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1 (SJ 933 746)	2 (SJ 944 741)	115 Degs	1.4 km	107 m	8 m	From the main Rainow Road (B5470), walk up Cliff Lane. This is a moderate uphill lane. Pass Calrofold Lane on the left and another lane on the right.
2 (SJ 944 741)	3 (SJ 945 741)	099 Degs	0.1 km	12 m	-	At the top of Cliff Lane, walk directly across the Buxton Road (A537) to the clearing opposite. Take great care here as the traffic on Buxton Road can be busy (and fast). Go through a gate to the right of a large gate and walk straight up the wide track. This is a newly created woodland walk.
3 (SJ 945 741)	4 (SJ 947 742)	074 Degs	0.3 km	22 m	1 m	After a short distance, bear left uphill along a grassy path.
4 (SJ 947 742)	5 (SJ 947 743)	350 Degs	0.2 km	-	19 m	Go through a gate at the top of the wooded area and turn left. Cross over a stile and follow the Gritstone Trail (marked with the 'G' sign). Provided that it is a clear day, you should be able to see right to the White Nancy at the end of Kerridge Ridge from here, which is your destination.
5 (SJ 947 743)	6 (SJ 947 744)	318 Degs	0.1 km	-	4 m	After following the path down hill, the Gritstone Trail reaches the main Buxton Road again. Once again, taking great care, cross the road and turn left along the pavement for a short distance.
6 (SJ 947 744)	7 (SJ 948 745)	052 Degs	0.2 km	-	14 m	The Gritstone Trail continues from the corner of Bull Hill Lane, down across a field, over two stiles to a stream.
7 (SJ 948 745)	8 (SJ 949 745)	057 Degs	0.1 km	7 m	0 m	Cross the stream, and walk up hill, bearing right to a kissing gate.
8 (SJ 949 745)	9 (SJ 950 745)	092 Degs	0.1 km	9 m	-	After the kissing gate, head across the field and bear right to a stile.
9 (SJ 950 745)	10 (SJ 952 747)	049 Degs	0.3 km	13 m	5 m	After the stile, turn left and follow a wall which is to your left.
10 (SJ 952 747)	11 (SJ 952 747)	033 Degs	0.0 km	1 m	0 m	At the end of the field, cross another stile onto a lane and turn sharp left.
11 (SJ 952 747)	12 (SJ 950 749)	319 Degs	0.3 km	0 m	16 m	Cross a metal ladder over a wall, and follow the Gritstone Trail down to Rainow. The path follows a wall to the left, then passes between two walls, over a wall (stone steps), and follows another wall (on the left).
12 (SJ 950 749)	13 (SJ 948 757)	344 Degs	0.8 km	1 m	67 m	After crossing over a wall (stone steps), bear right downhill (with a wall to the left). Pass through two metal gates on the way down to Rainow.
13 (SJ 948 757)	14 (SJ 947 758)	321 Degs	0.1 km	0 m	9 m	After passing through a kissing gate, you meet a lane. Bear left and follow the lane down to the main road.
14 (SJ 947 758)	15 (SJ 947 757)	216 Degs	0.1 km	2 m	1 m	Turn left along the main road (B5470) for a short distance, until you reach a sign for the Gritstone Trail, between two houses on the right.

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15 (SJ 947 757)	16 (SJ 945 758)	306 Degs	0.3 km	4 m	12 m	Turn right down the Gritstone Trail, and once again follow the 'G' signs. Cross a stream at the bottom of the hill and continue along the path. Ignore a bridleway to the left.
16 (SJ 945 758)	17 (SJ 944 760)	331 Degs	0.2 km	15 m	4 m	Pass through a gate and bear left.
17 (SJ 944 760)	18 (SJ 941 762)	306 Degs	0.4 km	53 m	2 m	Pass through another gate and bear left to follow the Gritstone Trail uphill. This is a fairly steep, grassy path now. This will eventually take you up onto the 'saddle' of Kerridge Ridge.
