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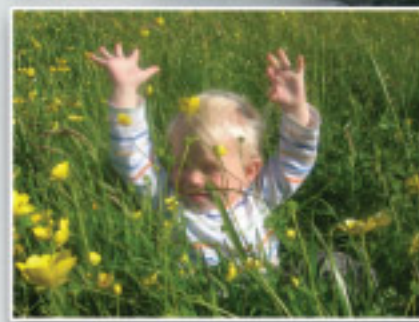
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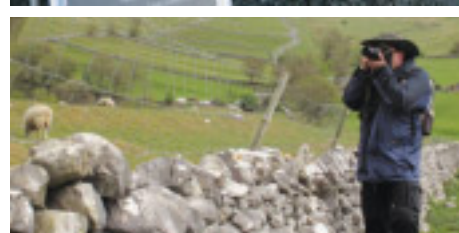
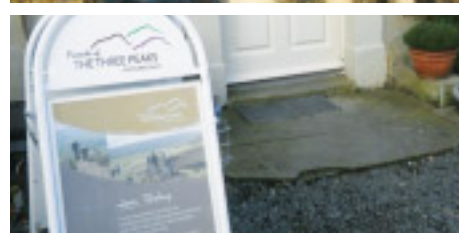
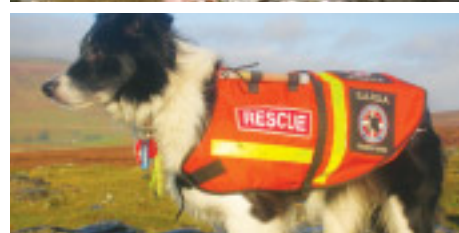
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# A special place

The Yorkshire Dales landscape has many moods; it can be wild and windswept or quietly tranquil.

It includes some of the finest limestone scenery in the UK, from crags and pavements to an underground labyrinth of caves.

Each valley or 'dale' has its own distinct character, set against expansive heather moorland tops.

Stone-built villages sit amongst traditional farming landscapes of field barns, drystone walls and flower-rich hay meadows, and show how the area has been shaped over thousands of years by the people who have lived and worked here.

Spectacular waterfalls and ancient broadleaved woodland contrast with the scattered remains of former mine workings and other rural industries that remind us of the area's rich industrial heritage.

Together, nature and people have created a special landscape of immense beauty and character.



*Swaledale peep by Geoff Ryan*

The Yorkshire Dales became a National Park in 1954 and is one of a family of 15 in the UK.

Like all these very special places, it was designated in recognition of its outstanding natural scenery, diversity of wildlife habitats, rich cultural heritage and fantastic opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Covering an area of 1,762 square kilometres (680 square miles), the Yorkshire Dales National Park straddles the central Pennines in North Yorkshire and Cumbria and is a living, working environment, home to 20,000 people.

It is administered by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and it's our job to protect the natural beauty, wildlife and history of this special place and to help people understand and share in it.

To find out more about the National Park and our work - plus how to get here, what to do and where to stay - visit [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call in at one of our National Park Centres (see page 5).

## Help to keep the Yorkshire Dales National Park special

- Stay on rights of way, especially through fields and meadows, to reduce your impact on the landscape
- Use your car less and think about other means of getting around
- Stay overnight or shop locally rather than bringing food with you - this helps boost the local economy and ensures a sustainable future of those who live and work here
- Respect the life and work of people who live here - remember much of the land is privately-owned.

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, whether you are a first time visitor, returning to a much-loved location or just wanting to wallow in happy memories through these pages.

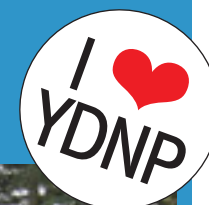
My own favourite spot – you'll read about those close to others' hearts throughout the paper – and the one I return to again and again is the walk along Arkle Beck from Arkle Town towards Reeth.

As Chief Executive, I am proud to help look after this very special place.

We have a challenging year ahead but hope you will continue to make the most of your National Park as someone

who loves this area. You may be interested to know how we deal with the reduction in our funding in the coming months – please visit our website to find out more.

