



GETTING TO THE G A COX CENTRE AT ECTON COPPERMINE

While the postcode for the Centre is DE6 2AH DO NOT use it with SatNav; you will end up on top of the hill, assuming you have vehicle that can get there!!

The best and easiest way to select your route to Ecton is to use the Google link and the instructions on the *Contact Us* page on the web site.

However, if you prefer more traditional instructions then you need to get to either Hartington or Warslow and follow the instructions below.

The preferred route for coaches or large vehicles is via Hulme end. If you are coming from the Warslow direction, go through Warslow on the B5053, turn right onto the B5054 towards Hartington and then right just before the Manifold Inn and continue as from Hartington.

From Hartington

Leave Hartington on the B5054 (Mill Lane) and travel south towards Hulme End passing the pottery on your left. After about 2 miles turn left immediately after the Manifold Inn and before the bridge over the Manifold. Follow this road for about 0.25 mile then turn right, signposted Ecton 0.5 mile. (It is a very narrow lane, but it is the best coach route! Don't panic when you go through the farm yard – this is the correct road).

Follow the road along valley bottom for about 1.25 miles ignoring signs to "Back of Ecton" (i.e. DON'T turn left up this road), past Apes Tor on the left (old quarry) and then past a road on the right which crosses the Manifold River (The Dale). After about 250 yards, park in the lay-by on your left below the mine dumps from Ecton Mine. There is a small ruined creamery building on the right side of the road.

From Warslow

Warslow is on the B5053 which links down to the A523 from Leek or the A52 at Froghall. Travel East (or north-east) on the B5053 through Warslow, ignoring any other signs to Ecton or the Manifold Valley and only turn right into a narrow lane signposted Ecton 1/2 mile (Manifold Valley). This is shown as Butts Lane on Google maps. After about 500 yards ignore the small lane going left (Cowlow Lane) and continue on The Dale down the hill and across the Manifold Bridge to the T junction. Turn right at the T junction and follow the road for about 250 yards. Park in the lay-by on your left below the mine dumps from Ecton Mine. There is a small ruined creamery building on the right side of the road.

From the lay-by below the mine dumps

The G A Cox Centre is next to "The Folly", the building with the green spire up the hill on your left when viewed from the lay-by.

To get to the centre, secure the vehicle and bring all your gear for the day. Walk back towards The Dale along the road as far as the cottage ("Mintlyn House", nearly opposite a small caravan site). Walk up the rough track on the right of the cottage (from the road) and go through the 5 bar gate with the Peak District badge and a Private sign on it, on the right of the track. This leads across the old mine dumps on a zig-zag track and ends at the Centre.

General

- The landline at the centre is manned on activity days and is 01298 84522.
- Mobile phones do not work on the valley floor or indeed in Hartington or hardly anywhere in the Peak District.