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Famous for its cheese, historic villages and traditional markets, Wensleydale provides an excellent base to explore the Yorkshire Dales.

Water is an important feature, from Aysgarth Falls and the highest single-drop waterfall in England, Hardraw Force, to spectacular Cauldron Force, made famous by the artist JMW Turner.

Semerwater is the largest natural lake in the Dales, much enjoyed by anglers, canoeists and sailors.

Hawes is home to the Dales Countryside Museum and the world-famous Wensleydale Creamery - the source of Wallace and Gromit's much loved cheese - and has plenty of shops and places to eat. From here, jump on the Little White Bus to Snaizholme Red Squirrel Trail and see these loveable creatures making a comeback in their natural habitat. Or tour the nearby restored eighteenth century Gayle Mill.

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market towns. All have a range of independent shops and cafés set around market squares. Middleham has a superb castle owned by English Heritage, whereas Masham has two famous breweries to visit - Black Sheep and Theakston's.

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Hawes meadows and (inset) family day out at Cauldron Force, West Burton





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Its superb dark skies are one of the things that make the Yorkshire Dales National Park so special.

With large areas completely free from local light pollution, it's a fantastic place to start your stargazing adventure.

Now, one of the UK's best known poets has penned a poem in celebration of the wonder and beauty of Yorkshire's sky at night.

Ian McMillan - known as the 'Bard of Barnsley' - was commissioned by the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Park Authorities to write the ode as part of our second, joint Dark Skies Festival.

The week-long celebration of all things celestial takes place in February half term (Saturday 18 to Sunday 26 February) and sees over 100 events being held across 21 different locations within the two National Parks.

Ian describes his tribute - entitled 'The Darker The Sky' - as "in praise of darker skies and lighter thinking".

To find out more about the Dark Skies Festival 2017 visit www.darkskiesnationalparks.org.uk

The Darker The Sky

The darker the sky, the more you can see;
The blacker the night, the brighter the Moon,
The dimmer the streets, the stronger the glow
The deeper the shade, the lighter the view.

The map of the heavens, the time and the space
The distance they travel, the cities of stars,
The trail of a comet, the satellite's stroll
The football of Venus, the beach ball of Mars.

The blindness of headlights, the dazzling fire
The hint of a sunrise, the dawn's subtle kiss,
The straining of tired eyes, the lamp in the face
The struggle to notice, the sights we all miss.

The hope for the future: the sky's welcome gleam,
The Milky Way's jewels, the meteor's trail,
The old constellations, the space-station's glint.
The inky sea's waiting; the night boat sets sail!

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Set off on a celestial safari

Where can I go?

Just about anywhere in the National Park is great for studying the night sky, but the more remote you are from light sources such as street lights, the better.

There are four designated Dark Sky Discovery Sites at Hawes and Malham National Park Centres, Buckden National Park Car Park and Tan Hill Inn. Open to the public, accessible to all abilities and with parking and other facilities, they are a good place to begin.

What can I see?

On a clear night you could see as many as 2,000 stars. In most places it is possible to see the Milky Way as well as the planets, meteors - and not forgetting the Moon.

You might even catch the Northern Lights when activity and conditions are right, as well as the International Space Station travelling at 17,000mph overhead.

When's the best time to look?

The sky doesn't usually get dark enough in high summer, so the best time to view the stars is from mid-August through to early May. A great excuse - if you needed one -

to visit the Yorkshire Dales in autumn and winter.

It's also easiest to see the stars if there is no Moon, so look out for the new Moon phases.

Be patient - as your eyes adjust to the darkness, the more you will see. Try to avoid looking at any lights as it can take up to 20 minutes for your night vision to come back.

Bring warm clothing as clear nights are also the most chilly!

Pick up our star Stargazing leaflet for top tips on viewing the sky at night, what to look for and when, or visit www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/stargazing

There are lots of exciting events taking place in the Dales after dark this year, including a beginner's guide to the night sky, thrilling evening caving trips, and hunting for bats and other nocturnal creatures.