**David Butterworth**  
Chief Executive, Yorkshire Dales  
National Park Authority



*Arkle Beck in winter by Swaledale Area Ranger Ian Broadwith*



# Swaledale & Arkengarthdale



Remains of Blakethwaite lead mine, Swaledale

The River Swale is one of the fastest rising flood rivers in England with a fearsome reputation for washing away bridges and unwary travellers in the past. Today it flows through traditional haymeadows bright with wildflowers and dotted with stone field barns.

The hills above were once home to a thriving leadmining industry. Still famous for its breed of hardy sheep and knitting industry as well as locally-made cheeses, a visit is an opportunity to see the local

farming and crafts people keeping this very much a working dale

Reeth is a focal point, with its art and craft shops, pubs and cafés, but there are many other lovely villages such as Muker - which has its annual

agricultural show in September - Gunnerside and Keld, providing walkers and cyclists with the perfect escape. At the western end of Swaledale, Tan Hill boasts the highest pub in England.

There are more leadmining remains to explore in rugged Arkengarthdale, along with wonderfully named hamlets such as Booze and Whaw.

The most northerly of the dales, Swaledale and Arkengarthdale have perhaps the wildest, most unspoilt scenery in the National Park. Many villages still carry the names given to them by Viking farmers who settled here a thousand years ago - such as Gunnerside (from 'Gunnar's saetr').

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Staff can help with all the information you need - what to do, where to stay and special events in 2011 (see pages 15-26). You can also shop for that perfect souvenir, from books and maps to pickles and woolly hats!

They are all in fantastic settings and you'll find plenty to do close by when you call in - so why not make a day of it.

## Park Information Points

Park Information Points complement our National Park Centres with essential local information.

Located in places like cafés, village stores, post offices and youth hostels - as well as our partnership centres at Sedbergh and Settle Tourist Information Centres - look out for them wherever you see this sign.



*Looking out from the limestone pavement at the top of Malham Cove*

We hope you enjoy your free copy of 'The Visitor'. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact editor Sarah Nicholson on 01756 751618 or email [sarah.nicholson@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:sarah.nicholson@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

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## Grassington

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Minutes from the heart of the village, with its shops, pubs and cafés, the centre houses farming displays past, present and future. Linton Falls is a short stroll away.

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## Malham

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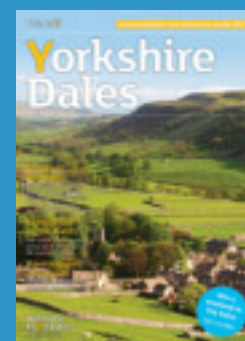
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Amid the remains of Swaledale's leadmining past, Reeth plays host to art and craft studios and the Swaledale Museum. Hudson House offers many local services as well as hosting our National Park Centre.

## Why not stay a while?

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the **Yorkshire Dales Accommodation and Attractions Guide 2011**, which lists where to stay in the area, from B&Bs to holiday cottages.

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# A river runs through it

Of all the elements that have shaped the Yorkshire Dales National Park, water is probably the most important. Today, it remains a breathtaking attraction in all its forms - from still lakes to rushing rivers.

This is a landscape shaped by ice. Glaciers and meltwater cut deep valleys or dales, and when the glaciers receded, magnificent lakes Semer Water and Malham Tarn were left behind.

Spectacular waterfalls, such as Hardraw Force with its 27 metre single drop and the cascades of Aysgarth Falls and Cautley Spout, bring movement and sound, and there are many lovely rivers and streams, all of which are wonderful for wildlife and recreation.

Today there are hundreds of fine bridges that keep your feet dry while you enjoy the view and carry you safely on your way, but in the past crossing water could be a more perilous experience...

Anyone travelling through the National Park will at some stage need to get from one side of a river to the other. A safe crossing point was so important in times gone by that settlements sometimes grew up around them - like Grinton on the fast flowing River Swale.

