

What's on in the Yorkshire Dales in 2012

This special 11 page diary features some of the fantastic events taking place in 2012, including guided walks, traditional agricultural shows and village galas.

Please contact the individual organiser for more information on the event you are interested in - booking is essential for some activities.

You can also ring or call in at a National Park Centre (see page 5) or Tourist Information Centre (see page 28) where staff will be happy to give you guidance.

For more events across the region, visit www.yorkshire.com

Welcome to Yorkshire
yorkshire.com

Dogs are welcome at many events, but please assume they are **not** permitted unless otherwise stated and always contact the organiser beforehand to avoid disappointment.

Where dogs are allowed they must be fit enough to negotiate stiles and steep ascents, be well-behaved and be kept under close control at all times. Assistance dogs are always welcome.



Disclaimer

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority cannot be held responsible for any omissions, subsequent changes or revisions that may occur with events information supplied by external agencies.

Readers are STRONGLY ADVISED to contact the event provider to confirm the information given before setting out. All information included is believed to be correct at the time of going to press.



With a host of events at different locations across the National Park, this year's Flowers of the Dales Festival includes fantastic walks, photography courses, art exhibitions, children's craft activities and identification courses, all with a wildflower theme.

Other activities linked to wildflower habitats also feature - look out for fungi, butterfly, bird and bee happenings.

The events are run by a range of organisations including the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, National Trust and Natural England, and the Festival is coordinated by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, a charity that works to support the environmental, social and economic well-being of this special area.

Look out for the flower logo here and find the full festival programme at www.ydmt.org



Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority events

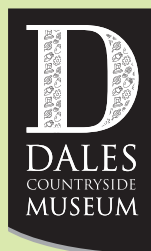
Listings marked as a 'National Park Event' and shown with a green background are organised and run by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

We are holding around 150 exciting events in the National Park in 2012, from guided walks and talks to demonstrations and craft activities, all led by specialist staff, Dales Volunteers or invited experts. Activities marked by this building block  are created especially for children. Our guided walks are marked by a walking boot .

Events held at our **Dales**

Countryside Museum are great

value for money as many are included in the price of your admission ticket. Choose from Discover and Do activities for all the family, to our Victorian ladies demonstrating domestic work in times gone by, to wildlife talks and traditional craft workshops. Find out more using the contact details on page 14.



Access for all

We are working hard to improve the experience and enjoyment of our events for all, including those with young families, limited mobility and sensory impairments. Contact our National Park Centres to check whether an event listed here is suitable for your needs.

For more specific questions about accessibility in the National Park, call our Access Development Officer on 01969 652363.

All events at the Dales Countryside Museum are fully accessible to wheelchair users.

Our guided walks

- Where events are held off the beaten track we have included a grid reference to help you find the meeting point.
- Bring plenty to drink and a snack, or a packed lunch on full days - and don't forget a hot drink on cold days.
- Sturdy footwear and waterproofs are required - walk leaders can only accept participants who are appropriately prepared for the conditions.



- Bring warm clothes including gloves and hat and pack sun protection.
- Don't forget binoculars if you have them.
- Guided walks cost £3 and are FREE for under 16s unless otherwise stated.
- For your own safety and insurance purposes you may be asked to complete a name and address card when you register for one of our outdoor events. Please hand your completed card to the leader before you start. The information will be treated as strictly confidential.

Give your car a break!

Many National Park events can be reached by bus or train. Where possible we have included the postcode or grid reference of the venue or starting point to help you.

For public transport times, visit the journey planner at www.transportdirect.info or call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33. Always check whether a service is running before setting out as timetables may change.

Remember - you can attend many of our events for FREE on production of a valid bus or rail ticket.

Booking

Some of our most popular events must be pre-booked and pre-paid to guarantee a place.

For others, places are allocated on the day on a 'first come, first served' basis - please turn up early to avoid disappointment. Your safety and enjoyment are very important to us so we have to limit numbers. This means that sometimes we may have to turn people away. Please respect the walk leader's decision. If you are a group of five or more people always ring ahead.

Remember to bring cash to pay at the start of walks as there's not always a cash machine around!

Safety

Our event leaders have discretion not to accept participants who are not suitably equipped or whom they consider unable to participate safely.

Although all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure safety, participants join in at their own risk.

February

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February

15th Century Life Weekend

10:00 to 17:30

Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET

Meet characters from the 15th century household and join in cookery, spear drilling, archery and calligraphy. Normal admission charges apply. 01969 623981

info@boltoncastle.co.uk

www.boltoncastle.co.uk

Monday 13 to Friday 17 February

Magical Mayhem

10:00 to 17:30

Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET

Try your hand at wizarding sports, mix magical potions and watch the owls practice their flying display! Normal admission charges apply. 01969 623981

info@boltoncastle.co.uk

www.boltoncastle.co.uk

Wednesday 15 February

National Park Event - Discover and Do

14:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Join Rhoda Fraser for storytelling and a children's craft workshop. Children £3.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Friday 17 February

National Park Event - How to make an antique... and how to make it valuable!

19:30 to 21:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Talk by Mark Littler of Tennants Auction House, Leyburn. Organised by Friends of Dales Countryside Museum as part of their annual lecture programme. All welcome, £2.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 February

'Perfect Wedding' by Robin Hawdon

19:30 to 21:30

Skipton Little Theatre

07527 141176

skipton.little.theatre@gmail.com

www.skiptonlittletheatre.org.uk

March

Saturday 10 March

Dentdale Run

13:00

Dent

Scenic and challenging 14-mile road race winding up and down dale.

peter.knapton@btinternet.com

www.discoverdentdale.co.uk

Friday 16 March

National Park Event - Textiles pre-mechanisation and their role in everyday life

19.30 to 21.00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

A talk by Sonia Wilkinson. Organised by Friends of Dales Countryside Museum as part of their annual lecture programme. All welcome, £2.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 18 March

National Park Event - Mothers Day

10:00 to 17:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Craft activities for children. Museum admission charges apply (free for mums).

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Friday 23 March

'Wild Child' by Moby Duck

Dent Memorial Hall

Rural touring theatre.

015396 25022

www.highlightsnorth.co.uk

Saturday 31 March to 15 April

National Park Event - Easter Craft Event

10:00 to 17:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Self-led craft activities throughout Easter holidays.

Museum admission charges apply.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

April

Monday 2 April

Introduction to Geocaching

13:30 to 16:00

Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)

Join us to learn the basics of this 'treasure' hunt using hand held GPS receivers. A great afternoon out for the family. £5 adult, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Monday 2 to Sunday 15 April

Eggcellent Easter!

10:00 to 17:30

Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET

Eggciting egg hunts, eggstravagant egg decorating and eggstroadinary bonnet making. Normal admission charges apply.

01969 623981

info@boltoncastle.co.uk

www.boltoncastle.co.uk

Tuesday 3 April

National Park Event - Red Squirrels in the National Park

14:00 to 15:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Illustrated talk by National Park Ranger Matt Neale on how the native red squirrel is faring in the Yorkshire Dales - looking at habitat, competition from grey squirrels and future conservation. Museum admission charges apply.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 4 April

National Park Event - Discover and Do

14:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

For details see 15 February.

Wednesday 4 April

National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Spring Watch

11:00 to 15:00

Meet Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate

BD23 6EX

Drop in any time and join the fun. Games and activities about spring time in the National Park. Get crafty in the woods or follow our trail. Suitable for age 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Accessible by public transport. Free event - estate admission charges apply.

(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Swaledale sheep



Thursday 5 April

Spring Fun at Malham Tarn

10:00 to 14:00

Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT

Look for signs of spring and have a go at some free craft activities. Bring a packed lunch. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Friday 6 April

National Park Event - Victorian Kitchen: Dairy

11:00 to 15:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum will be dressed in costume, explaining and demonstrating the work that went on in the Victorian kitchen. Museum admission charges apply.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Friday 6 April

Good Friday Service

15:00

Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal

An ecumenical service in the Abbey. Everyone welcome. Normal admission charges apply

fountainsabbey@nationaltrust.org

Friday 6 to Monday 9 April

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 to 16:00

Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX

Can you find all the easter eggs hidden in Strid Wood? Look out for the Easter Bunny who will be handing out free chocolate eggs to all who take part. Free drop in event, normal estate admission applies.

01756 718009

tourism@boltonabbey.com

www.boltonabbey.com

Friday 6 to Thursday 12 April

The Harrogate International Youth Festival: Music and Performing Arts

Harrogate & surrounding areas

Young musicians from around the world perform with local schools in a series of concerts combined with community appearances.