Check out our what's on calendar on pages 23 to 45 and online listing at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/events.

Go outdoors!

With over 2,600km of glorious footpaths, two national trails and the longest cave system in Britain, no trip to the Yorkshire Dales would be complete without spending some time in the great outdoors.

From stunning moorland tops to hazy wildflower meadows below, there are opportunities for everyone to stop and breathe deeply. Indulge in a relaxing riverside picnic or take a short stroll. You don't have to be an adrenaline junkie to enjoy what the National Park has to offer - though there are plenty of opportunities for you, too.

Whether you're an adventurer or a relaxing-day-outer, for when it's raining and when it's shining and for everything in between, head to our website at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/get-outdoors-dales for ideas on where to start.

Take a step

If it's walks you are after, then you've come to the right place. Whether you want to tick off some high peaks or go for a valley hike, whether you've come for spring flowers, summer meadows, autumn colours or a play in the snow, there are old lead mining remains to be discovered, idyllic waterfalls to visit and wildlife to watch along the way.

Join a guided walk with knowledgeable local leaders (see our 2017 event listing on pages 23-45) or strike out on your own. Our Information Advisors can advise on some wonderful known and lesser known routes to try and there are plenty of fantastic books and maps to buy from our National Park Centres.

You could download an MP3 trail from our website or take your family geocaching. We have several routes that start from our National Park Centres where you can also hire a GPS and begin your own digital treasure hunt.

And, after the sun goes down, the stars come out. The experience of being able to see the Milky Way and myriad stars in the National Park's dark skies is truly special. Read more on pages 50-51.

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Going underground

One of the unique features of the Yorkshire Dales is its limestone scenery - and that means crags, sinkholes, dry valleys and caves. More than half the UK's limestone pavement - such as the incredible lunar landscape at the top of Malham Cove - is found in the National Park.

There are three show caves in the area for a first trip underground - White Scar, Ingleborough and Stump Cross Caverns - and if you are keen to see more you can team up with a guide on a true subterranean adventure.

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HAYMEADOWS AND THEIR 'HOUSES'

The classic pattern of field barns and drystone walls, cradling colourful, flower-filled haymeadows, is a very special part of the Dales' character. It shows how the landscape has been shaped over the centuries by the people who have lived and worked here.

Nowhere else in Britain has as many field barns in such a small area - in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale alone there are more than 600.

Used to overwinter cattle and store the hay required to feed them, the stone built barns we see today had probably started replacing timber buildings by the early eighteenth century.

The siting of the barn away from the main farm building meant that heavy hay and

muck (which was spread on the fields to feed the next hay crop) never had to be carried far from where it was needed. The downside was that farmers had to trudge long distances in all weathers to feed and water the cattle.

Many barns have fallen into disrepair due to their remote location and changing farming practices, but a new project focussed on Muker Parish aims to conserve some - and tell their stories - before they are lost.

It started with an amazing £100,000 legacy, bequeathed to the Authority for the specific purpose of protecting Swaledale's stunning field barns.



With eight already identified for potential restoration - and additional funding from the Authority and local charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust - the Muker Barn Restoration Project will see local builders use traditional materials, techniques and skills to conserve these important pieces of rural heritage.

The Authority's new Local Plan, which sets the framework for future planning policy in the National Park, encourages the restoration and re-use of barns. The project will get together with barn owners to consider the options for each, including possible conversion to homes.

A sustainable future for the landscapes and habitats of the Dales, and for traditional structures such as barns, depends upon the availability of specialist craftsman and an important part of the project is to support training opportunities in traditional built heritage skills.

Each barn has a unique place in the landscape and in the social history of the farming communities that built them. And each has its own special story to tell.

Thanks to Heritage Lottery Funding, a parallel project - 'Every Barn Tells A Story' - will bring these stories to life.

