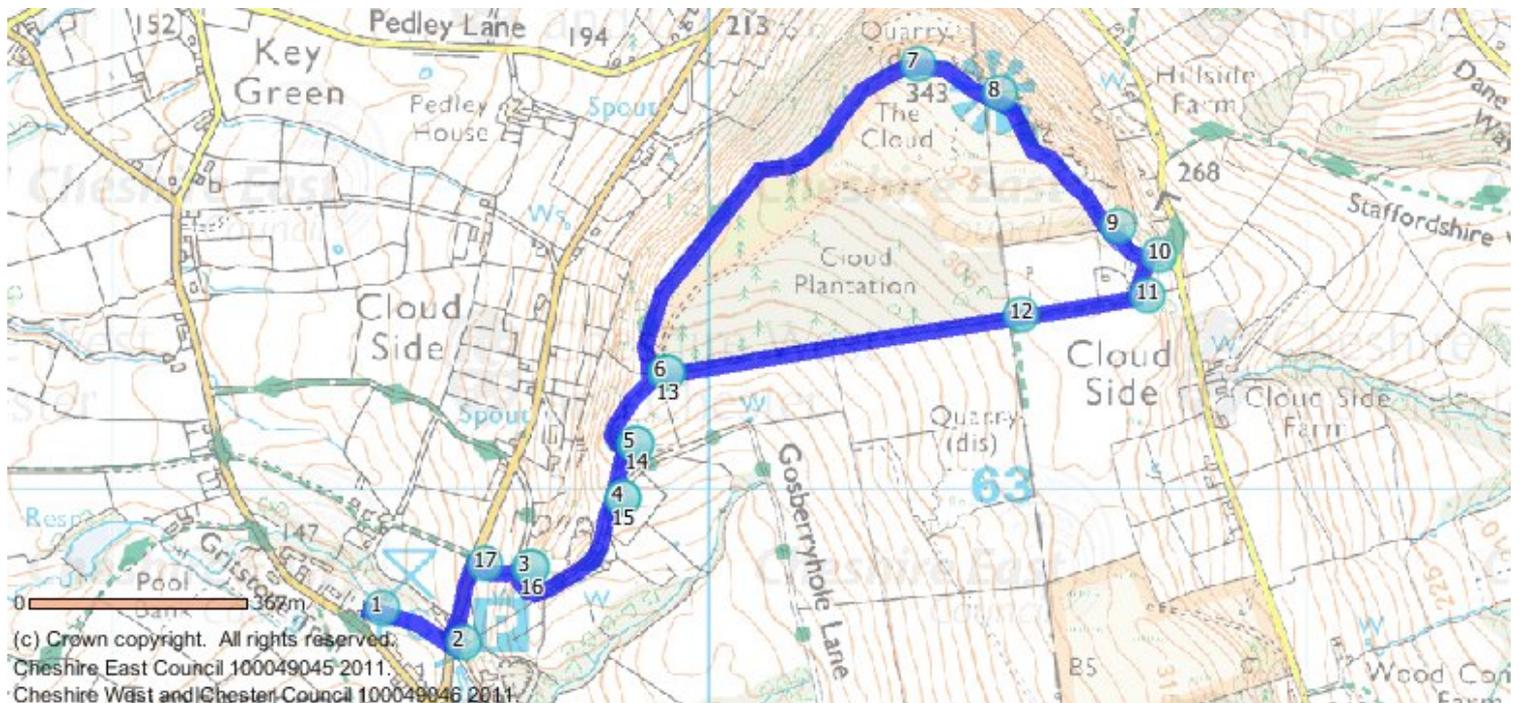


Bosley Cloud

Feel on top of the world as a reward for the climb up to the summit of Bosley Cloud.

Grade	Challenging
Distance	4 km / 2 ½ mile
Time	1 ½ - 2 hours
Start	Timbersbrook Picnic Site OS grid reference SJ 895 627
Map	OS Explorer 268
Terrain	Rough paths, steps, rocky outcrops
Barriers	Squeeze stiles plus 2 step-over silties
Toilets	None on the route
Contact	Public Rights of Way 01270 686029



Route Details

A circular 4 km / 2½ mile walk right up onto the top of Bosley Cloud with stunning views over the Cheshire Plain.

Feel on top of the world after a little hard work walking up hill onto the summit of Bosley Cloud. You can see this outcrop from miles around and from the top you can see across the whole of the Cheshire Plan and along the gritstone ridge of Cheshire's Peak District.

Visitor information

Location: Timbersbrook picnic site is located on Weathercock Lane in Timbersbrook, to the east of Congleton and signposted off the A54 Buxton Road. The postcode for Timbersbrook carpark for satnav is CW12 3PP, OS grid reference SJ 895 627.

Parking: Free car parking is available at Timbersbrook picnic site.

Public transport: There is a bus stop just outside the picnic site in Timbersbrook, served during the week by service number K80 from Congleton.

Refreshments and toilets: There are no facilities along the route, but there are pubs nearby at Dane in Shaw and Congleton..

Further information:

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Directions

1. From Timbersbrook picnic site car park follow the path through the open grass area to reach a set of steps up to the Tunstall Road.
2. Turn left and walk up the lane for approximately 180 metres. Then take a public footpath, signposted "Gritstone Trail", on the right winding up steps through the woodland. If the steps are too large, you could continue up the road for a further 175 metres and take the track on your right. This will bring you to point 3.
3. Go through the squeeze stile and turn right along the track, again signposted "Gritstone Trail".
4. Follow the track until you come to a footpath leading off to the left through a squeeze stile and waymarked "Gritstone Trail and Staffordshire Way". Follow this path uphill.
5. After 80 metres you'll come across a t-junction of paths. Bear left to continue uphill, gaining views south over to Congleton Edge.
6. At the fence in which there is a squeeze stile, bear left on a path which continues up through the woods, waymarked "Gritstone Trail" and "Staffordshire Way". You'll see a choice of two paths at this point – both will bring you out to the same place, so don't worry which one you take. The right hand fork is a wider path than that on the left hand.
7. You will emerge on the open top of Bosley Cloud. Follow the path to the trig point and orientation table and pause to enjoy the stunning views in all directions.
8. When you have explored and taken in the panorama, continue along the path eastwards. The path starts to run down hill to a squeeze stile.
9. Go through the squeeze stile and follow the steps downhill to a concrete track.
10. Here, turn right to follow the track on a slight incline to a corner where the track swings right.
11. Go over the stile in front of you and then turn right in the field to following the edge of the field, keeping the dry stone wall on your right hand side.
12. Climb over the stile in the corner of the field and follow the path through the scots pine plantation.
13. This path brings you back to the fence and squeeze stile from where you climbed up to the top of the Cloud. Turn

left this time, through the squeeze stile and back downhill.

14. At a junction of paths, bear right continuing downhill until you reach the track.

15. At the track turn right and follow it around the corner to the squeeze stile on your left signposted "Gritstone Trail".

16. Turn left through the squeeze stile and go down the steps to return to the Tunstall Road. Again, if you want to avoid the steps, continue down the track until you reach Tunstall Road and turn left, downhill.

17. Turn left downhill on the road and then, at the steps on the right, turn back down to the car park.