08448581545

enquiries@hiyf.co.uk

www.hiyf.co.uk

Sunday 8 April

National Park Event - From Fleece to Yarn

10:30 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Drop in event demonstrating breeds of sheep and types of wool for making textiles, preparing the wool by carding and blending fibres and colours before spinning into yarn. Museum admission charges apply.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 8 April

National Park Event - Pathfinder Introduction

12:30 to 16:30

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

For details see 'Navigate your way...' on page 18.

Sunday 8 April

National Park Event - Grassington & Hebden Circuit

11:00 to 15:30

Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB

A moderate 6.5 mile (10km) walk rising above Grassington, descending to Hebden and returning along the riverside. Accessible by public transport. (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 8 and Monday 9 April

Feed the Easter Lambs

11:00 to 15:00

Town Head Barn, Malham

Feeding time every 30 mins (50p entry, under 3s free), plus Easter Trail (£1.50, includes Easter Egg). Sorry, no dogs.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Monday 9 April

Discover Swaledale's historic environment

09:45

Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)

Guided walk with Swaledale and Arkengarthedale Archaeology Group, approximately 3 hours.

www.swaag.org

Monday 9 April

National Park Event - Dent Town Trail

14:00 to 16:00

Meet Dent village car park, opposite Heritage

Centre (grid ref SD 7041 8710) LA10 5QJ

A short easy walk looking at historic buildings and associated people, including Adam Sedgwick and the Dent Vampire.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Camera Walks in the Dales

Join Veronica Caperon in Austwick on 12 April, Ribblesdale on 8 June and 8 July, or Chapel-le-Dale on 30 August. Aimed at beginners, but experienced photographers welcome on this basis. Call 01729 824537 or visit www.veronicasgallery.co.uk

Tuesday 10 April

National Park Event - Drystone Walling Demonstration

14:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Practical demonstration by a Dales Volunteer in the amphitheatre. Museum admission charges apply. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Tuesday 10 April

Explore Swaledale's past

09:45

Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)

Guided walk with Swaledale and Arkengarthedale Archaeology Group, approximately 3 hours.

www.swaag.org

Wednesday 11 April

National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Spring Watch

11:00 to 15:00

Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre DL8 3TH

Drop in any time and join the fun. Lots of games and activities about spring time in the National Park, get crafty in the woods or follow our trail. Suitable for age 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event.

(Contact Aysgarth Falls NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 11 April

National Park Event - Make a Mini Meadow

13:00 to 15:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Discover unusual and interesting facts about Dales hay meadows and why they are so good for wildlife. Have a go at making your very own mini-meadow or wildflower garden to take away. A fun drop-in session for 5 to 14 year olds, under 7s to be accompanied by an adult. Children £3.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Thursday 12 April

Explore Swaledale's Geology

09:45

Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)

Guided walk with Swaledale and Arkengarthedale Archaeology Group, approximately 3 hours.

www.swaag.org

Thursday 12 April

Introduction to Geocaching

13:30 to 16:00

Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)

For details see 2 April.

Friday 13 April

Swaledale's Mining Heritage: Lead mining in Sleil Gill, Arkengarthdale

09:45

Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)

Guided walk with Swaledale and Arkengarthedale Archaeology Group, approximately 3 hours.

www.swaag.org

Sunday 15 April

National Park Event - Victorian & Edwardian photographers of the Yorkshire Dales

14:00 to 15:30

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Historian and photographer David Weedon gives a talk on images and imagemakers in the Dales of a time gone by. Adults £4, concessions £2.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 15 April

National Park Event - Swaledale Stroll

14:00 to 16:30

Meet Reeth National Park Centre DL11 6TB

An easy 3.5 mile (5.6km) walk down to the River Swale to Grinton and back along the fields.

Accessible by public transport.

(Contact Reeth NPC - see page 5)

Tuesday 17 April

Spring Meadow Walk

10:00 to 13:30


Meet George Inn Car Park, Hubberholme

This moderate 5.25 mile walk from Hubberholme to Yockenthwaite will take you through some amazing hay meadows the Trust has helped restore. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Booking essential - suggested donation £15.

015242 51002


info@ymdt.org

www.ydmt.org

Wednesday 18 April
National Park Event - From Norsemen to Calendar Girls 
 13:30 to 16:00
 Meet Kettlewell National Park Car Park (grid ref SD 9683 7229)
 An easy 3 mile (5km) walk in and around Kettlewell, exploring its norse origins and its involvement with the 2003 film ‘Calendar Girls’.
 (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)



Friday 20 April
National Park Event - What have querns ever done for us?
 19.30 - 21.00
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 Talk by John Cruse. Organised by Friends of Dales Countryside Museum as part of their annual lecture programme. All welcome, £2.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 April
George and the Dragon!
 10:00 to 17:30
 Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
 Make a knight or dragon mask and discover this legendary tale on an exciting trail. Normal admission charges apply.
 01969 623981
 info@boltoncastle.co.uk
 www.boltoncastle.co.uk

Sunday 22 April
National Park Event - Mossdale & Cotterdale Round 
 11:00 to 16:00
 Meet Appersett village green (grid ref SD 8583 9070)
 A moderately strenuous 8 mile (13km) walk along the Ure valley to Mossdale then over the hill to Cotterdale.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 28 April
Three Peaks Fell Race
 10:00
 Horton-in-Ribblesdale
 01943 872020
 www.threepeaksrace.org.uk

Saturday 28 to Sunday 29 April
Dentdale Walking Festival
 11:00
 Dent
 Riverside strolls, village explorers and strenuous climbs led by local experts, plus arts and crafts to bring a walking weekend with a difference.
 www.discoverdentdale.com



Sunday 29 April
National Park Event - Malham Landscape Trail  
 11:15 to 15:15
 Meet Malham National Park Centre BD23 4DA
 A moderate 5 mile (8km) walk, visiting some of Malham’s classic scenery. Accessible by public transport.
 (Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)



May

Tuesday 1 to Monday 7 May
Ride2stride: The Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival
 Along the fabulous Settle-Carlisle railway line, walks will be led from stations by experienced leaders, speakers will share local knowledge, and pubs will be buzzing with song.
 www.ride2stride.org.uk



Saturday 5 May
Introduction to Birds and Bird Watching at Hudswell Woods 
 08:00 to 11:00
 Meet Round Howe car park (pay & display)
 Join us in this peaceful setting for a 3 mile stroll focusing on native woodland birds and migrant warblers along the Swale. Dogs on leads only. £5 adult, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.
 01729 830416
 malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 5 to Monday 7 May
Dales Festival of Food and Drink
 10:00 to 17:00
 Field opposite Tenannts Auctioneers, Leyburn DL8 5PW
 A three day feast of gastronomic delights with a distinctly local flavour. Over 80 stalls, small breweries, talks, demonstrations and children’s entertainment. Dogs welcome on site but not in marquees (assistance dogs excepted.)
 07909 586 358
 admin@dalesfestivaloffood.org
 www.dalesfestivaloffood.org

Sunday 6 May
National Park Event - Dent: Sunnyside and Moneyside  
 13:30 to 16:00
 Meet Dent village car park, opposite Heritage Centre (grid ref SD 7041 8710) LA10 5QJ
 A gentle 4 mile (6.5km) walk along the River Dee through pleasant meadows, returning on a centuries-old route linking farms on the northern side of the dale.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)


Sunday 6 May
National Park Event - Limestone Upland & Ancient Woodlands  
 11:00 to 16:00
 Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB
 A fairly strenuous 7 mile (11km) walk rising through old settlements to a deserted farm before descending Conistone Dib, ascending Dib Beck and returning through Grass Wood. Accessible by public transport.
 (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Monday 7 May
Long Preston May Day Celebrations
 13:00

Wednesday 9 May
National Park Event - Riverside & Woodland Birds  
 08:30 to 12:30
 Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB
 Join Wildlife Conservation Officer Ian Court on a fairly easy 4.5 mile (7km) walk to see and hear birds by the River Wharfe and in Grass Wood. Accessible by public transport.
 (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)


Friday 11 May
‘The Ogden Sisters’ by Trifle Gathering Productions
 Dent Memorial Hall
 Rural touring theatre.
 015396 25022
 www.highlightsnorth.co.uk