Working with local people, it will record the history of the barns; how they were used, the names they have and why, the people associated with them and the evocative terms - like rudster, boskin and mew - now part of a disappearing language.

Follow the 'Every Barn Tells A Story Project' as it develops at everybarn.wordpress.com

The rich pattern of ancient stone-built field barns in Swaledale (left) a possible restoration project (above)



cow'us EVERY BARN TELLS A STORY

They sit like little grey stone houses in their hundreds in Swaledale. In fact, first time visitors often think they are houses.

What they actually are, are field barns. Or - if you happen to be in Muker- 'cowhouses', pronounced 'cow'us' in the local 'Swardle' dialect.

And that gives you a clue as to their original use - to house cows.

But that wasn't the only thing they housed. During the sunny summer months, grass from the surrounding fields was cut and dried and the hay produced was 'lead' up to the mew (the largest storage area) using horses and rakes, then tossed up in huge sweet-smelling forkfuls.

"We used to go across the field in a line...either turning it or strewing it or raking it up into rows to be swept, with the horse, to the barns. Then we forked it in. 'Cos I was the biggest strongest lad, I had to do it. It wasn't so bad if it was good dry hay, but if it was a bit heavy, it was hard work."

The women in the family had the job of tramping the loose hay down in the mew, doing their best to fit as much of the precious hay in as they could, right up to the rafters.

"And that was usually the daughter's job, to be in the hay mew, and you had to tread round, stamp it down, and there was all these cobwebs and beams. You banged your head. It was the hardest job"

The mew took up most of the space in the cow'us as the hay was there to feed the cattle through the long dark winter days.

"We had a well in the back yard. Just opposite the cow'us. And I remember, we had so much snow that all four of us... brother, mum and dad... had to dig a tunnel for the cows to walk through to the well."

As the nights drew in, every farm aimed to have its haymews stuffed to the rafters if possible. Come the 'back end' (November) the cows were brought in and tethered in their stalls or 'booses.'

"When we put the cows in, we had one old cow, she was an old favourite. An Aberdeen Angus, a very quiet cow. She was almost human. Each year we used to laugh because after cows had been out all summer they go in and they'd mix up, don't know which stalls they're going into. But this Aberdeen Angus cow, every year, we'd used to stand back and just watch and she came in and her stall was first in, turn right and face out to the window. And she'd stand there, eating her hay - "I'm back in me stall again". All the other cows were "Woah, I don't want this one, I want that one". But every year she never failed."

Every morning and sometimes at night, too, the cattle had to be let out to drink and have their hay racks refilled - often the job of the farm children.

"You were more or less going all day, you used to walk miles really. I remember, we had to fother some of t'cows on our way to school, so when father come round to water 'em after, they'd drink better if they'd had a fothering of hay. By the time I was 12 or so I'd probably be milking 'em afore I went to school."

The winter would eventually give way to spring and the cows began to yearn for fresh grass in their bellies after the months of eating hay. It was time to clean out the cow'uses, spread the last of the muck on the fields to feed the new crop of hay, maybe even apply a fresh coat of white limewash inside.

And so the cycle started again. All that work, all those years. Next time you pass a little grey building in a field, spare a thought for all the stories it could tell you - if only it could talk.

Thank you to all the Muker farmers and their families who have kindly contributed to the 'Every Barn Tells A Story' project.'



Left: Tossing hay into the mew (Marie Hartley). Below: Hay time and the whole family is involved: Kit & Mary Calvert of Hoggarths, Keld have their hay time tea in the shelter of Purse Cow'us, c. 1930 (courtesy of Chris and Raymond Calvert)



Settle, Ingleton & the Three Peaks

Situated amid dramatic limestone countryside, the market town of Settle is the starting point of the famous Settle-Carlisle railway. This historic line wends its way through the western dales with stations at Horton, Ribbleshead, Dent, Garsdale and Kirkby Stephen. Along the way it crosses a series of stunning viaducts including the much photographed one at Ribbleshead, completed in 1874.