The earliest crossings were probably fords where the water was shallow. These sites are indicated in the Anglo-Scandinavian place name 'Wath'. Funeral processions carrying coffins along the Corpse Ways in Swaledale and Wharfedale faced several dangerous fords. One group actually lost their load in the swollen waters in the fifteenth century while on their way to the burial ground in Arncliffe.

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 wide



*Flascoe Clapper Bridge, Austwick – these simple forms of crossing consisted of piles of stones with slabs across the top.*

enough to carry wagons probably on or near the site of the present road bridge. Bow Bridge near Askrigg dates to the early thirteenth century with its typical ribbed arches and was probably built by Jervaulx Abbey, which owned estates in Upper Wensleydale.

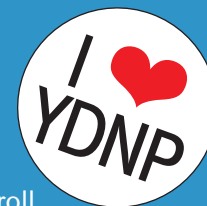
The few people to record travels in the Dales in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries paid particular attention to river crossings - clearly, a notable event. In 1582 William Camden made special mention of the stone bridge being built by Sir William Craven at Burnsall and John's Ogilby's 'ribbon' map of the York to Lancaster road records nearly all the bridges as being made of stone.

But even stone bridges seem to have been regularly destroyed or damaged by floods and it

*Crook Gill packhorse bridge would have been an important part of an old packhorse trading route.*



Jayne Cobb,  
Oadby



I love the walk from Hawes to Hardraw Foss, going through the pub and then the short stroll to the waterfall. I always found this spot very magical, as if fairies would be there when we weren't. Sadly I have lived in Leicestershire for the past 21 years and do not get to these fabulous places. I have my memories though. I love getting news from the Yorkshire Dales.

could be difficult to raise money to repair them. By the sixteenth century, responsibility had passed from the lord or monastic house that owned the land to the parishes, many of whom could not or would not look after their bridges. Those that did not ended up in front of the local Justices at the Quarter Sessions. Hubberholme Bridge in Langstrothdale was the subject of proceedings in 1693 when it was recorded as being in "great ruine and decay".

While routes along the valley bottoms tended to languish for want of repair work, upland packhorse routes were flourishing. Horses could go where wheeled vehicles could not and packhorse trains were an important form of transport for goods and raw materials in the Dales until the early nineteenth century.

Fast-flowing upland streams were usually crossed by fords, but where the sides were too steep or rocky, a bridge would be built. Packhorse bridges are sometimes hard to identify because they were often altered in later years. Most were narrow and built without parapets, or at least with low ones in order not to impede the horses carrying goods in side-slung panniers. Good examples are at Crook Gill and Linton in Wharfedale.





Clapper bridges - a series of stones in the water with slabs across the top - were a much simpler form of bridge and can still be found on footpaths in and around villages. Malham has several, including Moon Bridge, and Austwick has Pant Bridge (or Little Bridges) and Flascoe Bridge.

The eighteenth century Turnpike Trusts had powers to collect road tolls for maintaining the main highways. They were responsible for building or widening several bridges. The Grassington-Pateley Bridge Turnpike at Hebden was never very successful and by 1827 the bridge had been taken down and replaced with a larger one built by the County of West Riding. In the North Riding, John Carr was principal surveyor of bridges and built several which still survive as a testament to his skill, including Yore Bridge near Bainbridge, constructed in 1793 for £884.

## Above w-all else

Drystone walling uses carefully selected interlocking stone without any mortar to bind structures together. A good waller can build 5 metres a day. With regular maintenance, a drystone wall could stand for 100 years and at the same time provide shelter and habitat for plants and animals.

To see this traditional skill in action, come along to one of our walling demonstrations on 19 April, 31 May, 26 July, 9, 16, 23, 30 August and 25 October at Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, 3 May and 26 July in Grassington, and 17 August in Malham. For more information, browse our event listing on pages 15 to 26.

An interesting survival from the nineteenth century are the bridge liability markers around the old county of West Riding. They lay each side of the bridge indicating where county highway responsibility started and ended. One type was a small stone marker carved with a cross - examples can be seen either side of Dibble's Bridge east of Hebden. Another was made of cast iron with the initials 'WR', an example of which can be seen at Grassington Bridge (pictured above left).

