

Tiny Treks - Errwood Hall, Goyt Valley

Start: Errwood Hall Car Park, Goyt Valley. Sign posted from the A5004 between Whaley Bridge and Buxton. (Grid Reference SK 012748)

Parking: Errwood Hall Car Park,

Facilities: Parking (free), picnic area, toilets further up the valley.

Walk: 2.5 miles approx Moderate for little legs.

Walk instructions

1. Leave the car park away from Errwood reservoir, sign posted to Errwood Hall, walk uphill past the benches towards a gap in a wall (**Q1**).
2. Pass through a green metal barrier and downhill onto a cobbled path that's lined with Rhododendron bushes.
3. On reaching a green wooden waymarker post (**Q2**) and wooden sign post turn right towards Errwood Hall (**Q3, Q4, Q5**).
4. Leave the ruins to the left, by walking up some stone steps and follow this path until you pass some large stone pillars (**Q6**) that mark the entrance to the Hall's driveway.
5. Continue along this path until you see piles of stones (the remains of ruined estate cottages). Just prior to the ruins stone steps lead upwards around a hill towards the family grave yard (**Q7**) at the top of the hill.
6. After visiting the graveyard retrace your steps to the ruins and turn right, then right again around the back of the graveyard hill.
7. Down steep stone steps (carefully descend as the steps can be slippery) and across a wooden bridge (**Q8**) over a stream and up the embankment steps.
8. Turn Left towards "Pym Chair". A well marked path with steady uphill gradient.
9. Walk for about half a mile until you see the ruins of an estate building on the right. You will see a small circular stone building (**Q9**), to the left ahead (Shrine to Dolores). Reminds me of Haggrid's house in the Harry Potter films.
10. From the shrine return to the main path and continue to the left.
11. Prior to reaching the road turn right on a wide grassed footpath that doubles back on higher ground across moorland.
12. This path continues across Foxlow Edge (**Q10, Q11**) and through a gap in a stone wall. After about half a mile the path starts to descend quite steeply and enters woodland.
13. Eventually the road is reached where you will turn right and return to the car park

Map

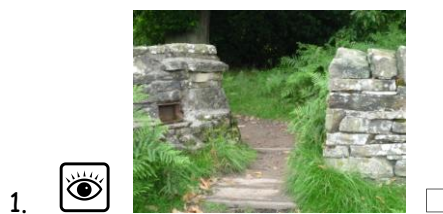


Activity Sheet / Walk Diary

We went on our walk on (date).....,

with.....

The weather was.....



ERRWOOD HALL RUINS – The previous home of the GRIMSHAW family. It's a fascinating place when you investigate further and scratch below its surface.



3.  ☐ . Can you see a dragon? A dragon is part of the Grimshaw families coat of arms. This stone stood above the main entrance door to the Grimshaw house.

4. Have a look around the ruins. What rooms would you have in a house like this?

Errwood Hall appears in the dramatic climax of Alan Garners 1960's children's fantasy story called the "Moon of Gomrath", where children Colin and Susan battle with the forces of good and evil to return the Weirdstone back to the Wizard Silverbrow.



5.  ☐

Two ghosts have reputedly been seen near the hall;

- 1. Mary Gosselin (Samuel Grimshaw's Granddaughter) who died in 1930, and*
- 2. A School Governess, who was allegedly seen wearing a large black brimmed hat and smiling at visitors.*



6.  ☐

The remains of the entrance gate pillars.

7. At the family graveyard how many times can you see the name Mary?.....

8. 



9. 



This is shrine that the Grimshaw family built to remember friend, companion and governess Miss Dolores de Bergrin, a Spanish aristocrat. It is a quiet place to remember people. If you've seen the Harry Potter films this building looks a bit like Hagrids house.

10. As you walk along Foxlow Edge keep looking in to the valley to the left. Can you see some of the places that you have already visited, such as Errwood Hall, The Graveyard, Errwood Reservoir. This will all depend what season it is. The trees may be in the way.

11. Look at the views from Foxlow Edge. What can you see?

If the path downhill is too steep for you, try taking a zig-zag route down the path. This will make it easier.

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Some Information about Errwood Hall:

Samual Grimshaw was a Northern industrialist, who built Errwood Hall in 1840. Errwood Hall had a full community where the Grimshaws provided work for approx. 20 estate workers. There was a school, small church (with its own priest), cemetery, laundry, greenhouses and a coal mine.

The Grimshaws enjoyed travelling and were said to have brought over 40,000 Rhododendrons and Azaleas, 'as ballast' on their ship "The Marquita". These were planted around their estate. You will see lots of them.

After Mary died in 1930 the Hall became a youth hostel, but was later demolished after the Stockport Corporation bought it in 1938.

Allan Garner used Errwood Hall in the climax of his 1960 fantasy children's story "The Moon of Gomrath"