

# YOUR VISIT STARTS HERE...AYSGARTH FALLS

Housed in converted railway cottages and with the popular Coppice Café on site, Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre is located right by the spectacular three-stepped waterfalls, with lovely Freeholders' Wood on its doorstep.

Drop by for a wealth of information about the local area. Displays in the centre relate the story of the woodland as a natural larder, the rocks beneath our feet and how the falls were created.

Our knowledgeable Information Advisors can tell you all about the wildlife you'll see and how the woodland is managed - including the right of the 'freeholders' of Carperby to collect coppiced wood.

Why not enjoy the circular woods and falls walk, then treat yourself to lunch in the café garden, spotting the local wildlife at the bird feeders.



## Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre

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### Opening hours

1 April to 31 October, daily, 10am to 5pm

1 November to 31 March, Saturday and Sunday only, 10am to 4pm (closed January).

NB Additional opening during Christmas and February half term - check website or ring ahead for details.



## What's local

Aysgarth Falls is surrounded by pretty villages, fascinating history and a stunning woods and waterfalls landscape.

The former name of the Aysgarth Falls Hotel - the Palmer Flatt Hotel - in Aysgarth came from the fact that it is reputed to stand on the site of a Medieval hospice where pilgrims returning from the Holy Land in poor health were treated. They often carried palm leaves back with them as mementos and so became known as 'palmers'.

*Top tip? Explore on foot - there's always something new to discover. The light is always changing, the river rises and falls so every view is fresh. I love the diversity of the landscape within the National Park.*

*Best view of all? From Raydaleside to Hawes, looking west with all of Wensleydale opening up before you.*

*Favourite walk? The bridleway above Carperby with its long views and the interest of mining remains, stone circles and then down to the nature reserve at Ballowfield.*

**Marnie, Information Advisor**  
Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre

## What's on

- Dales Festival of Food and Drink in Leyburn (4, 5 and 6 May) - a feast for all food lovers.
- Wensleydale Triathlon (11 August) - the 'Full Cheese' event is an incredible 2,000 metre swim in Semerwater, 42 mile bike ride and 20km run.
- West Burton village fete (August)



*Sleeping dormouse in Freeholders' Wood*



*The Upper Falls*

## Don't leave here without...

- Enjoying the three thunderous cascades of Aysgarth Falls - especially after heavy rain.
- Finding your way through magical Freeholders' Wood with its coppiced hazel and sleeping dormice.
- Visiting one of the most unusual listed buildings in the National Park - the Edwardian Rock Garden in the nearby village of Aysgarth, built in 1906 by Frank Sayer-Graham, a

landowner and horticulturalist with a colourful background.

- Joining the Herriot trail at Askrigg - home of Skeldale House and the Farmers Arms from the TV series *All Creatures Great and Small* about the fictional vet - and The Wheatsheaf pub in Carperby where the real James Herriot - author Alf Wight - honeymooned in 1941.
- Finding out about the legend of the mysterious old man at Lake Semer Water.
- Exploring Castle Bolton, where Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned.
- Visiting the pretty village of West Burton, with its picture-perfect village green, cat pottery and own stunning waterfall, Cauldron Falls, immortalised by eighteenth century artist JMW Turner.
- Striding out on the Turner Trail to discover some of the scenes that inspired one of Britain's greatest romantic landscape painters - with stopping points at Semer Water, Aysgarth Falls and Castle Bolton.



# Get outdoors



Walking the Settle Loop

No trip to the Yorkshire Dales would be complete without spending some time outdoors in these fantastic surroundings. For many people this could be a short stroll or a riverside picnic, but there are plenty of opportunities to get more adventurous.

There is a huge variety of walks to do whether you want to tick off some peaks or go for a valley hike. You can come for the spring flowers, summer meadows, the autumn colours or a play in the snow. There are old mining remains to be found, waterfalls to visit and wildlife to see.

One of the special things about the Yorkshire Dales is the limestone scenery - and that means crags, sinkholes, dry valleys and caves. There are

three show caves in the area for a first visit underground, and if you are keen to see more you can team up with a guide to explore further. Then there is the chance to be lowered into Gaping Gill - one of the largest underground caverns in the country - on the winch meets in May and August.

If caving is not your thing, then there are outdoor instructors who will take you climbing, abseiling or teach you the navigation skills to allow you to find your way in the hills.