You can read more about river crossings and related articles on our website [www.outofoblivion.org.uk](http://www.outofoblivion.org.uk), which puts the fascinating historic environment of the National Park online.



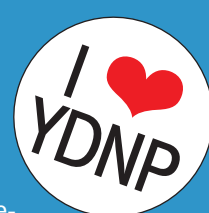
Wainwath Low Bridge – the placename 'wath' indicates it is on the site of an ancient ford.

## We'll cross that bridge...

Many of our guided walks take you alongside - and over - streams and rivers so you can see the Dales' ancient packhorse and clapper bridges for yourself. If you are interested in treading in the footsteps of local people in times gone by, visit our events pages to find out more.

## Pete Carr, Tadcaster

How can I narrow it down!? Round every corner in the Dales is another stunning, awe-inspiring natural gem of a view. My favourite view(s) change each time I visit!



## Helping you keep your feet dry!

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority maintains more than 800 bridges on behalf of the county councils, and our rangers and volunteers work hard to keep them in a good state of repair.

Heavy rain last year, for example, virtually demolished one support of an Arkengarthdale bridge which takes the Langthwaite-Reeth footpath across Sleil Gill.

It was left in such a dangerous state we had to close the footpath either side, but it has now been rebuilt and is being used by walkers once again.

Members of the Otley & Yorkshire Dales branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association experienced a first in 2010 by constructing the arched bridge over Eller Beck at Ballowfield, between Carperby and Woodhall in Wensleydale (pictured below).

Built using reclaimed sandstone and newly-quarried Wensleydale limestone, it is an excellent showcasing of the traditional skill of drystone walling.



Before, the beck was crossed on a clapper bridge but it often became submerged during heavy rain and caused river water to back up and flood the nearby car park.

The work was filmed by Shiver Productions for the new ITV series The Dales, which will be screened next year.

Waterways maintenance work also involves trying to ensure routes are open to all who might wish to enjoy them.

A lovely and popular section of riverside between Buckden and Hubberholme has recently been given a facelift for wheelchair users and walkers with limited mobility by Authority rangers and volunteers and National Trust staff.



# Wharfedale

Wharfedale is criss-crossed with miles of drystone walls running up to the limestone hills above with picturesque villages along its length.

Kettlewell was a major location for the hit movie 'Calendar Girls' and is home to the well-loved annual Scarecrow Festival. The 2,310 ft peak of

Great Whernside is close by.

The memorial on Buckden Pike commemorates a World War II crash site where only one member of an aircrew survived by following the wintry tracks of a fox which led him down to the village of Cray.

Further down the dale, the spectacular crag at

Kilnsey watches over the annual show held in the fields below.

Grassington is the main centre and still retains its old world village charm whilst providing the facilities of a small town. The Dickensian festivities in December are a highlight of the year and it hosts a regular farmers market.

Nearby Linton Falls is the largest waterfall on the River Wharfe, cascading over limestone bedrock.

The southern part of the dale offers riverside scenery and great walking. Burnsall is a popular starting place.

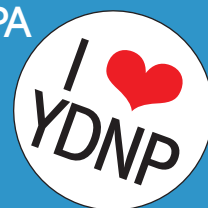
The rocky outcrop of Simon's Seat looks down over the picturesque village of Appletreewick and the grandstand view over much of the southern Yorkshire Dales is well worth its ascent.



Climber at Rylstone Cross by Gavin Duxbury

## Miles Johnson, YDNPA archaeologist

I think I love the inside of the Hoffmann Kiln at Langcliffe as much as my kids do. There is something about standing in the dark within this huge structure and watching the little patches of light that shine through the entrances (the lime burners call them wickets!). For the kids it's a place where their imagination can take over; for me it's a special bit of architecture - like a giant piece of art!



