

Walk the Line: Get your walking boots on!

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For those who don't want to climb the Three Peaks but enjoy the great outdoors alongside your love of rail, RailAid has just the challenge for you and your colleagues!

Walk the Line (sponsored by Thales) is a 13 or 26 mile walk along the Tissington Trail. Following the route of the former Buxton to Ashbourne railway line, the Tissington Trail runs from Ashbourne to Parsley Hay, through the beautiful countryside of the Derbyshire Dales. The Buxton to Ashbourne railway line, which was built as part of the London and North Western Railway, opened in 1899 and closed in 1967. Once the track was removed, the route was transformed into a recreational trail and opened to the public in 1971.

The good news is the traffic-free trail is ideal for walkers and is mostly flat, so it's a challenge that works for all fitness levels and will allow you to join your colleagues, friends and family on an enjoyable day out. For those who want a more competitive element, why not challenge teams or individuals from across your company and see who can raise the most or finish first!

For those who are less confident, we can also offer a guided walk, ensuring you can complete the challenge with an experienced individual leading the way. The route will also be supported with check points, water stops and medical support to ensure a safe and enjoyable challenge.

As Rail Aid looks to raise vital funds to support vulnerable children across the UK, India and Africa, this year's fundraising activities include a number of fun challenges to get your teams involved and raise money for the cause. With a target of over £500,000 this year, every participant in every initiative helps.

The pandemic has hit the most vulnerable the hardest over the last 18 months. In the past year, 15,822 children have been reached and protected by Railway Children across their numerous projects in East Africa, India and the UK. 5,160 children have been safely reintegrated with their families and 10,793 young people have been supported through the charity's outreach activities.

There are, of course, many sights to see along the Tissington Trail including a preserve signal box at Hartington Station which you can go inside and see how it once worked, and at its southern end the Trail goes into a 600-metre-long tunnel. So, for rail enthusiasts or those who enjoy the countryside, get your walking boots on and Walk the line!

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Costs:

- 13 miles: £20 per person
- 26 miles: £25 per person
- Minimum sponsorship: £250

What's included:

- Check points, water stops and medical support
- Refreshments at the 13-mile point
- Route maps and tracking or guides for those that prefer to be led
- Transport back to starting line for those doing the 13-mile route
- A medal and T-Shirt