

Feb Half term- The Peak District, Pt 2: Edges and Ales

Bluebell the motorhome is parked up on a lovely hard standing pitch with panoramic views on.....wait for it.... A.....CAMPSITE!

We are pitched up for the night on the very pretty, and extremely good value **Beech Croft Farm Caravan and Campsite**



During winter months, we can manage 2-3 nights without hookup/ water/ loos, then we need a night on site to empty, re fill, charge

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etc. So, here we are, and first impressions are very good! Especially for just £18 for the night.

So yesterday, we made an early start and drove the 5 miles from our Britstop to another pub, **The Robin Hood Inn** which was the starting point of the walk we were doing and where we had pre booked a table for dinner, and during the process of booking asked if we could stay overnight in the car park, to which they obliged.

We set off on our **“Edges and Ales” walk** and couldn't believe how lucky we were with the weather!



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It was a lovely walk which took in Bircham Edge, Chatsworth Estate and then Dobb Edge although we both found it tough as we are out of practice with the ol hill walking! Mind you, my homemade sloe gin helped!



When we got to the Chatsworth House estate there was a big trail hunt about to start, and we were offered mulled wine and cake! Which was very welcome by that point I can tell you!



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We carried on the walk and got back to Bluebell feeling a bit like this.....



One advantage to parking our motorhome in the pub car park was that we could both shower and change before dinner! We went in early for dinner and enjoyed a couple of pints of Pedigree before. The menu was lovely and we both were near enough foaming at the mouth by the time our parsnip and honey soup came out! I followed the soup with Sirloin of Roast beef and Keefy had homemade fish and chips and we both had homemade treacle tart with whiskey cream and ice

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cream for pud. The meal was gorgeous and the ale slipped down very well indeed!!

After “one for the road” we stumbled back to our room for the night and fell into a deep snooze! Must have been all that fresh air!!

We had a chilled and quiet evening and managed to escape hangover thankfully!

This morning the weather wasn't so bright, so we decided to have a drive and then check in to the site at the earliest opportunity, in this case 12pm.

We drove up through Froggart, then to Bakewell, where we nearly stopped, but it was packed busy and we've both been be-

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fore, so carried on to the quieter but equally
as pretty Ashford in the Water



then Monsal Head viewpoint



We're now all settled on our campsite, re
charging and chilling – after all the weathers
a bit gloomy and we are on holiday so are
quite happy to have a day of doing not
much!! ☐ ***



*** edit 5:30pm***

Us being us, got bored of chilling by roughly
2pm, so decided to see what walks were

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around from the site. We knew we were close to the famous Monsal trail but didn't realise we were within walking distance. A quick cross reference on streetmap and the memory map and a donning of the waterproofs and we were off.

We did a 3.5 mile circuit in 1.5 hrs- it took us across the moor



Down into the gauge and onto the Monsal trail



Along the trail and through some cool tun-

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nels



And back up a hill to the campsite!



Not forgetting past the campsites very own
dog and muddy boot wash! (Much to the dis-
approval of Jazz!)



The sun has now set, and it's most certainly
time for a beer!

Until next time

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