Saturday 12 May
Malhamdale Meander
 08:30
 Kirkby Malham
 A circular 23 mile route taking in Malham Tarn, Gordale Scar and Parsons Pulpit. Entry £10 including meal, refreshments, badge and certificate.
 Under 16s and over 65s £5. Limit 250. No dogs.
 Mini Meander 9.5 miles
 01729 830588
 www.malhamdale.com

Saturday 12 May
Nature Detectives at Hudswell Woods 
 11:00 to 14:00
 Meet Round Howe car park (pay & display)
 Join us for a short walk, identifying trees and hunting for minibeasts. Bring packed lunch. Dogs on leads only. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.
 01729 830416
 malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May
Tudor Life Weekend
 10:00 to 17:30
 Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
 Meet some colourful characters and have a go at weapon drills, calligraphy and traditional crafts. Normal admission charges apply.
 01969 623981
 info@boltoncastle.co.uk
 www.boltoncastle.co.uk

Sunday 13 May
National Park Event - Landscapes of Upper Ribblesdale  
 10:30 to 16:30
 Meet Horton-in-Ribblesdale National Park Car Park (grid ref SD 8078 7259)
 A strenuous 10 mile (16km) walk with views of the Three Peaks, remote farms, changing landscapes and many points of interest.
 (Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 13 May
National Park Event - Redmire Force & High Lane 
 10:30 to 16:30
 Meet West Burton village green (grid ref SE 0172 866).
 A moderate 9.5 mile (15.5km) walk through Bishopdale and Wensleydale to an attractive waterfall on the Ure. Return by an ancient lane which affords fine views into three valleys before descending to Cauldron Force waterfall. Accessible by public transport.
 (Contact Aysgarth Falls NPC - see page 5)



Fingerpost on the Pennine Way in Wensleydale

Wednesday 16 May
National Park Event - Behind the Scenes at the Museum
 14:00 to 16:00
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 The curators show how they care for, catalogue and display the Museum’s collections. Museum admission charges apply.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Friday 18 May
National Park Event - Mad About the Moon
 19:30 to 21:00
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 A presentation by local astronomer, Jack Sutton, observing the moon and night sky through telescopes. Tying in with national Dark Skies event. Adults £4, children free, concessions £2.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)


Friday 18 May
National Park Event - In Turner’s footsteps: Wensleydale
 19.30 to 21.00
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 A talk by David Hill. Part of the Friends of Dales Countryside Museum annual lecture programme. All welcome, £2.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)


Saturday 19 May
Birds of Upper Swaledale - guided walk
 10:00 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 16:00
 Keld Countryside & Heritage Centre DL11 6LJ
 Spend a full or half day with knowledgeable volunteer, Revd. Dr. David Peel observing birds in their moor, wood and river habitats. Booking essential. Sorry no dogs or under 8s. Full day £5, half day £3, children free.
 01748 886845
 www.tkrc.org.uk


Saturday 19 May
Introduction to Landscape Photography
 10:00 to 16:00
 Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
 Full day workshop with local landscape photographers, Mark Butler and Jim Round. Improve the composition of your images whilst discovering tucked away corners of Upper Wharfedale. Bring camera, tripod (limited number available to borrow) and packed lunch. £50. Booking essential.
 01729 830416
 malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 19 May to Sunday 3 June
Swaledale Festival
 Various locations in Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Wensleydale.
 Classical, folk, jazz, brass and world music concerts, complemented by guided walks, art exhibitions, poetry, readings and talks.
 01748 880019
 enquiries@swalefest.org
 www.swaledale-festival.org.uk

Sunday 20 May
Yorkshire 10k and 2k Fun Run
 Newby Hall near Ripon
 Join this exciting run for all ages around the beautiful estate farmlands and lanes by the River Ure. 2 for 1 garden entry for families of participants.
 0300 373 1046
 www.cftrust.org.uk


Sunday 20 May
National Park Event - Exploring Gunnerside Gill 
 11:00 to 15:30
 Meet Gunnerside parking area between bridge and Post Office (grid ref SD 9509 9821)
 A moderate 7 mile (11km) walk into the heart of the old leadmining area, visiting the sites of the Sir Francis and Bunton Mines as well as Blakethwaite Smelt Mill. Return by a high level track which gives superb views over Swaledale.
 (Contact Reeth NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 23 May
National Park Event - Burnsall Byways 
 13:30 to 16:30
 Meet Burnsall Bridge (grid ref SD 032 612)
 A fairly easy 5 mile (8km) walk, exploring some of Burnsall’s history, continuing to Hebden and returning along the riverside.
 (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 26 May
National Park Event - Hawes Town Trail 
 14:15 to 16:15
 Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 An easy 2 mile (3.2km) walk looking at the history, industry and buildings in the area.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 26 May
Beauty & The Beast Road Cycling Event
 Dent
 A beast of a cycle sportive (92 miles) amid the stunning scenery of Dentdale, plus a beauty of a family cycle route (16 miles) with prizes.
 www.dentdalebeautyandthebeast.com

Sunday 27 May
National Park Event - Pathfinder Introduction
 12:30 to 16:30
 Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 For details see 'Navigate your way...' on page 18.

Sunday 27 May
National Park Event - In the Footsteps of Monks & Drovers 
 11:00 to 15:00
 Meet Water Sinks Car Park, south shore Malham Tarn (grid ref SD89416580)
 A moderate 6 mile (9km) walk exploring old travellers’ routes.
 (Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 27 May to Monday 4 June
Overground Underground
 Ingleton
 This family friendly festival explores the landscape in and around Ingleborough. Look out for indoor and outdoor climbing, caving opportunities, specialist walks, talks and films, biking, zorbing and childrens’ activities.
 07533 501580
 ogugfestival@gmail.com
 www.ogug.co.uk

Camera Rambles
 Run by Keld Countryside & Heritage Centre every Friday pm throughout May, June, July and August. Join professional photographer Debbie Allen for a ‘walk, talk & learn’ experience around Keld.
 www.scenicview.co.uk

Navigate your way to new skills

Walking is one of the main attractions of this wonderful area and effective navigation is one of the key skills for any walker to learn. Our popular Pathfinder courses, based at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, cover fundamental map and compass techniques.

Educational and fun, they are led by our own Dales Volunteers who have a great deal of walking experience within the National Park. Improving navigation skills increases confidence and we hope these courses will encourage you to begin to explore for yourself the fantastic landscape on your doorstep

Walking boots and waterproofs are essential. Bring food and drink. Cost £10. Sorry, no dogs. Contact Hawes National Park Centre for more details - see page 5.



Knowing how to use a map and compass can open up the countryside for you

Sunday 8 April and Sunday 27 May

Pathfinder Introduction

12:30 to 16:30

A basic navigation course covering fundamental techniques to give confidence to walk on low level clear paths. Children must be 12 and over and accompanied by an adult.

Sunday 10 June and Sunday 15 July

Pathfinder Intermediate

10:30 to 16:30

A full day's navigation course, mainly outdoors and covering more topics than the Introduction, including map reading, grid references and compass work. Not suitable for children.

Sunday 23 September

Pathfinder Advanced

10:00 to 16:30

A full day's advanced navigation course, mainly outdoors and focusing on practising and developing existing skills in open country. Previous navigation experience required - a perfect follow on from the Introduction and Intermediate courses earlier in the year. Not suitable for children.

Illustrated talks at Fremington Sunday School, Reeth

Every Monday evening from 11 June to Bank Holiday Monday 27 August, from local interest to wider themes. Call 01748 884366 or visit www.swaleview.me.uk

Wednesday 30 May

National Park Event - Grassington Heritage Trail

14:00 to 16:30

Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB
Who was Tom Lee? What were lakeys? An easy 3 mile (5km) walk in and around Grassington will reveal these and other secrets of the village's past. Accessible by public transport. (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Thursday 31 May

National Park Event - Wildlife of Snaizholme

14:00 to 16:30

Meet Mirkpot House, Snaizholme, Hawes DL8 3NB (grid ref SD 8273 8708)
A gentle 1.5 mile (2.4km) walk spotting the tracks and signs of local wildlife. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

June

Saturday 2 to Thursday 7 June

Malham Safari

Malham

The Safari Animals will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and you are invited to come and join in the fun. Buy a Safari quiz sheet for £2 and see what you can find.

chris@malhamdale.com

www.malhamdale.com

Saturday 2 to Friday 8 June

Gaping Gill Winch Meet

09:00 to 17:00

Experience the exhilaration of descending the 340' deep Main Shaft and visit the largest natural cavern in the British Isles on a guided tour of the floodlit Main Chamber. No experience needed. Organised by Bradford Pot Hole Club.