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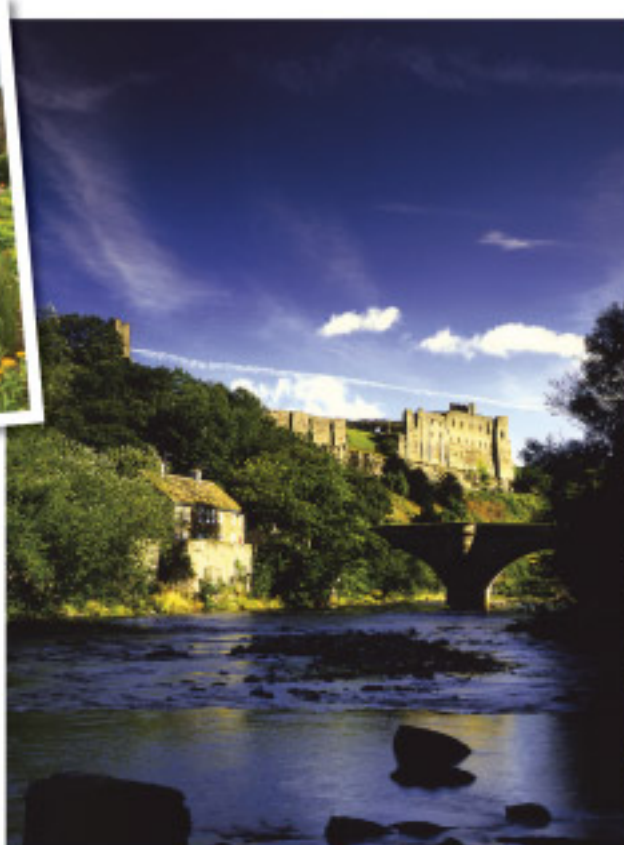
Discover the castle's past in an interactive exhibition before taking a peaceful stroll round the secluded cockpit garden.

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The modern borders burst into colour during the summer and autumn months, whilst the grass lawn enclosed by magnificent yew hedges is the ideal spot to make an intimate proposal to a loved one.



If you are in the area why not visit Middleham Castle, the favourite childhood home of Richard III, or explore Barnard Castle and discover more action packed days out in the Dales?



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# Wood yew be-leave it!



*The 800-year old Laund Oak at Bolton Abbey*

We all know about the benefits of trees - they create wildlife habitats, lock up carbon, clean the air and provide renewable fuels.

But while the National Park is full of historic features, from hill forts to medieval earthworks, few people are aware of the amazing ancient or remarkable trees within it and the stories they have to tell.

An **ancient tree** is defined as one that has biological, aesthetic or cultural interest because of its great age. It will be very old compared to others of the same species.

A **veteran tree** is usually in the mature stage of its life and has important wildlife and habitat features such as hollows, fungi, wounds and deadwood within the canopy.

A **notable tree** is of local importance or perhaps personal significance to an individual. It can be a rare species,

*A well-managed woodland – one that allows regeneration of young trees – provides food and habitats for a wide variety of plants and animals Left: rowan berry, bottom left: green woodpecker, bottom right: cowslip.*

exceptional specimen - or potential next generation veteran tree.

There is a tree within the National Park that is more than 800 years old - the Laund Oak at Bolton Abbey. That means it was standing, happily swaying in the breeze, whilst the Battle of Agincourt was in full swing and was mature at the time the Great Plague 1665. It has witnessed more than most Time Lords!

Ancient and veteran trees usually have a small canopy and wide, hollow trunk. This doesn't necessarily mean they are dying - many live on for centuries. The decaying wood supports diverse

species that would otherwise be homeless. Many fungi, lichens, beetles and bats depend on this rare habitat.

If a tree has that 'Wow!' factor then it probably is special - maybe because it is rare or magnificent in stature or perhaps because it has local historical or cultural significance.

A mature wych elm is one example of a notable tree. Some stood tall before the arrival of Dutch Elm Disease in the 1970s and are still standing tall today, apparently showing resistance to the disease. We'd like to know how they survived while others about them fell.

We are asking for help in tracking down these natural, breathing landmarks. Next time you pass a tree that makes you stop and stare, why not let us know. Our Dales Volunteers are recording tree locations, girths and features which will add to ecological data we hold and be forwarded on to the Woodland Trust, for their website [www.ancientreehunt.org.uk](http://www.ancientreehunt.org.uk).

