

8 Spectacular Peak District Scenic Drives

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The 8 Drives at a Glance

Scenic drive	Distance	Difficulty	Highlight
1. Snake Pass (A57)	~24 miles	Moderate	Wild Dark Peak moorland, 510m
2. Winnats Pass (Castleton)	~1 mile	Hard	Dramatic 20% limestone gorge
3. Cat and Fiddle (A537)	~12 miles	Moderate	Famous driving road, sweeping bends
4. Hope Valley and Mam Tor	~10 miles	Easy-Mod	Castleton, the Shivering Mountain
5. Derwent Valley and the Dams	~8 miles	Easy	Dambusters reservoirs, 1916 dam
6. Bakewell and Chatsworth	~12 miles	Easy	Stately homes, market towns
7. Holme Moss (A6024)	~10 miles	Moderate	Highest road in the Peak, 524m
8. Eastern Edges (Curbar/Baslow)	~10 miles	Easy-Mod	Gritstone edges, Surprise View

Before You Drive: Safety Essentials

IMPORTANT: Winnats Pass is a steep, narrow gorge (~20%), and Snake Pass and Holme Moss are high, exposed moorland roads that can close in winter snow. Take steep climbs slowly in a low gear and watch for cyclists, sheep and walkers.

- The UK drives on the left. Use passing places on the narrow lanes and never park in one.
- A smaller car is easier than a wide vehicle on steep passes such as Winnats.
- The Cat and Fiddle road has average-speed cameras; keep to the limit and enjoy the views.
- Mobile signal can drop on the moors, so download your route offline first.
- Snake Pass and Holme Moss can close in winter. Check conditions and fill up in Buxton, Bakewell or Glossop.

Getting There: Car Hire at Manchester Airport

The Peak District is the closest national park to Manchester Airport, only about an hour away, making it an ideal first stop on a northern road trip. Manchester Airport has a dedicated Car Rental Village with all the main suppliers and car hire from around £8 a day booked ahead.

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