18 (SJ 941 762)	19 (SJ 939 771)	346 Degs	0.9 km	11 m	30 m	At the top of the hill, cross a stile and turn right. Keep following the 'G' signs along the top of Kerridge Ridge until you come across the White Nancy at the end of the ridge.
19 (SJ 939 771)	20 (SJ 938 772)	319 Degs	0.2 km	0 m	40 m	After admiring the view across Bollington, continue straight on to follow the paved path down hill to Kerridge. There are other paths down hill here, but our path is the only one that is paved with stones.
20 (SJ 938 772)	21 (SJ 936 771)	225 Degs	0.2 km	1 m	7 m	When the path reaches a concreted bridleway, turn left. This descends to meet a road at Redway House (which used to be the Redway Tavern pub).
21 (SJ 936 771)	22 (SJ 936 770)	215 Degs	0.1 km	-	6 m	Turn right when you reach the road.
22 (SJ 936 770)	23 (SJ 936 767)	178 Degs	0.3 km	5 m	5 m	At the end of a raised pavement, take the footpath on the left (crossing a stone stile), which follows a paved path across a field. Pass through three gaps in walls.
23 (SJ 936 767)	24 (SJ 936 767)	188 Degs	0.0 km	-	1 m	After passing the back of a house, bear right, down to a lane (Higher Lane).
24 (SJ 936 767)	25 (SJ 937 766)	156 Degs	0.1 km	2 m	0 m	Turn left along the lane.
25 (SJ 937 766)	26 (SJ 937 766)	152 Degs	0.0 km	4 m	-	Where traffic is prohibited from driving further up Higher Lane, carry straight on through the small gate, and walk along the driveway that passes to the left of the house in front.
26 (SJ 937 766)	27 (SJ 937 765)	157 Degs	0.0 km	4 m	-	Where another lane merges from the right, continue straight on.
27 (SJ 937 765)	28 (SJ 937 764)	162 Degs	0.1 km	2 m	1 m	Continue along the lane, passing more houses on the left. This lane turns into a bridleway.
28 (SJ 937 764)	29 (SJ 938 762)	169 Degs	0.2 km	0 m	5 m	Where the bridleway forks into two bridleways, take the right hand fork, eventually crossing a stile to the left of a gate.
29 (SJ 938 762)	30 (SJ 938 761)	165 Degs	0.1 km	1 m	1 m	The bridleway now becomes a footpath, between two walls. After the walls diverge away from the footpath, take the footpath to the left.
30 (SJ 938 761)	31 (SJ 938 760)	164 Degs	0.1 km	-	2 m	The footpath crosses a field, with farm buildings over to your right.

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31 (SJ 938 760)	32 (SJ 939 760)	124 Degs	0.1 km	6 m	1 m	At the end of the path, pass through a kissing gate and turn left up a lane.
32 (SJ 939 760)	33 (SJ 938 760)	245 Degs	0.0 km	0 m	0 m	Go through the gate on the right, which leads down some steps to another gate.
33 (SJ 938 760)	34 (SJ 938 759)	199 Degs	0.2 km	-	13 m	Turn left, to follow a wall (on the left). Bear right to follow the footpath signs (yellow arrows) to a lane.
34 (SJ 938 759)	35 (SJ 938 753)	177 Degs	0.6 km	10 m	2 m	Turn left along the lane, away from Lower Swanscoe Farm.
35 (SJ 938 753)	36 (SJ 938 751)	193 Degs	0.2 km	0 m	6 m	Where the lane meets a road, bear right along the road.
36 (SJ 938 751)	37 (SJ 936 751)	265 Degs	0.2 km	1 m	7 m	At a road junction, bear right (Swanscoe Lane).
37 (SJ 936 751)	38 (SJ 934 748)	216 Degs	0.3 km	9 m	12 m	At another road junction, turn left along an unmarked lane (Well Lane). Do not take the no-through road.
38 (SJ 934 748)	Finish (SJ 933 746)	211 Degs	0.2 km	3 m	2 m	When Well Lane returns to the main road (B5470) again, turn right to return to the starting point.
Totals			9.0 km	303 m	302 m	