Happy hunting!

## Planting the trees of change

Every year, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and partners work with landowners to plant new native woodland, as well as monitoring and managing that already established.

New woodland helps maintain what is special about the landscape, providing habitats for wildlife, shelter for stock and making it easier to manage land.

We know also that trees are becoming increasingly relevant to the health and well being of the planet, as well as providing a sustainable source of energy.

Since the Authority launched its Dales Woodland Strategy in 1995, we've helped plant over 800 hectares of native trees.

We aimed to increase the size of woodlands as well as the overall amount within the Yorkshire Dales National Park - which had the lowest cover of all UK national parks.



In the last few years we've mapped the National Park to show where the densest areas of woodland are and where new woodland creation is most likely to form links between them.

Our plan is to fight the long-term effects of climate change by creating a robust network of woodland 'corridors', joined to each other and to other habitats like grassland and meadows. These will provide a natural way for wildlife to move around to find better homes in years to come.



## Coin Tree, Malham

People have hammered copper coins into this dead tree trunk near Janet's Foss waterfall for good luck for many years, and if you look closely you may find some very old pennies. This should never be done on a living tree as the coins will poison it.

In Yorkshire we look after our pennies (because 'the pounds then look after themselves') so perhaps there is something to this tale! You can also find a money tree at Bolton Abbey - [www.malhamdale.com/janetsfoss.htm](http://www.malhamdale.com/janetsfoss.htm) and [www.boltonabbey.com/highlights\\_money.htm](http://www.boltonabbey.com/highlights_money.htm)



For more on the history and conservation of woodland in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, visit [www.outofoblivion.org.uk/woodland.asp](http://www.outofoblivion.org.uk/woodland.asp) and [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/treesandwoodlands](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/treesandwoodlands)



## Five of the best

These sites are accessible to the public - so why not pay them a visit:

### The Laund Oak & Valley of Desolation (Bolton Abbey, Wharfedale)

This wonderful tree is over 800 years old and thought to have been named after John of Laund who was the Prior from 1286 to 1330. The foresters on the Estate say it produces some of the best acorns, which grow into fine trees. (Please keep to footpaths.)

The tranquil valley nearby owes its name to the devastation caused by the great storm in 1826. Nature has long since repaired the damage and, in 1999, eight thousand new trees were planted. Follow the trail up the valley and see how the landscape has changed since the last Ice Age retreated, including the spectacular waterfalls it created. (Sorry, no dogs allowed on footpath.)

NB Visitors must park at the Cavendish Pavilion or Sand Holme car parks, or in the village and walk up; there is no parking on site.

[www.boltonabbey.com/highlights\\_laund](http://www.boltonabbey.com/highlights_laund)



### Weeping Beech (St Botolphs Church, Horsehouse, Coverdale)

This beautiful churchyard tree has a 30 metre wide canopy. The church was established around 1530 and the tree is thought to be about 150 years old.



### The Wishing Tree (Flintergill, Dentedale)

This oak may make your dreams come true! Part of its root system has been washed away to create a natural arch. It is said that if you walk under and around it three times clockwise and make a wish, it will be granted.

[www.dentvillageheritagecentre.com/Nature\\_Trail\\_Tree.htm](http://www.dentvillageheritagecentre.com/Nature_Trail_Tree.htm)



### The coppiced hazel of Freeholders' Wood (Aysgarth Falls, Wensleydale)

Coppicing is a traditional form of woodland management, practised in the past to produce considerable quantities of thin, straight poles that would have found a ready market as firewood and for fencing and lath work. The freeholders of the nearby village of Carperby have an ancient and exclusive right to take away the wood.

