

## Walk 24 ~ Chatsworth Park and Swiss Lake

**Start:** Calton Lees car park. Charge, most of the year. **GR:** SK25906855.

**Map:** OS Exp. OL24. **Distance:** 5 1/2 miles (8.8 km). **Allow:** 3 hours.

**Terrain:** Riverside path, Estate roads and field paths.

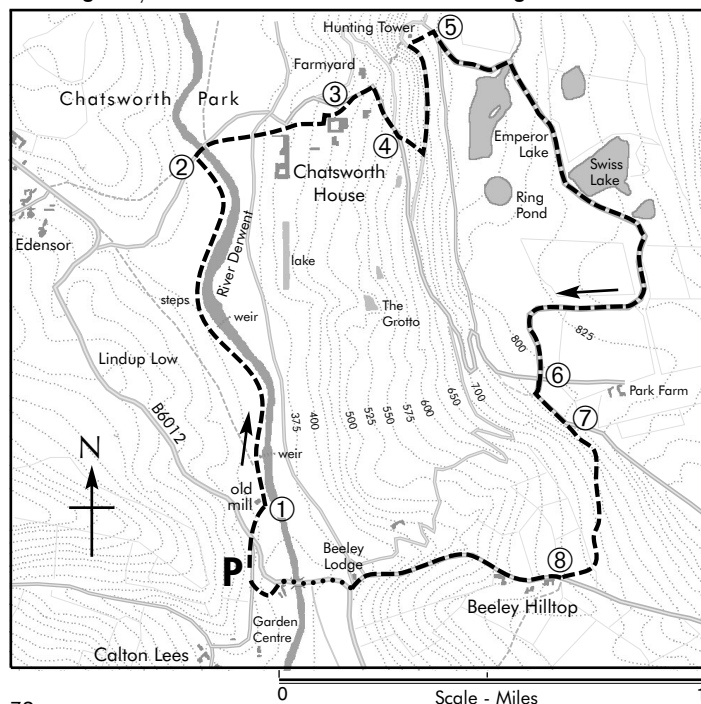
**Public toilets:** At Chatsworth House, during opening hours only.

**Refreshments:** Café at Chatsworth garden centre (near the start). Café and restaurant at Chatsworth House.

**Summary of the Walk:** After a pleasant riverside section, the route follows an estate road as it ascends through woodland to the viewpoint at the Hunting Tower. A track leads past Emperor Lake and Swiss Lake, before reaching the edge of Beeley Moor. There are good views to the south. The final section follows a farm lane back to the main road and the car park.

**Disadvantages:** A very short road section at the end of the walk, but care is needed as there is no pavement.

**Grading:** Easy. **Ascent:** 640ft (195m). **Maximum height:** 850ft (259m).



## Directions

From the car park, return to the main road on the path running alongside it. Go through a gate and cross over adjacent to a cattle grid. Go down the steps and follow the path downhill to the old mill.

- ① Turn left and follow the riverside path passing a weir, and in 1/3 mile a second weir is passed. After a further 1/2 mile by the riverside the road is reached at a beautiful arched bridge.
- ② Turn right, cross the bridge and immediately bear right onto a wide path. Go through a gate and follow the path up towards Chatsworth House. At the House, bear slightly diagonally left across the frontage and then bear right, walking up the wide straight road towards an imposing building. At the entrance, turn left, signed 'Farmyard' and walk alongside the building. At its corner, go diagonally right to a road.
- ③ Turn right, signed 'Farmyard and Playground' and go through a gate, by a cattle grid. In 50 yards on the left, ignore the road to the Farmyard. Continue along the road as it bends right and upwards.
- ④ After about 280 yards, turn left on the footpath signed, 'The Dell'. Keep straight on at a path crossroads, up to a road. Turn left along the road which ascends gradually through woodland. In just over 1/3 mile you emerge from the trees. In a few yards turn right up steps, to the Hunting Tower. Continue straight on passing to the right of the Tower. Follow a wide, straight, grassy clearing through trees to a junction.
- ⑤ Turn right on the shale road. In 50 yards ignore a path to the right. In about 300 yards you pass the first lake, Emperor Lake. Continue on the track and after 1/3 mile you pass the more picturesque Swiss Lake. Continue past the lake and in 3/4 mile you come to a crossroads.
- ⑥ Go straight on, signed 'Hob Hurst's House and Beeley'. Then in 150 yards, climb over the high stile and follow the track for 120 yards.
- ⑦ Turn right at the concessionary footpath sign, going diagonally downhill through bracken. At the end of the path, go over a stile and walk straight on, across a field towards a farm.
- ⑧ Go over a stile and turn right down the wide track. In just over 1/2 mile you reach the main road at Beeley Lodge. Turn right along the road. Go over the bridge and cross the road. Turn left up the path, just before the bend, signed 'Footpath to Rowsley', back up to the car park.