And with the Tour de France coming in 2014, no guide to the National Park would be complete without mentioning cycling. There is a fantastic network of quiet roads to explore in the Dales - some of which are even relatively flat.

However, for many cyclists it is taking on the area's many great climbs which they come for - roads such as Buttertubs Pass, Fleet Moss and Park Rash are recognised as some of the best in the country.



Family cycling

If you prefer to get off the road, then the network of bridleways is outstanding with a massive variety of routes to choose from. You can explore these by mountain bike or on horse back, and if you don't have one of your own then you can hire one while you are here.

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# The ups and downs of hill farming

Hill farming with sheep and cattle has been a part of Dales' life for thousands of years. It has left its mark on the landscape - with its intricate pattern of pastures and meadows, field barns and drystone walls.

Mastiles Lane was once part of a network of drovers' tracks criss-crossing Malham Moor on the great journeys south, while wealthy monastic houses were probably the first bridge builders in the Dales - Fountains Abbey's fleece-trading route crossed the River Wharfe at Conistone and the monks built a bridge here wide enough to carry wagons.

Farming has always gone hand in hand with the need to adapt, whether to the land and climate or to changes in the economics of agriculture

and scale of production.

Mixed grazing with sheep and cattle allows farmers to maximise the financial yield of their land, especially in more remote and unforgiving areas. It's good for the environment, too, letting a greater diversity of plants and insects flourish.

The native livestock breeds seen in the Dales today - some of which are highlighted on these pages - have been historically bred to fit in with their surroundings. They are able to cope with the harsh climate and the less nutritious vegetation but still develop into a top quality animal, albeit over a longer period of time than their continental cousins.

Sheep and cattle have different grazing habits

which, when mixed together, make best use of the vegetation across a farm. Sheep, with their smaller mouths, are able to bite off vegetation and graze it to a very even height. Their nimble lips allow them to select the more palatable plants.

Cattle on the other hand tear and pull at the vegetation by wrapping their tongues around the long stems. This produces a more tussocky appearance and, because they aren't as choosy as sheep, lets a range of plant species develop.

Mixed grazing - as well as moving livestock around - allows land to breathe and replenish, keeps poorer grasses in check and improves biodiversity, allowing a richer variety of wildflowers and wildlife to thrive, as well as helping farmers to make greater use of their land.

## Know your breed!



Agile and sure-footed, the **Beef Shorthorn** can adapt to the harshest conditions.



Gentle-natured and extremely hardy, **Belted Galloways** have a coat that sheds rain, making them good for year-round grazing. A broad white belt and a black (or brown) body make 'Belties' stand out from the crowd.



The female **Blue Grey** excels at raising calves in the hills on poor forage.



Extremely hardy and intelligent, the **Highland** can tolerate the worst weather conditions - including driving rain and extreme cold - thanks to its double coat. The long, coarse-haired ginger outer layer is waterproof and is shed every summer.

Originating in Scotland in the 1940s the docile **Luining** was a cross between the rugged Highland heifer and the Shorthorn bull and bred to suit hill country. They tend to be red, roan and yellow in colour.





## SHEEP

Both the Swaledale and Dalesbred were developed from the original horned hill sheep farmed in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries in the north Pennines and uplands of Scotland.

The head and legs show the clearest differences between the two. The Dalesbred has a distinct white patch either side of its nostrils, and the head is black with a grey nose and black and white ears. The Swaledale has a mostly black head but with grey patches around the eyes and nose and grey ears. Both have mottled legs - black and white for Dalesbreds and grey and white for Swaledales.

Synonymous with the hill country of the Dales, it's no wonder a **Swaledale** ram is the logo of the National Park.



The **Bluefaced Leicester**, characterised by its strong Roman nose, blueish tinge to its face and long pointed ears, is traditionally crossed with the Swaledale ewe to produce the North Of England Mule - a hardy, meaty sheep that produces at least two lambs a season.



The **Dalesbred** is becoming a rarer sight, with only 150 breeders currently in the UK. It is generally found in the Yorkshire Dales, Nidderdale and Forest of Bowland.



Usually found in the western Dales in Cumbria, the **Rough Fell** is one of the largest hill sheep breeds. With a docile nature and good mothering instincts, it can be recognised by the broad white patch across its black face. Both ewes and rams are horned.

