

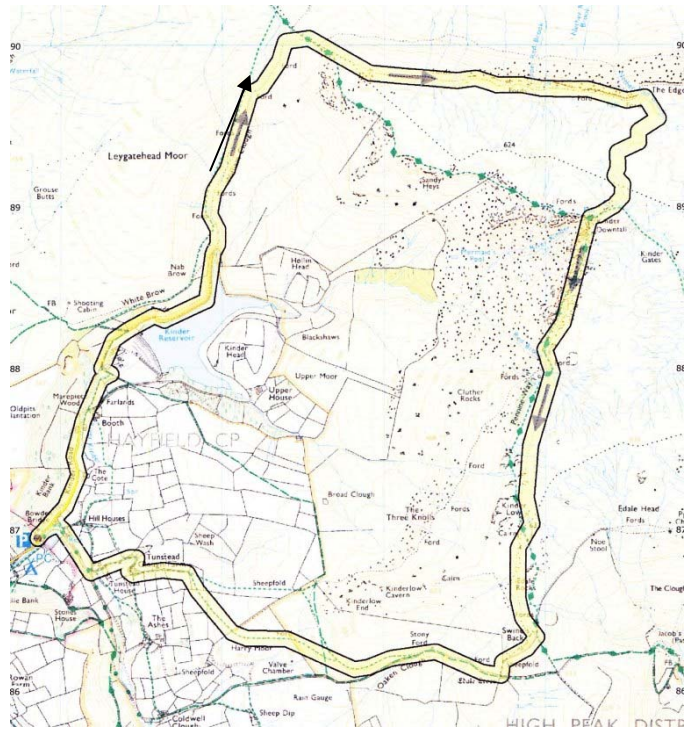
## 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 WWW Ascent of Kinder Scout



The intrepid band of 13 plus dog set off from the Royal Oak in four cars, arriving at the car park rendezvous around 2½ hours later at 10:30. Donning winter walking gear, easing bladders and posing for a group photo occupied a further 30 minutes before we set off up the lane leading to the Kinder Reservoir. The air temperature at the start was around +4°C, and as we climbed I suspect that this fairly quickly fell to around zero; adding a 15 Kt wind chill factor made it feel more like -4°C!

Our leader for this walk was Ted Dean, who had done all of the planning and organising in the weeks leading up to the assault on Kinder Scout (assumed by some to come from the Saxon Kyndwr Scut, meaning 'water over the edge', but more likely derived from the old English Cunetio [hill] and the Norse 'Scuti' meaning overhanging rock). Later on we were to see some water over the edge – as well as some 'blow back' - at the Kinder Downfall ...

Our route took us to the west of the Kinder Reservoir, climbing to a height of around 2000 feet, then along the (North) edge overlooking Ashop Clough before turning south to the Kinder Downfall. Sounds simple, but crossing a wilderness of peat bog and cloughs, with deep frozen snow covering streams and gulleys (often giving way underfoot to leave the unwary waist deep in it), the going was pretty tough. From the Downfall we continued south via the spot height at Kinder Low, passing Jacob's Ladder to the east, before turning west at Swine Back. Here we deviated from the planned descent route in order to return to the car park via the track and road down Coldwell Clough in deteriorating weather.



Ted Dean's photo gallery of the walk is available to view at <http://s56.photobucket.com/albums/g161/teddean/Walgrave%20Wild%20Walks/> . The total distance walked was 9.6 miles, time elapsed was 6½ hours and the altitude profile is shown below.