With its museum, historical buildings, narrow back streets and eclectic mix of galleries, cafés, outdoor suppliers and shops selling local produce, Settle is a popular base for visitors. On route, The Courtyard has a collection of artisan shops and café-brasserie.

Ingleton has some great independent shops including Inglesport for all things caving and outdoors. The lovely Ingleton Waterfalls Walk starts here and there is an outdoor swimming pool in the park. Just outside the town is White Scar Cave, Britain's longest show cave, and there is a great selection of local food and gifts at Country Harvest.

Clapham lies nearby, with its pretty beck running through the village centre. There is a selection of cafés, pubs and shops here and it is the start of many walks and cycle rides. Reached along a nature trail from Clapham is Ingleborough Cave, another fascinating show cave which is

linked to the famous pothole of Gaping Gill. You can join the potholing clubs here on May and August bank holidays and experience the thrill of being winched down into its vast underground chamber.

The area is most famous for being home to Yorkshire's stunning Three Peaks - Wharfedale, Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent. A popular challenge for walkers and fell-runners is to complete all three - that's 24 miles of rise and fall - in under 12 hours. The starting point is traditionally the Pen-y-ghent Café in Horton-in-Ribblesdale where you can clock in and out.

There is plenty of less strenuous walking as well with riverside strolls, popular waterfalls, Stainforth Force and Catrigg Force, and Attermire Scar to climb. If you want to explore the Dales underground then why not hire a local guide such as Yorkshire Dales Guides for a real subterranean adventure.

Other favourite activities in the area are road cycling and mountain biking with some great rides to tackle including the 10 mile Settle Loop which forms part of the Pennine Bridleway.

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The soaring limestone 'amphitheatre' of Malham Cove is a short walk along good paths from the pretty village of Malham with its busy National Park Centre. In 2015 a waterfall was seen flowing from the top for the first time in living memory following heavy rain.

The Cove is home to peregrine falcons - the world's fastest animal - which have nested and raised young here for the last decade. The RSPB set up a public viewing point here each year.



Lower Winskill meadows

Above the Cove lies Malham Tarn, the highest natural lake in England. The site is managed by the National Trust and features great walks around the Tarn, a boardwalk through the nature reserve and a bird hide to visit. You may be lucky enough to see one of the water voles released here in 2016.

Don't miss out on walking in to the towering gorge of Gordale Scar - hemmed in by high cliffs with a waterfall emerging through a hole in the rock. On your way there you pass Janet's Foss, a lovely woodland waterfall and gladed pool. Janet, the Queen of the Fairies, is said to live in the cave behind the falls.



Limestone pavement above Malham Cove

Malham village is home to the blacksmith Annabelle Bradley who designs and makes beautiful wrought ironwork. Further down the valley you can learn about charcuterie with Chris Wildman at Town End Farm Shop which also has its café and selection of local produce for sale.

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Kirkby Stephen is a thriving market town and a great base from which to explore this area. There are pretty individual shops, galleries, a delicatessen and a Monday market.

The nearby Northern Viaducts Trail is an accessible walk which takes in part of the old Stainmore Railway. A section of the line has been restored by rail enthusiasts who operate Kirkby Stephen East station and put on footplate classes and events.

A few miles away is another part of old

railway line which has been restored to make a walking trail - Smardale Gill and Viaduct. This provides a dramatic flat walk through a beautiful wooded gill and across a spectacular 14 arch viaduct over Scandal Beck. The roads are narrow and parking is very limited at Smardale hamlet, so please access on foot or cycle (bike stands at entrance) from one of the nearby villages.

The River Eden starts its journey to the sea high in the Mallerstang valley where it crashes down through Hell Gill - a narrow, steep-sided limestone gorge - into the main valley at Aisgill. This has a wild and remote feel, hemmed in by Mallerstang on one side and the distinctive Wild Boar Fell on the other.