01484 683260

www.bpc-cave.org.uk

Saturday 2 to Sunday 10 June

Clapham Art Group 61st Annual Exhibition

11:00 to 18:00

Clapham Village Hall

Original work by members of the Group. Framed and unframed paintings, sketches and cards for sale. 01729 823326
paintingsettle@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 3 June

National Park Event - The Craven Lime Works

14:00 to 16:00

Meet Craven Lime Works Car Park, off B6479 (grid ref SD 8242 6623)

Explore this fascinating hidden gem of industrial archaeology, including the Hoffman Kiln, on this easy 1 mile (1.6km) walk. (Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 3 June

National Park Event - Dyeing Demonstration

11:00 to 15:00

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Using natural and acid dyes, mixing and blending colours and textures. Talks at 11:00 and 14:00. Museum admission charges apply. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Monday 4 June

Austwick Cuckoo Festival

015242 51416

www.austwick.org

Monday 4 to Friday 8 June

A Queen's life!

10:00 to 17:30

Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET

Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned for six months at Bolton Castle - find out what life was like for her and her jailers. With flag designing, jewellery and crown making, games and falconry. Normal admission charges apply. 01969 623981
info@boltoncastle.co.uk
www.boltoncastle.co.uk

Monday 4 to Sunday 10 June

Wild about Orchids

09:00 to 17:00

Kilnsey Park, Kilnsey BD23 5PS

Experience the wild beauty and vibrant colours of Dales orchids in full bloom, including one of the rarest in the world - the Lady's Slipper. Guided walks, expert talks, storytelling, hands-on conservation activities and a special family trail. Dogs on short leads allowed. Normal admission applies.

01756 752150

info@kilnseypark.co.uk

www.kilnseypark.co.uk

Tuesday 5 June

National Park Event - Drystone Walling Demonstration

14:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

For details see 10 April.

Wednesday 6 June

National Park Event - Spring Flowers of Grass Wood

14:00 to 17:00

Meet Quarry car park, Grass Wood, 1 mile west of Grassington (grid ref SD 9838 6521)
A moderate 3 mile (5km) walk enjoying the spring flowers. Paths can be uneven, narrow and sometimes steep. (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 6 June

National Park Event - Grinton Mines & Mills

14:00 to 17:00

Meet Grinton Youth Hostel DL11 6HS

(grid ref SE 0481 9758)

A moderate 3 mile (4.8km) walk looking at the history and old workings of the Grinton system of lead mines.

(Contact Reeth NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 6 June

Pond Dipping at Malham Tarn

10:00 to 12:00

Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT

Discover the hidden natural world at Malham Tarn. Free. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Thursday 7 June

Den building in Upper Wharfedale

10:00 to 14:00

Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)

Come on a 3 mile woodland walk and have a go at woodland crafts, including den building and geocaching. Bring packed lunch. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Friday 8 June

Mountain Bike Taster Day

10:00 to 16:00

Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT

Fancy mountain biking, but not sure where to start? Join an experienced guide for a beginner's course.

Learn bike familiarisation, navigation and riding skills, followed by a ride around the Tarn. Bring own bike and helmet or hire for £15 - please note, no bikes available for under 12s. Booking essential. £15 adults, £10 kids.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 9 June

Great Knaresborough Bed Race

13:00 to 17:00

Knaresborough

90 teams and their beds and passengers charging around town! The fun starts with a fancy dress parade before the competitive spirit prevails. Entry to Conyngham Hall: adults £2, children free. 01423863419

nigelahperry@hotmail.com

www.knaresborough.co.uk/bedrace

Sunday 10 June

National Park Event - Pathfinder Intermediate

10:30 to 16:30

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

For details see 'Navigate your way...' on page 18.

Sunday 10 June

National Park Event - Hawes Rural Heritage Trail

11:00 to 15:30

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 21 July.

Thursday 14 June

Tunnels Below Buckden Pike

10:00 to 15:30

Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
Delve into the depths below Buckden Pike and experience the conditions lead miners of old endured. Join a qualified guide on a stiff walk uphill to the little visited tunnels of Buckden Gavel lead mine. Equipment for entering mine provided. Bring packed lunch. £30 adults, £15 children (over 12s only). Booking essential. Sorry, no dogs. 01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Friday 15 June

National Park Event - Humorous Dialect Stories and Poems

19.30 to 21.00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

A talk by Eleanore Scar. Organised by Friends of Dales Countryside Museum as part of their annual lecture programme. All welcome, £2. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Friday 15 June

National Park Event - Victorian Kitchen: Wash day

11:00 to 15:00

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum will be dressed in costume, explaining and demonstrating the work that went on for Victorian wash day. Museum admission charges apply. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Friday 15 to Saturday 30 June

Grassington Festival

Various locations in Grassington & Upper Wharfedale.

Now in its 32nd year, one of the best music and arts festivals in the country with comedy, talks, exhibitions, workshops, walks and film.

01756 752691

boxoffice@grassington-festival.org.uk

www.grassington-festival.org.uk

Saturday 16 June

Buckden Gala

12:30 to 16:30

Buckden BD23 5JA

Annual village gala, including sheep show, fell race, dog show, Lofthouse and Middlesmoor Band, refreshments and children's activities.

01756 761024

debbie@beckcottage.com

Saturday 16 June

National Park Event - A Moorland Experience

14:00 to 16:00

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
A contemplative moorland visit with artist Judy Bromley, reflecting on the fragility of this landscape. Coincides with her exhibition 'Climb up to the Moor' from 4 May to 1 July at Dales Countryside Museum. There is a 3 mile drive from Hawes to the starting point. Price £3. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 16 June

National Park Event - Both sides of the Wharfe 'twixt Kettlewell & Starbotten

13:30 to 16:00

Meet Kettlewell National Park Car Park.

A 5 mile (8km) walk over mostly level ground enjoying varied views of the dale, walking upstream through meadow and woodland and returning by the riverside. (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 16 June

National Park Event - Settle Heritage Trail

14:15 to 16:15

Meet Settle Market Cross, adjacent to town hall (grid ref SD81946354)

An easy 1.5 mile (2.5km) walk exploring the hidden backwaters of Settle, learning how the town has developed over the years. This is a walk for everyone around the streets so no special footwear is required. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 16 June

Come and Try Orienteering Day

10:30 to 14:00

Meet Round Howe car park (pay & display)

Join free fun-packed sessions for teams, families and individuals at our new orienteering site in Hudswell Woods. Bring packed lunch. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 16 June

Open Air Theatre: The Importance of Being Earnest

19:00

Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal

Enjoy an evening of entertainment in the romantic Abbey ruins as The Pantaloons perform Oscar Wilde's hilarious play. Adults £15, children £12.

01765 608888

fountainsabbey@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events

Sunday 17 June

National Park Event - West Burton Circular

11:00 to 15:00

Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre DL8 3TH

An easy 6 mile (10km) circular walk visiting two dales, two villages, two follies, two waterfalls and attractive countryside between.

(Contact Aysgarth Falls NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 17 June

National Park Event - Fathers Day

10:00 to 16:00

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Craft activities for children all day. Museum admission charges apply (free for dads).

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Tuesday 19 June

Malham Tarn Wild Flower Walk

19:00 to 21:00

Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT

Free guided flower walk around this beautiful National Nature Reserve. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 20 June

National Park Event - Discover the Hidden Village

11:00 to 15:30

Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB

A moderate 6.5mile (10km) walk to find the village never found by Scottish marauders. Accessible by public transport.

(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Thursday 21 June

Summer Solstice Walk

19:00 to 22:00

Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)

Join us for a 5 mile guided walk from Buckden to Cray and Hubberholme, then back along the River Wharfe. Dogs on leads only. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Thursday 21 June

Summer Valley Walk

10:00 to 13:30

Meet Crown Hotel Car Park, Lofthouse

From Lofthouse to Ramsgill, this is a moderate 5 mile walk with great views of the valley and Gouthwaite reservoir. Well-behaved dogs allowed.

Booking essential - suggested donation £15

015242 51002

info@ymdt.org

www.ydmt.org

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 June

Dentdale Music & Beer Festival

18:00 (Fri), 13:00 (Sat), 12:00 to 18:00 (Sun)

Dent

Folk music and more with two stages, good food and real ale in the Lower Meadow near the village car park. £5 entry with membership benefits.

