



# Trip Report Peak District

**29TH APRIL - 1ST MAY 2023**



## RETURN TO THE PEAKS

The first of many May bank holiday weekends was again in the Peak District, but this time camping in Calver, round the corner from the Hut used in the last trip.



The focus of the trip was for people who had done little or no outdoor climbing outdoors and was very successful with that aim. Back-to-back trips for Marta and Dan (catching the bug!), 6 others with very few days outdoor climbing between them and 4 people making their outside climbing debut. Well done everyone!

A big thank you to the experienced climbers on the trip who gave their time and knowledge to make the trip such a success. Everyone said they had had a very enjoyable time and that's the aim for the club.

Read on for more from this trip, and if you couldn't make this one - there's plenty more climbing in the calendar for this year.



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## DAY 1 - BIRCHEN EDGE

Saturday was spent at Birchen Edge, a great crag for beginners as well as a few trickier climbs to get your teeth into. Dave B and Lars found that out when tackling Top Sail (VS 4c)! Nacho and Eva managed their first ever trad lead climbs which was great to see and Eva showed good judgement by backing off from another climb, which she was not comfortable with.



In an impressive move, Moises also got in his second day of lead climbing, making light work of Trafalgar Crack (VD), which also marked the start of 'knee fines' being dished out. Rain stopped play slightly early, so everyone headed to the Robin Hood in for a well-earned drink before heading to the campsite and then its nearest pub, the Bridge Inn (pub number 2, and counting), which turned out better than expected as they now have a chef serving nice food.



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## DAY 2 - STANAGE EDGE

Sunday was looking like a weather write off, but in the end there was only the odd spot of rain before the wind at Stanage beat the group off to the Pool Café in Hathersage.



That day, Cosmin, Dan, Alan and Maria joined in the climbing. Dan's previous experience still keeps coming back with more strong climbing and leading. Cosmin, Alan and Maria all managed their first trads leads with it also being Maria's first ever outdoor climbing. (First day's grace of 'knee fines' in effect.)

Andy and Eva had their best climbing moment of the weekend with Leaning Buttress Crack (VD); one which will live long in their memory. After the café stop, Alan and Maria went in search of the old-world pub Three Stags Heads Inn (Pub 3) before back to the campsite. The group then accidentally got split with some ending up back to the Bridge Inn and others to the Derwentwater Arms (Pub 4) before trying the Eyre Arms (Pub 5) for food but all 3 had stopped serving food. The Moon Inn (Pub 6) to the rescue, managing to get the order in to the kitchen with minutes to spare.







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## DAY 3 - BURBAGE NORTH

Monday was spent at Burbage North to help keep out of the wind and the easy approach making it a good spot. Rob S, Oscar, David G, Becca and Ellen all joined for the day with it being David's, Becca's and Ellen's first ever outdoor climbing. All had great fun and really progressed throughout the day. There was definitely a smile on all faces by the end.



Nick got in some nice leads of Ad Infinitum (S 4a) and Overhanging Buttress Direct (S 4a), building back his confidence while Alan made a great lead of Ash Tree Crack (VD) to end his second day of leading. The sun had been in and out of the cloud all day but by the end, it was a beautiful day but all were too tired to continue past 4pm. A few headed to the Scotsmans Pack for dinner, making it the 7th pub visited over the weekend; a club record?

All in all, there was lots of climbing, lots of pubs visited and some camping very much enjoyed by all. Quote of the weekend (at not ideal timing) "I love camping!"



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### WCC CLIMBERS:

Experienced: Fergus, Dave B, Lars, Steve, Andy (apparently!), Nick, Ben and Laura  
Novices: Eva, Moises, Marta, Nacho, Cosmin, Dan, Alan, Maria, Rob S, David G, Oscar, Becca and Ellen