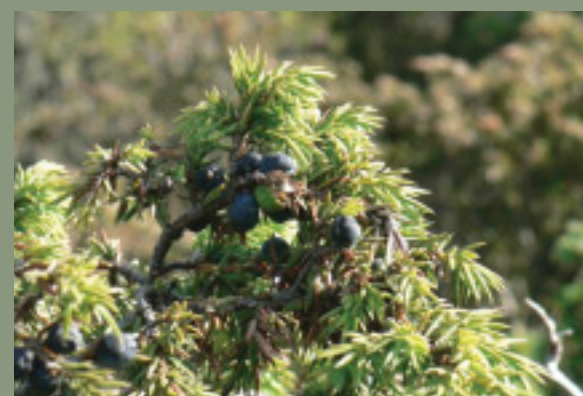
For maximum benefit to wildlife a woodland needs to have a variety of places for them to live - thick cover for nesting birds, open glades for flowers and feeding birds, tall, mature trees, and dead wood for hole-nesting birds, insects and fungi. Coppicing allows a much wider range of plants, birds and insects to flourish than would in purely mature woodland.

Parking is at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre which has information and displays describing the historic and current management of this important woodland.

[www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/freeholderswoodlnr](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/freeholderswoodlnr)

### Ancient woodland and boundaries in Widdale

On our Snaizeholme Red Squirrel Trail (pick up a copy from Hawes National Park Centre) you will pass a low wall that snakes down the edge of the field and is embedded with very large stones. This is probably evidence of medieval woodland clearance as these boulders are a sure sign of a boundary that is hundreds of years old. Little is left of the vegetation now, except individual trees like the huge oak. Farmers log ago would have kept trees like this from the clearance - or planted them from collected acorns - as they provided timber as well as food for pigs.



### Juniper

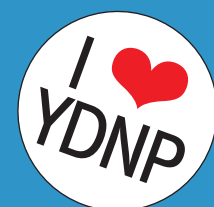
is rare and declining and one of only three conifer species native to Britain. The best place to see it in the National Park is on Moughton Common in the south west which has stunning views of the mountains Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent. Public rights of way lead to it from Austwick and Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Find out more about what we are doing to look after juniper at [www.natureinthedales.org.uk/juniper](http://www.natureinthedales.org.uk/juniper)

### Alder pollards of Ivelet Common (Swaledale)

Take a walk from Muker to Keld, but rather than following the Pennine Way, take the footpath which keeps to the northern side of the Swale. The ancient Ivelet Woods contain many veteran birch and hazel but the star of the show is a grove of veteran pollarded alders near West Arn Gill. Historically, these trees were managed to provide wood for charcoal whilst grazing was allowed beneath them.



Tom Harland,  
YDNPA building  
conservation  
officer



I would have to say Trollers Gill near Skyreholme. It's easy to see how this limestone gorge has inspired poets - and much folklore. It changes markedly according to the seasons and weather. I also like the visible legacy of its industrial past, a tangible reminder of how generations have exploited this remote area's natural assets.