Originating from the **Lleyn** Peninsula in North Wales, more Lleyn are now being reared and bred in the Dales. Placid and heavier than the horned breeds, they produce weightier lambs.



## Hill farmers Tom Metcalfe and his son Philip have worked hard to conserve the countryside around their Swaledale home.

The 260 hectares they farm at Usha Gap, near Muker, cover some of the most stunning landscape in the Dales. They also have grazing rights for the sheep on the moor tops at Muker and Ivelet, both of which are in Sites of Special Scientific Interest.



The family has been farming in Swaledale for generations, raising flocks of pure Swaledale sheep. Philip's grandfather moved to Usha Gap in the 1930s and the family now also has a herd of Limousin Cross sucklers for beef, along with a campsite and a holiday home.

Thanks to the father-and-son team, miles of drystone walls have been repaired, a good cluster of barns are still standing that would otherwise be roofless shells, and some vital meadows are in tip top condition.

The incentive to do that little bit more came in the form of the Government's Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) Scheme - a package of agri-environment projects now celebrating its 25th birthday.

The Pennine Dales ESA was one of the first to be introduced in 1987 and Tom signed up as soon as he could.

The aim of the scheme was to offer incentives to farmers to adopt agricultural practices that would safeguard and enhance parts of the country of particularly high landscape, wildlife or historic value.

Philip, 40, said the decision to join was easy.

"Hill farms are the worst pieces of land in terms of quality," he said.

"We were farming traditionally and it was a case of either going into the ESA or intensive farming to compete with other people.

"We didn't want to intensify because it would have meant spraying the fields and using lots of nitrogen, which would have wiped out the hay meadows almost overnight. And once the land has been fertilised heavily and re-seeded you can't go back.

"Most people keep their boundary walls up and the internal ones fall into disrepair because it's uneconomic to look after them. And it's the same with the little barns - we have about 30 but we only use six or seven of them.

"The ESA grants have paid for the walls and the barns to be repaired so they are in good condition and remain part of the landscape. That in turn encourages tourists to come in - the top end of Swaledale is unique and it has been preserved like this."

He and Tom, who is 70, are now going into the Higher Level Stewardship of the new Environmental Stewardship scheme and will be starting work fencing off some gills to allow plant life to regenerate.

"The knock-on effect of having the ESA money is that it helps the local economy - farmers are big spenders if they have the money and they buy locally and employ local people to do the work," Philip said.

He is hoping his sons Ben, 12, and 10-year-old James will follow in the family's footsteps.

"The young one's keen enough although the older boy isn't yet but you never know - times can change."



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The former bank - giant vault still intact - hosts a range of useful services for local residents and visitors alike. You can have a coffee while enjoying internet access and a Richmondshire District Council kiosk offers a range of council-related services. It's also a base for the local police officer.

Sitting amongst the remains of Swaledale's leadmining past in the hills above, the village of Reeth is a focal point for the dale and has plenty of places to eat, shop and relax as well as a notable number of arts and craft studios.



*I think for a family visiting Reeth with children the nicest walk is the short 2 miles to Grinton as it passes the children's playground, which is always a good place to stop, then over the Swing Bridge or into the water for a paddle. Have a look at the church then onto the Dales Bike Centre for tea and cakes (they serve gluten free) then back into Reeth for Brymor Ice Cream.*

*If you have babies or small children you can hire a backpack from the Swaledale Outdoors shop. The shop also has a map room so the grown-ups can read the notes left by Coast to Coast walkers on the interactive map - it might be an incentive to try it yourself!*

**Sue, Information Advisor  
Reeth National Park Centre**

## Reeth National Park Centre

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*Walking over the hushes at Booze*



*The classic barns and walls landscape of Swaledale*

## Don't leave here without...

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- Driving through the famous water splash in Arkengarthdale, as featured in the opening credits of the tv programme *All Creatures Great and Small*.
- Meandering through the wildflower meadows in full bloom and taking in the classic Swaledale barns and walls landscape.
- Stopping to peer down the Buttertubs when you travel over the moor top between Swaledale and Wensleydale.
- Having a pint at Tan Hill - the highest pub in England.



*Sheep judging at Muker Show*

## What's on

- Reeth Show (26 August) and Muker Show (4 September) - two traditional agricultural shows, expect sheep judging, entertainment from Muker silver band and fell races.
- Swaledale Festival (25 May to 8 June) - two weeks of stunning musical performances, from orchestral to comic.