This is a valley of great history as well as beauty. Near Outgill you will find the ruins of twelfth century Pendragon Castle which legend associates with Uther Pendragon, the father of King Arthur. The castle has been ruined by fire several times and was restored in the seventeenth century by Lady Ann Clifford who is associated with many sites throughout the Dales. There are also the ruins of a Pele Tower - a defensive building against Scottish raiders - at nearby Lammerside.

Running down the length of Mallerstang is the Settle-Carlisle railway from its highest point at Aisgill, passing Kirkby Stephen and following the Eden Valley all the way to Carlisle - a great way to spend a day. If you want to be more energetic, Stone Trail Holidays offers bike hire and horse riding from its base right on the Pennine Bridleway National Trail (pictured).

The Westmorland Dales is an exposed area of moorland with stunning limestone pavement surrounded by farmland. It has picturesque villages such as Crosby Ravensworth, with its community run

Butcher's Arms pub, and Orton, a popular spot with a pub, café and Kennedy's Chocolate Factory. The village has the distinctive white-towered All Saints Church, and bridges cross the two becks which enclose a large central green.

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There are many other delightful villages here to discover, including the charmingly named Maulds Meaburn, Great Asby and Crosby Garrett.

This is great walking and cycling country. It is crossed by the famous Coast to Coast walk and marks the end of the Pennine Bridleway. There are lovely riverside paths and easily accessible routes across the moors with amazing prehistoric sites and the North Pennines and Howgills as a stunning backdrop.

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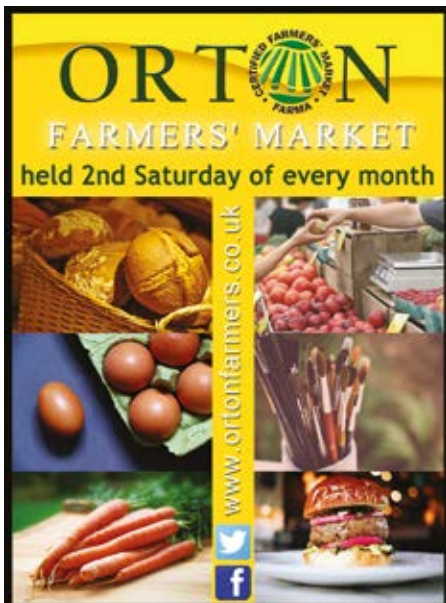
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Take a stroll alongside the river to visit Devil's Bridge which spectacularly crosses the River Lune. There is a great picnic area to enjoy by the river or you can buy a mug of tea from the famous snack wagon.

A short walk away is Ruskin's View, a well known viewpoint over the Lune which was painted by the renowned eighteenth century landscape artist JMW Turner.

If golf is your thing, then there are two courses to play on. Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club has 18 holes and offers 'stay and play' packages with unlimited golf and local overnight accommodation. Casterton Golf Club is a delightful 9 hole course which also offers a Par 3 course, ideal for beginners.

The east side of the Lune Valley rises up to the high fells of Middleton, Barbon, Leck and Casterton. This wild and exposed area hides a secret - the longest cave system in