015396 25022

matthew@lowhaycotebarn.com

www.discoverdentdale.co.uk

Saturday 23 June

Hawes & District Gala

Hawes

The fun begins with a fancy dress parade from the market place and continues on the gala field. Games, entertainment, food and traditional family fun.

01969 667192

www.hawesgala.co.uk

Saturday 23 June

National Park Event - Mossdale & Cotterdale Round

11:00 to 16:00

Meet Appersett village green (grid ref SD 8583 9070)

For details see 22 April.



What lies beneath: having fun stream dipping at Bolton Abbey

Saturday 23 June

National Park Event - Meadow and Woodland Flowers

14:00 to 17:00

Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB

A varied and fairly easy 5 mile (9km) walk discovering the floral delights in ancient woodland and riverside meadows. Accessible by public transport.

(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June

Embroidery exhibition

10:00 to 16:00

Wharfedale Rugby Club, Threshfield

Grassington and District Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild will be holding an exhibition, with the theme 'Living Layers'. Admission £2. Light refreshments.

Sunday 24 June

National Park Event - Sock Knitting Surgery

13:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Help and advice on knitting with 4 or 5 double pointed needles. Casting on for socks, types of heel and general problem sorting or how to get started. Museum admission charges apply.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 24 June

National Park Event - Myths, Movies & Legends

11:15 to 16:15

Meet Malham National Park Centre

A moderately strenuous 8 mile (13 km) walk discovering why the Malham area has inspired so many artists, writers and movie makers.

(Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 27 June

National Park Event - Leadmining on Grassington Moor

14:00 to 16:30

Meet Yarnbury BD23 5LB, 2 miles up Moor Lane (grid ref SE 0150 6588)

An easy 4mile (7km) walk viewing remaining leadmining structures, their former functions and the processes involved. Accessible by public transport.

(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 27 June

Malham Tarn Wild Flower Walk

19:00 to 21:00

Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT

For details see 19 June.

Thursday 28 June

Malhamdale Wild Flower Walk

13:00 to 15:00

Join us for a glorious wild flower walk in Malhamdale. Meeting instructions provided on booking. Sorry no dogs. £5 adults, £2.50 kids.

Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Thursday 28 June

National Park Event - Wildlife of Snaizholme

14:00 to 16:30

Meet Mirkpot House, Snaizholme, Hawes DL8 3NB

(grid ref SD 8273 8708)

For details see 31 May.

Friday 29 June

National Park Event - Wildflowers of the Yorkshire Dales

19:00 to 20:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Join Tanya St. Pierre, YDMT's Flowers of the Dales Project Officer, for an illustrated talk celebrating the wonderfully diverse wildflower habitats of the Yorkshire Dales and their species. Accessible by public transport.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 30 June

National Park Event - Cross Eleven Bridges (A Bridge Too Far)

14:00 to 16:30

Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB

An easy 4 mile (7km) walk crossing a variety of bridges built for a variety of purposes. Accessible by public transport.

(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 30 June

The Hallé at Giggleswick

Giggleswick School

20.00 (gates 18:00)

An outdoor picnic concert by Britain's oldest symphony orchestra, the Hallé, to mark the school's 500th anniversary, with a programme of light classical and operatic favourites and a rousing firework finale.

www.giggleswick.org.uk/rwt/whatso/music/

Saturday 30 June

National Park Event - Kisdon Classic Circular

11:00 to 16:00

Meet Keld Heritage & Countryside Centre

(grid ref NY 8929 0112) DL11 6LJ

This moderate 6.5 mile (10.4km) walk is along the Corpse Way over Kisdon to one of the finest viewpoints in the Dales, returning past the ruins of the Beldi Lead Smelting Mill at Swinner Gill.

(Contact Reeth NPC - see page 5)

30 June

Gargrave Open Gardens

11:00 to 15:00

Gargrave, Skipton

Come and discover the great variety of Gargrave's garden gems. Lunches, teas and ice creams at Village Hall. Proceeds to St Andrew's Church. £3 in advance from local shops, £4 on the day.

01756 749443

gargravemag@btinternet.com

Olympic torch relay

On its journey round the country the Olympic torch will be making a stop at Aysgarth, Leyburn and Richmond on Wednesday 20 June, and visiting Skipton on Sunday 24 June - why not come and cheer it on its way. Please confirm exact time and details before setting out.

www.london2012.com/
olympic-torch-relay-map

July

Sunday 1 July

Wild Flower Meadows and Woods Walk

11:00 to 15:00

Meet Yockenthwaite Bridge SD 905790

A moderate walk from Yockenthwaite through woodlands and flower-filled meadows. Bring packed lunch. Dogs on leads only. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Sunday 1 July

Skipton Sheep Day

Skipton Town Centre

A fun family day with sheep show, demonstrations and music.

townmanager@skiptontowncouncil.co.uk

www.sheepday.co.uk

Sunday 1 July

National Park Event - North Country Quilting

13:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

Demonstration of techniques, how to use patterns and materials including different waddings, plus patterns to buy. Museum admission charges apply. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 1 July

National Park Event - Mallerstang Magic (To Hell and Back)

10:30 to 16:30

Meet Garsdale Railway Station

(grid ref SD 7886 9181) LA10 5PQ

A moderately strenuous 8 mile (12.8km) walk that gives spectacular views of several fells, including Wild Boar Fell and Swarth Fell, as well as the Settle-Carlisle Railway. Accessible by public transport. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 1 July

National Park Event - Wharfedale Villages

11:00 to 16:00

Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB

A pleasant, mostly easy 7 mile (11km) walk via fields, lanes and riverside, visiting Linton, the hidden village of Thorpe and using a Postman's Trod. Accessible by public transport. (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Tuesday 3 July

Wild Flower Meadows and Woods Walk

11.00 to 15:00

Meet Yockenthwaite Bridge SD 905790

For details see 1 July.

Wednesday 4 July

National Park Event - Haymeadows and Waterfalls

11:30 to 16:00

Meet Buckden National Park Car Park

(grid ref SD 9420 7731)

A delightful 7mile (11km) walk through both lowland and upland meadows ascending by a gill with waterfalls and enjoying superb views of the dale. Bring a wildflower book if you have one. Accessible by public transport.

(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 4 July

National Park Event - Behind the Scenes at the Museum

14:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

For details see 26 May.

Thursday 5 July

Butterfly Walk

11:00 to 14:00

Meet Yockenthwaite Bridge SD 905790

A moderate walk from Yockenthwaite through Strans Wood on a guided walk with one of our wardens. Bring packed lunch. Dogs on leads only. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 7 July

Bumblebees & Haymeadows

10:30 to 15:00

Colt Park Barn, Ribblesdale LA6 3JF (near Selside)

Learn about the ecology, life cycle and different types of bumblebee you are likely to encounter in the Dales with a classroom-based presentation followed by a leisurely guided walk. No dogs allowed. Must be over 14, under 16s to be accompanied by an adult. Free event.

Booking essential 015242 51002

tanya.stpierre@ydm.org

www.naturalengland.org.uk

www.ydm.org.uk

Saturday 7 July

National Park Event - Hidden GPS Treasure (Geocaching for Beginners)

11:00 to 15:00

Meet Street Gate parking area, south Malham Tarn (grid ref SD 9038 6567)

A moderate 6 mile (10 km) walk that introduces geocaching - a 'treasure' hunt using handheld GPS units - as a new outdoor activity. If you have a GPS please bring it along - we have a limited number to borrow, please reserve in advance. (Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 8 July

National Park Event - Rails in the Dales: the history of railways in Upper Wensleydale

14:00 to 15:30

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

An illustrated talk by railway historian Bob Ellis.

Museum admission charges apply.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 8 July

National Park Event - Semer Water & Raydale

13:00 to 17:00

Meet Semer Water car park, near Bainbridge

(grid ref SD 9220 8753)

A moderate 5 mile (8km) circular walk climbing above and around the lake to give lovely views of Raydale.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 July

The Great Yorkshire Show

Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate

The cream of the country's livestock, edge-of-the-seat displays, acres of shopping opportunities and countryside activities, at the 154th annual show. Sorry, assistance dogs only.

info@yas.co.uk

www.greatyorkshireshow.co.uk

Wednesday 11 July

National Park Event - Old Gang Mines & Mills

14:00 to 17:00

Meet Surrender Bridge, near Reeth

(grid ref NY 9925 0070)

An easy 3.5 mile (5.6km) walk looking at the leadmining industry, its associated ruined buildings and workings.