## What's local

If it's food and drink you're after, then Reeth has pubs and tearooms aplenty, not to mention an icecream parlour and bakery. There's a corner shop, post office and garage, outdoor shop and gifts, as well as the many makers' studios all around.

Alternatively, you can take to the hills on two wheels from the Dales Bike Centre at Fremington or on horseback from Arklemoor Riding Centre. After dinner at a tasty eatery such as local favourite the CB Inn in Arkengarthdale, get your head down for a good night's sleep at Grinton Lodge Youth Hostel - housed in a former Victorian shooting lodge - or one of the many lovely hotels and B&Bs.



# Wensleydale

The River Ure winds down Wensleydale from Hawes, passing Askrigg, Bainbridge and Aysgarth on its way to the market towns of Leyburn and Middleham. England's shortest river, the Bain, links Semer Water to the River Ure at Bainbridge. Nearby are several beautiful waterfalls: Hardraw Force, Aysgarth Falls, Mill Gill Force and West Burton Force.



Bolton Castle

Hawes is where you can find excellent cafés and shops to wander around as well as being able to see the famous Wensleydale Cheese being made. You can also see rope being spun at Outhwaites, which is next door to the Dales Countryside Museum. Run by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, the Dales Countryside Museum is a great starting point for any trip to the Dales,

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Find out our 'Hidden Secrets' - follow the QR codes on your mobile and discover sculpture created by Yorkshire artists on our new outdoor trail.

Roll-up your sleeves and try something new. Watch traditional skills brought to life, like



The old railway carriages now have displays on Dales' life



drystone walling. Children can get stuck into all sorts of fun on our 'Discover and Do' holiday sessions or get crafty at our 'Creation Stations' on the railway carriages. And watch out for our events celebrating Yorkshire Dales food in 2013 - drop in and taste or learn a new skill.

This year we are thrilled to be part of the British Ecological Society Festival of Ecology, running from 15 June to 4 August. Come along to create your own animated wildlife film, go on a bat walk or get close to moths - there's more to the wildlife of the National Park than meets the naked eye! This year's summer exhibition focuses on the lives and work of the Keartons, pioneering wildlife photographers from Swaledale.



Getting crafty at the Creation Station

Adults £4, Concessions £3.50, Under 16s and full-time students FREE

Open daily 10am to 5pm  
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Dales Countryside Museum, Station Yard, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3NT

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Dales Countryside Museum is accessible by public transport and heritage buses drop off and pick up here.

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## Exhibitions 2013

1 to 27 February

**Your Yorkshire Dales: a snapshot**

The winning entries from the National Park Authority's photo competition.

28 March to 14 April

**Textures, Light and Inspiration**

Work by contemporary makers and members from the Brigantia Group.

27 April to 30 June

**"Untitled"**

A wide range of work by artists, photographers and sculptors inspired by the Dales.

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**Unexpected photographic adventures**

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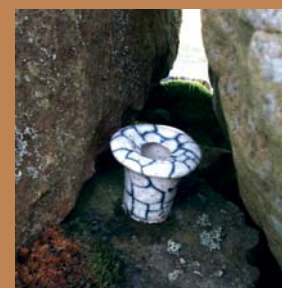
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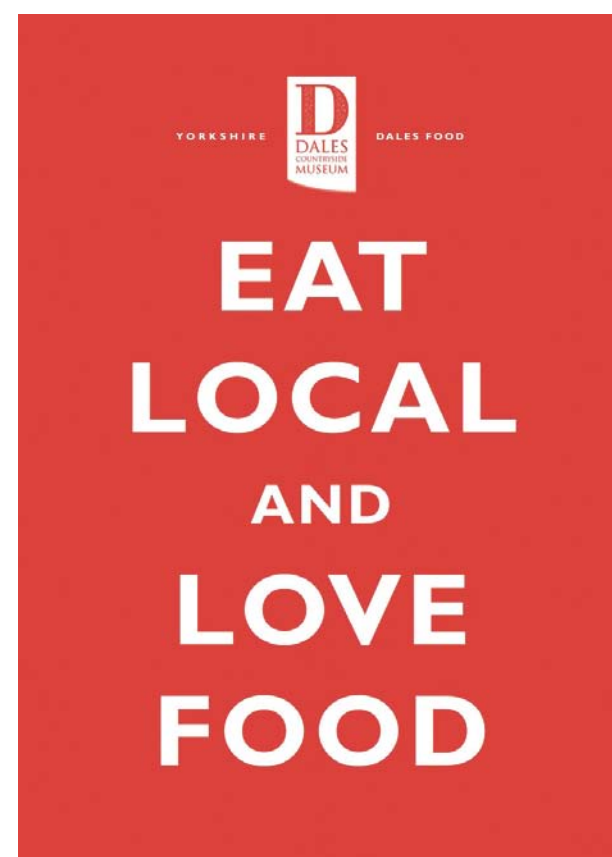
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# YOUR VISIT STARTS HERE...HAWES