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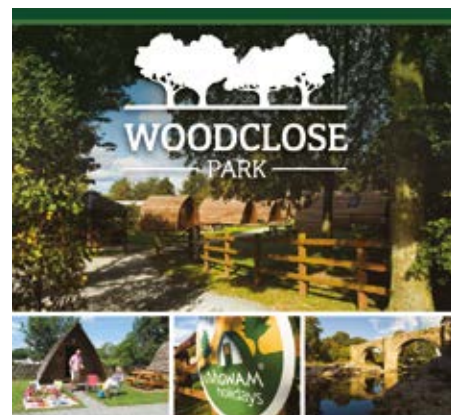
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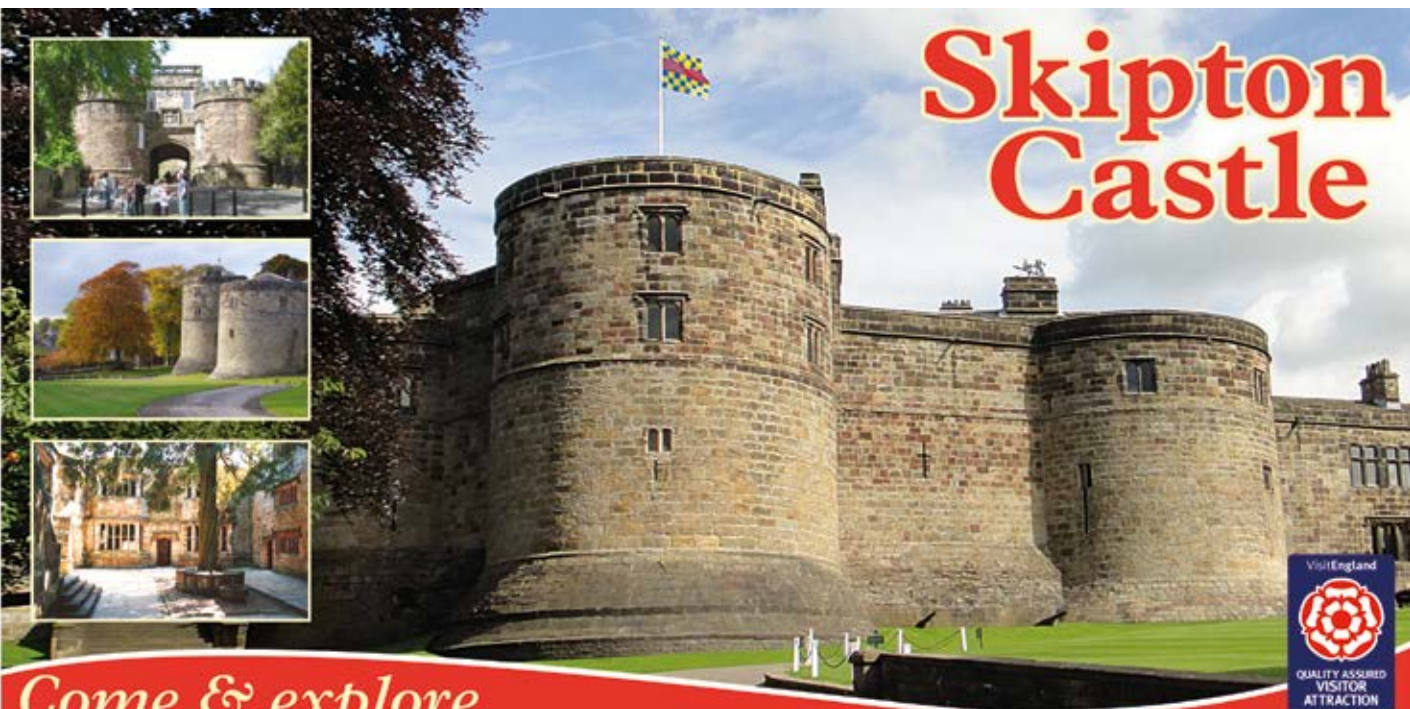
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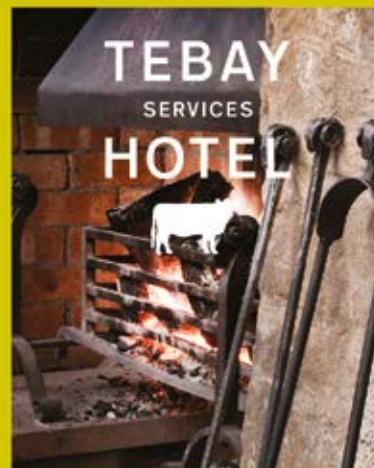
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