

Cotter Force

Route type: For all. This 0.5km linear runs alongside Cotterdale Beck - OS Explorer Map OL19

Distance: 0.5km (each way)

Start point: SD850915

Turning point: SD848919

Facilities: The nearest public toilets, including RADAR facility toilets, are in the Hawes National Park car park. There is a pull-in for three cars, but with limited width for wheelchairs.

Getting there: **Car:** From Hawes, follow the A684 and after a few miles you will reach Cotter Force.

The Route

Known as 'the valley of the waterfalls', Wensleydale harbours many delights for the visitor. Cotter Force, west of Hawes, is a lovely secluded waterfall in a wooded setting. It is a series of about six waterfalls with the largest single drop being about 1.5m. This 490m level footpath alongside the beck is constructed of compact stone with a general width of 100cm. There are three benches evenly spaced along the footpath.

Whilst walking the route look out for dippers, grey wagtails, redstarts, long tailed tits and kingfishers.