(Contact Reeth NPC - see page 5)

Friday 13 July

National Park Event - Victorian Kitchen: Dairy

11:00 to 15:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

For details see 6 April.

Saturday 14 July

National Park Event - Exploring Archaeology: Artefact or Bluff?

10:00 to 16:30

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

To tie in with the national Festival of British Archaeology, archaeologist Keith Webster will be hosting a weekend of activities. This drop in event will look at how archaeologists interpret finds. Museum admission charges apply. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 14 July

NNR Open Day at Malham Tarn

11:00 to 15:00

A day of fun at Malham Tarn National Nature Reserve with pond dipping, mini beast hunts, guided walks and cycle rides (bring own bike & helmet), plus pick your own vegetable activities in the walled garden. £5 adults, £2.50 kids.

01729 830416

malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Sunday 15 July

National Park Event - Exploring Archaeology: Hunter Gatherers

10:00 to 16:30

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

A drop in event looking at how early man managed without modern tools and materials. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 15 July

National Park Event - Stone Mine & Stone Circle

13:00 to 16:30

Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre DL8 3TH

An easy 6 mile (9.5km) walk with historical, geological and scenic interest.

(Contact Aysgarth Falls NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 15 July

National Park Event - Pathfinder Intermediate

10:30 to 16:30

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

For details see 'Navigate your way...' on page 18.

Sunday 15 July

National Park Event - Wainwright's Limestone Country

10:30 to 16:30

Meet Stainforth National Park Car Park

(grid ref SD 8206 6726)

A moderate 8 mile (13 km) walk exploring an area featured in Wainwright's Walks in Limestone Country.

(Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 18 July

National Park Event - Leadmining on Grassington Moor

14:00 to 16:30

Meet Yarnbury, 2 miles up Moor Lane BD23 5LB

(grid ref SE 0150 6588)

For details see 27 June.

Saturday 21 July

Ingleton Gala

12:00

Fancy dress, mountain race, stalls and entertainments, with evening gala event 7pm.

015242 41863

helenbrook797@btinternet.com

info@ingletongala.org.uk

Saturday 21 July

National Park Event - Digging Deep: Archaeology in the Yorkshire Dales

14:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

To tie in with the national Festival of British Archaeology, writer and archaeologist David Johnson will be holding an illustrated talk and artefact handling session. Museum admission charges apply.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 21 July

National Park Event - Hawes Rural Heritage Trail

11:00 to 15:30

Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

A moderate 7 mile (11km) walk through fields and along old bridleways picking out signs of past industries and rural methods. Accessible by public transport.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 22 July

National Park Event - Appliqué, Simple & Baltimore

13:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT

How to get started with appliqué and a demonstration of Baltimore type patterns, with samples to look at.

Museum admission charges apply.

(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 22 July

Ingleborough National Nature Reserve Open Day: Wildlife Olympics

09:30 to 15:00

Ribblehead Quarry (SD765788)

Everything from wildlife discovery events, craft tents and geocaching trails to simulated cave activities all with an Olympic twist - plenty to keep the whole family entertained. Ingleborough Archaeology Group will be celebrating the national Festival of British Archaeology with guided walks to Gauber Viking Style Settlement.

015242 42021

tanya.stpierre@naturalengland.org.uk

www.ydm.org.uk

Monday 23 to Friday 27 July

Knights and Ladies

10:00 to 17:30

Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET

Design your own headdress or helmet, coat of arms and flag as well as having a go at Medieval crafts and games. Normal admission charges apply.

01969 623981

info@boltoncastle.co.uk

www.boltoncastle.co.uk

Monday 23 July

Messy Monday

11:00 to 15:00

Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton

BD23 6EX

Join in the fun, hands-on art and craft activities. Free drop in event, normal estate admission applies. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

01756 718009

tourism@boltonabbey.com

www.boltonabbey.com

Tuesday 24 July

National Park Event - Drystone Walling Demonstration

14:00 to 16:00

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT


For details see 10 April.




A Ribblesdale ramble with Pen-y-ghent looking on


Tuesday 24 July
National Park Event - Red Squirrels in the National Park
14:00 to 15:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 3 April.


Tuesday 24 July
Above & Below: Caving & Gill Scrambling in Langstrothdale
10:00 to 15.30
Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
Explore the mysterious gills and secret caves of the Dales with a qualified guide. No experience needed, all ages catered for. Equipment provided, bring spare clothes and packed lunch. In partnership with Buckden House Outdoor Activity Centre. £30 adults, £15 kids. Sorry no dogs. Booking essential.
01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 25 July
National Park Event - Lets Get Buzzy 
13.00 to 15.00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Have lots of fun learning about the bumblebees, butterflies and bugs that pollinate our flowering plants, whilst getting busy with a variety of bug craft activities. A practical drop-in session. Age 5-14 yrs, under 7s to be accompanied by an adult. Children £3, adults and concessions free.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 25 July
National Park Event - Cross Eleven Bridges (A Bridge Too Far) 
14:00 to 16:00
Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB
For details see 30 June.

Wednesday 25 July
National Park Event - Grinton Mines & Mills 
14:00 to 17:00
Meet Grinton Youth Hostel DL11 6HS
(grid ref SE 0481 9758)
For details see 6 June.

Wednesday 25 July
National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Stream Dipping 
11:00 to 15:00
Meet Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate BD23 6EX
Drop in any time and join the fun. Borrow a fishing net and discover what lives in the River Wharfe or join in games and activities about the National Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wellington boots and a towel advisable for fishing. Accessible by public transport. Activity free - estate admission charges apply.
(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Thursday 26 July
National Park Event - Wildlife of Snaizeholme 
14:00 to 16:30
Meet Mirkpot House, Snaizeholme, Hawes DL8 3NB
(grid ref SD 8273 8708)
For details see 31 May.

Friday 27 July
Funday Friday
11:00 to 15:00
Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
Come along to make your very own kite for only £2 and have fun flying it in the beautiful grounds of Bolton Abbey Estate. Enjoy an afternoon of fun with free large outdoor games and bouncy castle. Normal estate admission applies.
01756 718009
tourism@boltonabbey.com
www.boltonabbey.com


Friday 27 July
Exploring Malham Tarn 
10:00 to 15:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
Discover the flowers of this National Nature Reserve, watch from the bird hide and go pond-dipping to see what lives in the water. Free event. Bring packed lunch. Sorry, no dogs. Booking essential.
01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 28 July
Mountain Bike Taster Day
10:00 to 16:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
For details see 8 June.



Tug o' war at Dentdale Show

Saturday 28 July
National Park Event - Making Coil Pots
10:00 to 16:30
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Archaeologist Annie Hamilton Gibney will be leading full day workshop to tie in with the Festival of British Archaeology. Drop in family event. Museum admission charges apply.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 29 July
National Park Event - Thieves, Beggars & A Hidden Dale 
11:00 to 16:30
Meet Clapham National Park Car Park, 1.5 miles from village (grid ref SD 7455 6921)
A moderate 9 mile (14 km) walk from the popular village of Clapham to a beautiful & lesser known dale.
(Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 29 July
National Park Event - Knitting & Weaving
10:30 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Knitting on 4 needles - see how it's done and have a go. Museum admission charges apply.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)


Monday 30 July
Messy Monday
11:00 to 15:00
Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 23 July.

Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August
Knights and Ladies
10:00 to 17:30
Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
For details see 23 July.

Tuesday 31 July
National Park Event - Drystone Walling Demonstration
14:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 10 April.

Tuesday 31 July
Woodland Crafts at Hudswell Woods
11:00 to 15:00
Meet Round Howe car park (pay & display)
Come on a woodland walk and have a go at woodland crafts, including den building. Bring packed lunch. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.
01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk


August

Wednesday 1 August
National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Stream Dipping 
11:00 to 15:00
Meet Malham National Park Centre BD23 4DA
Drop in any time and join the fun. Borrow a fishing net and see what you can catch in the stream or join in games and activities about the National Park. Suitable for age 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wellington boots and a towel advisable for fishing. Free event.
(Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 1 August
National Park Event - Leadmining around Langthwaite 
14:00 to 16:30
Meet Red Lion Inn, Langthwaite DL11 6RE
(grid ref NZ 0050 0248)
A moderate 4 mile (6.4km) walk looking at the mining industries of Arkengarthdale.
(Contact Reeth NPC - see page 5)


Wednesday 1 August
Wild Wednesday
11:00 to 15:00
Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
Become a Bolton Abbey Explorer and experience the great outdoors with our children's wildlife activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event, normal estate admission applies.
01756 718009
tourism@boltonabbey.com
www.boltonabbey.com


Friday 3 August
Funday Friday
11:00 to 15:00
Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 27 July.