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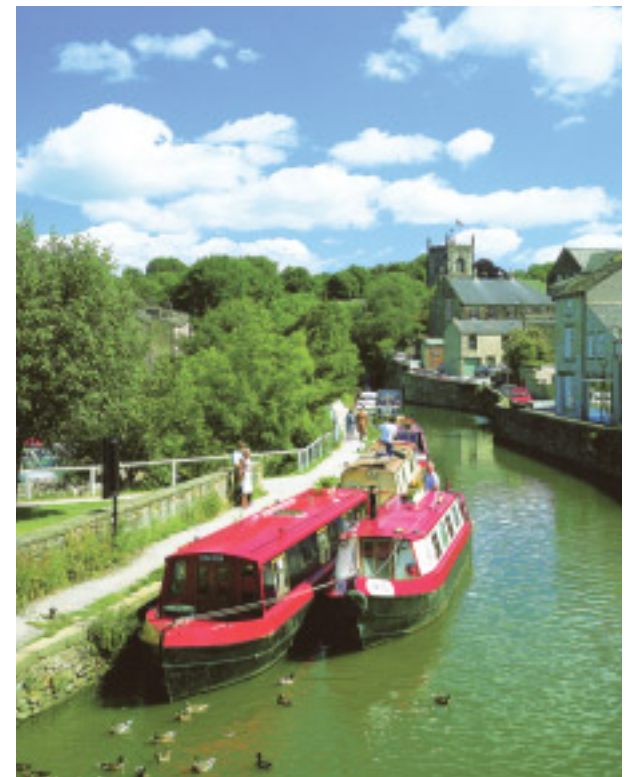
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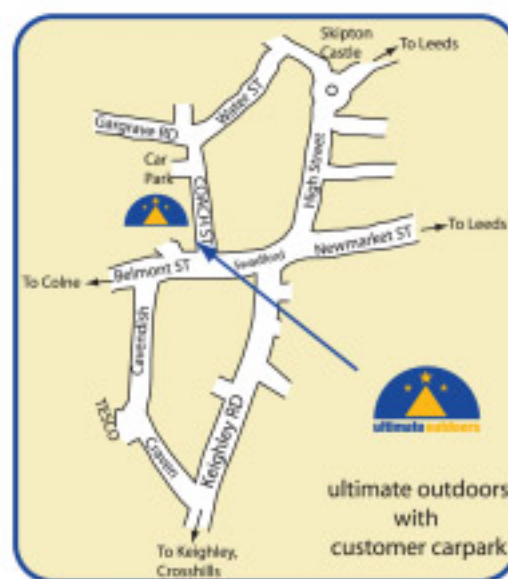
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- Toilets with baby changing facilities

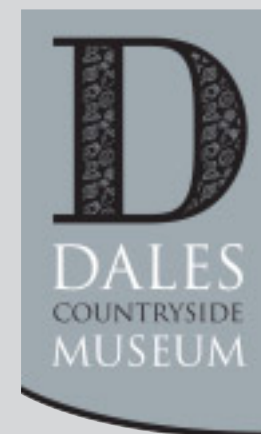
Open daily from 10am to 5pm. Please call for winter opening times.

Adults £3.50

Concessions £3

Free for children

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**30 June to 13 July**

**Wild Yorkshire**

Wildlife photography by Simon Phillpotts.

**22 July to 11 Sept**

**'Trees' of Life**

Our free family summer exhibition explores the trees and woodlands of the Yorkshire Dales.

**17 September to 6 October**

**and 10 to 30 October**

**An Occupational Landscape**

Landscape photographer Ian McVety shows how people and industry have shaped the Dales.

## Out and about for all the family

School holiday Wednesdays are turning WILD in the Yorkshire Dales National Park this year!

The National Park Authority is holding 'Wild Wednesday' drop-in activities throughout the Dales, from Aysgarth Falls to Bolton Abbey. Each day runs from 11 to 3pm and everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Children must bring an adult - but don't worry there will be lots for your grown-ups to do when you arrive...we won't let them get bored!

You could try your hand at stream dipping - bring your wellies and we will provide a fishing net so you can get into the water and see what you can catch.

Or maybe you could make a boat using natural materials, or learn how to identify bumble bees and help them by making a bee home for you to put outside your house.

Every Wild Wednesday will be different with lots

to do, so why not take the opportunity to discover your National Park with us.

All events are free, booking isn't necessary, and we will do our best to make them as accessible as we can, with provision for wheelchair users, people with a sensory impairment or limited mobility, and for those with learning disabilities. For more information about the accessibility of these and all our events, please contact Catherine Kemp on 01756 751623



## How to go wild!

**13 April** - Aysgarth Falls - discover what lives in Freeholders' Wood

**20 April** - Bolton Abbey - stream dipping and 'float your boat'

**1 June** - Clapham - take a peek into the headquarters of the Cave Rescue Organisation and learn how to stay safe on the hills.

**27 July** - Bolton Abbey - stream dipping and bee home building

**3 August** - Aysgarth Falls - stream dipping and craft activities

**10 August** - Bolton Abbey - stream dipping and tree trail

**17 August** - Malham - stream dipping and magic trail

**24 August** - Bolton Abbey - stream dipping and leaf trail

**31 August** - Grassington - map magic

**26 October** - Aysgarth Falls - things that go bump in the night