpath.
7. This footpath now passes along the side of Gulshaw Hollow. Where the path meets the remains of an old dry stone wall, continue in the same direction but cross to the other side of the wall so that it is on your right. Eventually the path bears right downhill and meets and crosses a stream.
8. The path heads uphill, with a wall to the right. After a short distance it meets a concreted driveway. Walk uphill along this driveway to the main road (the A537 again). The group of houses here is called Walker Barn.
9. Cross the A537 here. Take care crossing the road, as it is on a bend here. Turn left along the pavement. After a short distance, turn right along a lane (Crooked Yard Road, indicated as being a No Through Road).
10. After a short distance, cross a ladder stile over the wall on the left, and follow a footpath uphill. Cross another ladder stile. The footpath meets a driveway at the top of the hill. Bear right along the driveway, towards Warrilowhead Farm. Follow the footpath to pass to the right of the farm.

11. Cross over a stone stile, then follow a grassy path down to a stream in a deep gully. Cross the stream, then follow the footpath uphill and then down into another gully. The footpath then goes uphill again.
12. Passing to the left of a house (Ashtreetop), the footpath emerges onto a lane (Hacked Way Lane).
13. Turn right down the lane. After passing a house on the right (Hardingland Farm) the lane becomes a bridleway. Ignore the footpath which bears right across a field. Follow the bridleway down between fields. At the bottom of the hill, the bridleway turns right.
14. The bridleway (loose-stone path) passes between fields, and eventually crosses a stream tumbling down the hillside. The bridleway passes a house on the left (Lower Crooked Yard Farm), then becomes a narrow lane. When you reach Clough House farm at the bottom of the hill, follow the lane round to the right.
15. Walk up the lane until you get to Saddler's Way on the left (signposted as a Concessionary Bridleway).
16. Walk up Saddler's Way to return to the Tegg's Nose car park.