Saturday 4 August
National Park Event - Settle Heritage Trail 
14:15 to 16:15
Meet Settle Market Cross (grid ref 8194 6354)
For details see 16 June.

For National Park Centre contact details, see page 5.

Sunday 5 August
National Park Event - Stone Carving Workshop
10:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Drop in and learn how to create in stone, guided by sculptor Jennifer Tetlow. Museum admission charges apply.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 5 August
National Park Event - Discover the Hidden Village 
11:00 to 15:30
Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB
For details see 20 June.

Sunday 5 August
National Park Event - Nuns, Steps & Miners' Tracks 
11:00 to 15:00
Meet Reeth National Park Centre DL11 6SZ
A moderate 7 mile (11km) walk including riverside, woodland and heather moor with excellent views as well as points of historic interest.
(Contact Reeth NPC - see page 5)


Monday 6 August
Messy Monday
11:00 to 15:00
Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 23 July.


Monday 6 to Friday 10 August
Fantastic Falcons, Beastly Boar and Busy Bees!
10:00 to 17:30
Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
Witness amazing falconry displays, the fun of wild boar feeding time and the activity of our bee hives, then have a go at kite and mask making. Normal admission charges apply.
01969 623981
info@boltoncastle.co.uk
www.boltoncastle.co.uk


Tuesday 7 August
National Park Event - Drystone Walling Demonstration
14:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 10 April.


Tuesday 7 August
Den building in Upper Wharfedale
10:00 to 14:00
Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
For details see 7 June.

Wednesday 8 August
National Park Event - Following in Historical Footsteps 
13:00 to 16:30
Meet Bainbridge village green
(grid ref SD 9336 9016) DL8 3EF
A moderate 6 mile (9.6km) walk - a steady climb up the Roman Road from Bainbridge with views over Semer Water. Accessible by public transport.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 8 August
National Park Event - Discover and Do 
14:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 15 February.

Wednesday 8 August
National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Stream Dipping 
11:00 to 15.00
Meet at Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate BD23 6EX
For details see 25 July.
(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Thursday 9 August
National Park Event - Old Gang Mines & Mills 
14:00 to 17:00
Meet Surrender Bridge, near Reeth
(grid ref NY 9925 0070)
For details see 11 July.

Thursday 9 August
Exploring Malham Tarn 
10:00 to 15:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
For details see 27 July.

National Parks Week 2012 - 30 Jul to 5 Aug
The theme in 2012 is Winning Landscapes - in celebration of an Olympic year - and aims to encourage young people to get outdoors and be healthier. Visit the 'Events' section of our website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk to find out what's in store.

Friday 10 August
Funday Friday
11:00 to 15:00
Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 27 July.

Saturday 11 August
National Park Event - Heritage Crafts Day
10:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Demonstrations of wood working, pottery, feltmaking and blacksmithing, plus the chance to purchase some of the work. Museum admission charges apply.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 11 August
Mountain Bike Taster Day
10:00 to 16:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
For details see 8 June.

Saturday 11 to Sunday 19 August
Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
10:00 to 17:00
Kettlewell
Scarecrows first came to Kettlewell for a local school fundraising event. The enthusiastic response led to over 100 scarecrows appearing in gardens, open spaces, hidden corners and even on rooftops. This free quirky event now attracts thousands of visitors.
01756 761307
scarecrowfestival@hotmail.co.uk
www.kettlewellscarecrowfestival.co.uk

Sunday 12 August
National Park Event - Felting Demonstration
10:30 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Morning felting demonstration, afternoon workshop from 14.00 to 16.00 (places limited to 12 - please book). £3 for materials. Museum admission charges apply.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 12 August
Thorlby Village Fete
14:00
Thorlby
Family fun with fancy dress, stalls, games and sport.

Sunday 12 August
West Burton Chapel Anniversary
18:30
West Burton
Join us in our anniversary service with Reeth Band. All welcome.
01969 663481
juliepledge@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 12 August
National Park Event - Scenic Swaledale
13:00 to 16:30
Meet Reeth National Park Centre DL11 6TB
This moderate 5.5 mile (8.5km) walk is an ideal introduction to the delights of Swaledale along mid level and riverside paths affording fine views and visiting local places of interest.
(Contact Reeth NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 12 August
Meet a Mystery Writer
11.00 to 16.00
Keld Countryside & Heritage Centre DL11 6LJ
Susan Parry, who writes from her home in Swaledale and whose Yorkshire Dales Mystery Stories are all based around the local area, will be visiting and signing books - call in for a chat.
www.tkrc.org.uk

Monday 13 August
National Park Event - Was Cromwell Here?
11:00 to 15:00
Meet Malham National Park Centre BD23 4DA
Join this moderate 6 mile (10 km) walk trying to solve the puzzle: did Oliver Cromwell really visit the area?
(Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Monday 13 August
Messy Monday
11:00 to 15:00
Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 23 July.

Monday 13 to Friday 17 August
Fantastic Falcons, Beastly Boar and Busy Bees!
10:00 to 17:30
Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
For details see 6 August.

Tuesday 14 August
National Park Event - Drystone Walling Demonstration
14:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 10 April.



Finding a geocache – read more about this sport on page 27

Tuesday 14 August
Guided Bat Walks
20:00 to 22:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
View our nocturnal woodlanders. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a torch. Sorry no dogs. £5 adult / £2.50 children. Booking essential.
01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Wednesday 15 August
National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Stream Dipping
11.00 to 15.00
Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre DL8 3TH
Drop in any time and join the fun. Borrow a fishing net and discover what lives in the River Ure or get crafty in the woods, or follow the woodland trail. Suitable for age 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Wellington boots and a towel advisable for fishing. Free event.
(Contact Aysgarth Falls NPC - see page 5)

Wild Wednesdays

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

We're holding free drop in activities from 11am to 3pm at Aysgarth Falls (11 Apr, 15 Aug, 31 Oct), Malham (1, 29 Aug) and Bolton Abbey (4 Apr, 25 Jul, 8, 22 Aug) and everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Try your hand at stream dipping (bring your wellies!) or boat making and bee home making - each Wild Wednesday will be different so come and discover the National Park with us.

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.

Provision will be made for wheelchair users, people with limited mobility or a sensory impairment, and for those with learning disabilities. Contact Catherine Kemp to find out more on 01756 751623.



Wednesday 15 August
National Park Event - Discover and Do
14:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 15 February.

Wednesday 15 August
National Park Event - Grassington in Former Times
13:30 to 17:30
Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB
A fairly easy 5 mile (8km) walk to the former farmsteads above the village, also to some of the sites of the once booming lead industry. Accessible by public transport.
(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 15 August
National Park Event - Over Blea Moor
11:45 to 16:30
Meet Ribbleshead Railway Station LA63 5NE
A moderate 9 mile (14.4km) walk. Take the train to Dent Station through Blea Moor Tunnel, then walk via Blea Moor back to Ribbleshead. Accessible by public transport. Train fare payable between Ribbleshead and Dent stations.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 15 August
Wild Wednesday
11:00 to 15:00
Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 25 July.

Thursday 16 August
Tunnels Below Buckden Pike
10:00 to 15.30
Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
For details see 14 June.

Thursday 16 August
Brough Agricultural Show
10:00 to 17:00
Brough, Kirkby Stephen CA17 4EW
With classes for horses, sheep, poultry, horticulture, photography, confectionery, art and handicrafts. Adults £5, children £1.
017683 42073
colin.broughshow@gmail.com
www.brough-show.org.uk

Thursday 16 August
National Park Event - Birds of the Yorkshire Dales
14:00 to 15:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Wildlife Conservation Officer Ian Court gives an illustrated talk. Museum admission charges apply.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Field Studies Council courses
Weekend residentials at Malham Tarn Field Centre on subjects with titles as diverse as Grass Identification, Landscape in Stitch and Fungal Fun.
Call 01729 830331 or visit www.field-studies-council.org

Thursday 16 August
Kids go Batty!
20:00 to 22:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
Bat-related craft activities, followed by a short walk to see our nocturnal woodlanders. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing; bring a torch. Sorry no dogs. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.
01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Friday 17 August
Funday Friday
11:00 to 15:00
Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 27 July.