The nineteenth century former railway buildings host both Hawes National Park Centre and the Dales Countryside Museum so there's fun to be had in and around Hawes when you visit.

Ring or call in for lots of great advice on where to go and what to do - or to pick up a souvenir of a great holiday, from a National Park fleece to a pot of locally-made jam.

Remember that every time you make a purchase from one of the National Park Centres or our online shop you make a valuable contribution to the conservation of the National Park. Treat yourself - treat the National Park!

As well as telling the story of Dales life through displays and objects, the Museum has an annual programme of exhibitions and events. Hear our Victorian ladies talk about domestic life in times gone by, or make your own sausages out of local ingredients to take home! Walk to Gayle Mill and the Wensleydale Creamery, enjoy lunch or a snack at one of the many places to eat in Hawes, or have a coffee in the National Park Centre or take a picnic into the garden.

The Centre has bike lockers and is served by public transport, with heritage buses also dropping off and picking up from here.



## Hawes National Park Centre

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### Opening hours

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## Don't leave here without...

- Hitting the Snaizholme red squirrel trail to see these native creatures in their favourite habitat.
- Visiting Gayle Mill - star of BBC TV's 'Restoration' - with its restored Victorian water-powered wood-working machinery.
- Heading to Hardraw Force, the longest single drop waterfall in England and site of an annual brass band contest.
- Calling in at the 100-year-old Hawes Auction Mart for a real slice of farming life.
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Seasonal and foraged berries can be tuned into delicious drinks: from the Museum kitchen



'Parcours, or free running in the Yorkshire Dales' (Sara Spillett): look out for red squirrels on our Snaizholme Trail

## What's on

- Hawes & District Gala (22 June) - fancy dress parade, sideshows and children's races.
- Hardraw Scar Brass Band Contest (8 September) - this outdoor spectacle has been taking place for over 130 years.
- Hawes Christmas Lights (7 December) - the annual turning on of the lights, with carol singing and a visit by Father Christmas.

View over Hawes



## What's local

If you haven't already filled up on Wensleydale cheese, join the farmers in a local pub on auction day, try some local produce at one of the market town's cafés, or drop by Hawes institution, Elijah Allen - family-run since 1860 - for groceries.

Hawes has a great range of shops to browse including antiques, gifts for your home and outdoor clothing, as well as a supermarket, chemist and newsagent. There is a petrol station and cashpoint and a weekly outdoor market on Tuesday.

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Barbara Hardy  
Information Adviser



'Cows returning to the field after being milked' (Charlotte Madley, aged 6)



# Swaledale & Arkengarthdale

Swaledale is the perfect place to retreat from a busy world and relax

The River Swale is one of England's fastest rising spate rivers, rushing its way between Thwaite, Muker, Reeth and on to Richmond. At the head of Swaledale is the tiny village of Keld, the crossing point of the Coast to Coast Walk and the Pennine Way long distance footpaths. Keld was once a more populous place at the peak of the lead mining boom. Learn some of its history at the Keld Countryside and Heritage Centre.

On the moors you're likely to see the hardy Swaledale sheep. They are key to the livelihood of many Dales farmers and the logo for the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

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*'Companionship' (Sarah Smith): Swaledale sheep*

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*'Ribbleshead Skies' (Stephen Smith): the railway station at Ribbleshead*

