

Putting Geology into The Chevin!

The West Yorkshire Geology Trust has been working on a project with Leeds City Council at the Chevin for the last year. We were asked to produce a geological trail taking in the main features of the Local Geological Site and write a leaflet to illustrate it. The trail is marked by large stones, which have been carved in local sandstone by a local sculptor and depict various geological features, such as plant fossils, cross-bedding and tidal laminites. The start of the trail, in East Chevin Quarry car park, is marked by an enormous boulder, carved with many geological features, including the words 'Variscan orogeny'. This will provide something for the general public to ponder!

There is an excellent geological interpretation board at Surprise View, which overlooks Wharfedale from the top of the Chevin. Leeds Geological Association originally provided the splendid drawings, diagrams and photos, but we have been asked to update some of the information, particularly geological dates. A large landscape photo also needed to be retaken, as the view from the top of the Chevin has changed over the last decade.

West Yorkshire Geology Trust's final contribution to the project is the production of a professionally produced audio trail, which will be available to download from the Friends of Chevin Forest website www.chevinforest.co.uk and the WYGT website, www.wyorksgeologytrust.org, to accompany the geological trail. Many walkers now want to know more about what they see, having downloaded some information from a website beforehand. Then they can walk the trail listening to their MP3 player, or use the leaflet to locate themselves.

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