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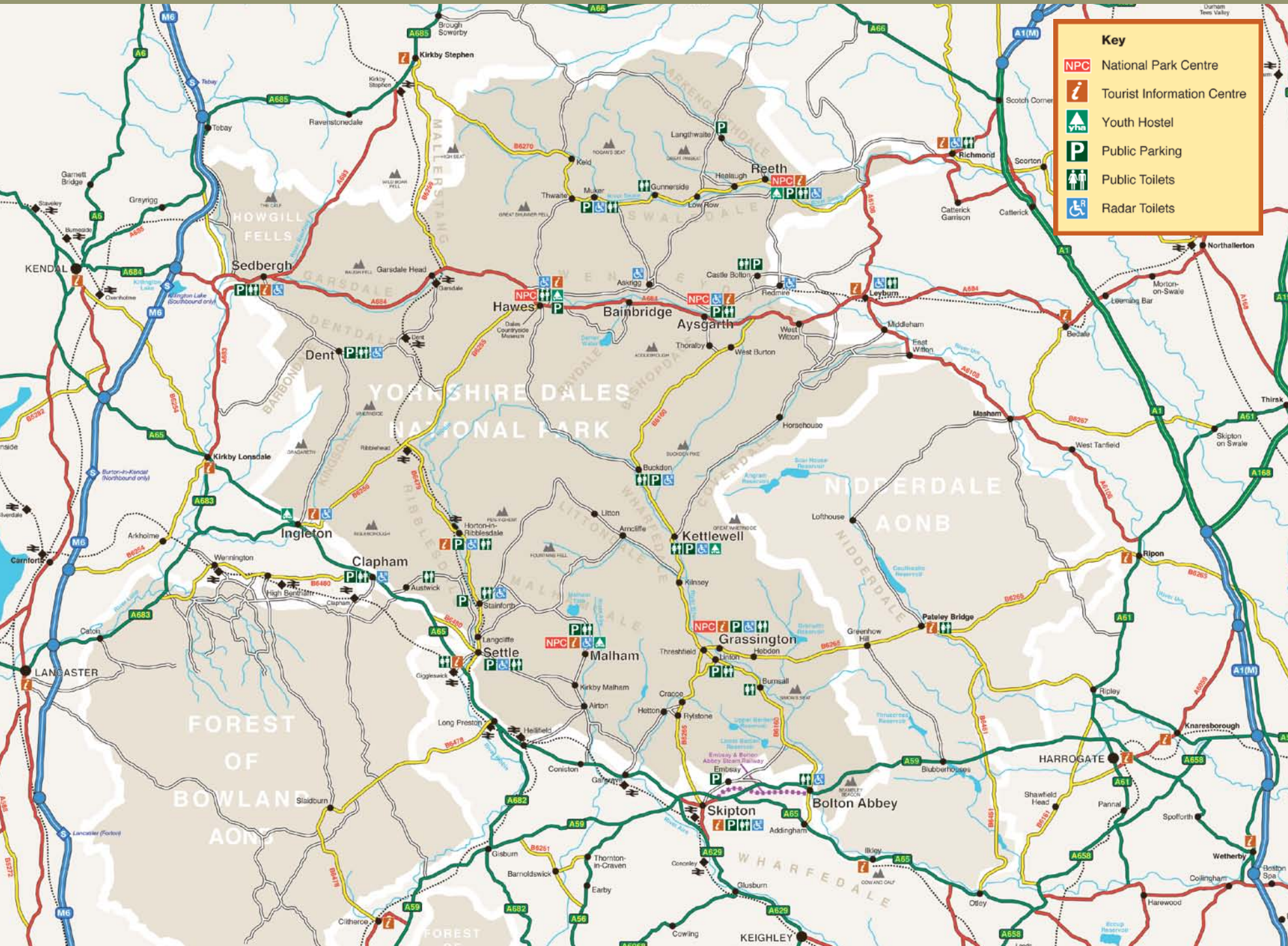
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**Market days**

**Monday:** Kendal (indoor), Kirkby Stephen, Richmond (indoor), Skipton, Thirsk

**Tuesday:** Bedale, Hawes, Kendal (indoor), Settle, Wigton, Richmond (indoor)

**Wednesday:** Barnard Castle, Bentham, Kendal (indoor and outdoor), Knaresborough, Masham,

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Visit [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/travel](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/travel) for more information on getting to and around the National Park using public transport. There are also eight linear walks to choose from - just get the bus or train to the start and walk back.

Northallerton, Richmond (indoor), Sedbergh, Skipton

**Thursday:** Kendal (indoor), Kirkby Lonsdale, Richmond (indoor), Ripon

**Friday:** Appleby (indoor), Ingleton, Kendal (indoor), Leyburn, Reeth, Skipton, Richmond (indoor)

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