Saturday 18 August
Burnsall Feast Sports
Fell races, children's races, side shows, raffles, tombola, punch and judy and much more.
www.burnsallsports.co.uk

Saturday 18 August
Gargrave Show
The 108th annual agricultural and horticultural show with cattle, sheep, horse and poultry classes, dog show and fell running.
www.gargraveshow.org.uk

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 August
Spanish Armada Weekend
Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
As the Armada approached the militia of Sir Henry, 9th Lord Scrope, prepared to defend the land. Meet characters as they get ready for battle. Put on your armour, take part in a spear drill or learn how to fire the cannon. Normal admission charges apply.
01969 623981
info@boltoncastle.co.uk
www.boltoncastle.co.uk

For Tourist Information Centres, see page 28


Saturday 18 to Monday 27 August
Gaping Gill Winch Meet
Start 08:00 weekdays, 09:00 weekends
Experience the exhilaration of descending the Main Shaft and visit the largest natural cavern in the British Isles on a guided tour of the floodlit Main Chamber. No experience needed. Organised by Craven Pot Hole Club.
gapinggill@cravenpotholeclub.org
www.cravenpotholeclub.org

Sunday 19 August
Pick Your Own at Malham Tarn
10:00 to 15:00
Drop in and see how our Victorian Walled Garden is progressing. Free planting, weeding and picking activities, take something home for your dinner!
Sorry no dogs.
01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Sunday 19 August
Stalling Busk Fete
15:00
The School Room, Stalling Busk
A traditional village fete above Semer Water in Wensleydale with games and teas.
01969 667050

Sunday 19 August
National Park Event - English and American Patchwork
13:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Paper piecing as used in English patchwork for hexagons, diamonds and other complex shapes and the American patchwork using templates. Museum admission charges apply.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 19 August
National Park Event - Delightful Dentdale
11:00 to 16:00
Meet Dent village car park, opposite Heritage Centre LA10 5QJ (grid ref 7041 8710).
A moderate 8 mile (13km) walk exploring both sides of the dale. One long steep climb at the beginning.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)


Sunday 19 August
National Park Event - Contrasting Landscapes 
11:00 to 16:00
Meet Malham National Park Centre BD23 4DA
A moderate 7 mile (11 km) walk with great views of Malhamdale to a less visited gritstone part of the dale.
(Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)


Monday 20 August
Messy Monday
11:00 to 15:00
Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 23 July.


Monday 20 to Friday 24 August
Roundheads and Cavaliers
10:00 to 17:30
Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
The castle is under siege - do you fight for Parliament or King? Find the siege defences, crack the secret code and make a catapult. Normal admission charges apply.
01969 623981
info@boltoncastle.co.uk
www.boltoncastle.co.uk


Tuesday 21 August
National Park Event - Drystone Walling Demonstration
14:00 to 16:00
Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 10 April.


Tuesday 21 August
Above & Below: Caving & Gill Scrambling in Langstrothdale
10:00 to 15.30
Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
For details see 24 July.

Wednesday 22 August
Bat Walk at Hudswell Woods 
20:00 to 22:00
Meet Round Howe car park (pay & display)
View our nocturnal woodlanders and learn about these special creatures. £5 adults, £2.50 kids.
Booking essential.
01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk


Wednesday 22 August
National Park Event - Discover and Do 
14:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 15 February.

Wednesday 22 August
National Park Event - East Cowgill Circular 
12:30 to 16:30
Meet Dent Railway Station LA10 5RF (grid ref SD 7635 8752)
This moderate 6 mile (9.6km) walk follows the valley of the River Dee to Arten Gill and the Coal Road. Accessible by public transport.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 22 August
National Park Event - Heritage of Linton 
14:00 to 17:00
Meet Grassington National Park Centre BD23 5LB
An easy 4 mile (7km) walk visiting an ancient church and finding what connection this village had with London's great plague and fire and Castle Howard. Accessible by public transport.
(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 22 August
National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Stream Dipping 
11.00 to 15.00
Meet at Cavendish Pavilion, Bolton Abbey Estate BD23 6EX
For details see 25 July.
(Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)


Thursday 23 August
Den building in Upper Wharfedale
10:00 to 14:00
Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
For details see 7 June.

Thursday 23 August
Guided Bat Walks 
20:00 to 22:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
For details see 14 August.

Friday 24 August
Funday Friday
11:00 to 15:00
Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
For details see 27 July.

Saturday 25 August
Wensleydale Agricultural Show
10:00 to 17:30
Leyburn
A traditional agricultural show with an extensive range of competitive events for livestock, horticulture and handicraft classes
01969 623750
www.wensleydaleshow.org.uk

Saturday 25 August
Malham Show
A traditional agricultural and family country show that has been taking place for over 100 years. Heavy horses, show jumping, falconry, farmers market, children's sports and drystone walling.
01729 830702
www.malhamdale.com

Saturday 25 August
National Park Event - Fantastic Flowers! 
13:00 to 15:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Learn fascinating facts about the wonderful wildflowers of the Yorkshire Dales and have a go at making your own using different craft materials. A fun and practical drop-in session for ages 5 to 14. Under 7s to be accompanied by an adult. Children £3, adults/concessions free.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 25 to Sunday 26 August
Meet the Governor
10:00 to 17:00
Skipton Castle
Come and meet Sir John Mallory, Governor of Skipton Castle during the English Civil War. Hear about the castle's siege and the skirmishes its garrison have already fought and how the King's cause is faring in Yorkshire. Just how long can Sir John 'stout it out' for the King? Normal castle admission applies.
01756 792442
info@skiptoncastle.co.uk
www.skiptoncastle.co.uk

Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 August
Dentdale Show
10:30
Dent
A packed programme that combines the highlights of a traditional local country show with wacky entertainment, live music and the best of the area's food and drink. Free.
www.dentdale.com
www.discoverdentdale.co.uk

Saturday 25 to Sunday 26 August
West Witton Feast
09:00 to 21:00 (Sat), 12:00 to 17:00 (Sun)
West Witton, Leyburn DL8 4NG
Annual fell race and ancient ritual of Burning of Old Bartle (Sat). A larger than life figure is paraded, accompanied by chants of the Bartle doggerel; when Bartle reaches 'his end' in Grassgill, he is set alight to songs and cheers! Sunday is 'Fun Day' with children's sports and other entertainments.
01969 622218
www.wittonfeast.org.uk

Saturday 25 August to Sunday 2 September
Buckden Art Group Annual Exhibition 
11:00 to 17:00
Buckden Village Institute SD942772
Over 200 paintings for sale, with a special section for the Flowers of the Dales Festival. Donations to Air Ambulance welcome.
01274 546032
tanya.stpierre@ydmtdt.org

Sunday 26 August
National Park Event - Art in Wood
10:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Margaret Garrard demonstrates wood turning, with the chance to buy a selection of her unique and beautiful pieces. Museum admission charges apply.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 26 August
National Park Event - Grinton Mines & Mills 
14:00 to 17:00
Meet Grinton Youth Hostel DL11 6HS (grid ref SE 0481 9758)
For details see 6 June.

Monday 27 August
Aysgarth Fete
13:30
Fun for all the family at a traditional village fete.

Monday 27 August
Discover Swaledale's historic environment
09:45
Meet Reeth village green (drive to start). All day guided walk, led by Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group.
www.swaag.org

Monday 27 to Friday 31 August
Roundheads and Cavaliers.
10:00 to 17:30
Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
For details see 20 August.

Tuesday 28 August
National Park Event - Drystone Walling Demonstration
14:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 10 April.

Tuesday 28 August
Explore Swaledale's past
09:45
Meet Reeth village green
All day guided walk, led by Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group.
www.swaag.org

Tuesday 28 August
Kilnsey Show
Agricultural show held against the magnificent backdrop of Kilnsey Crag with drystone walling, produce, handicrafts, horticulture, equestrian events, fell races and harness racing.
01756 753259
info@kilnseyshow.co.uk
www.yorkshirenet.co.uk/ydales/kilnseyshow



Wednesday 29 August
Reeth Show
A traditional agricultural show in beautiful Swaledale, including The Great Fremington Edge Fell Race, horse classes, sheep show, walling competition and local produce for sale.
www.reethshow.co.uk


The lunar landscape pattern of clints (blocks) and grikes (fissures) in the limestone pavement above Malham Cove is a photographer's dream






At the Cave Rescue Organisation's HQ at Clapham – read more about fell and cave rescue on page 31

Wednesday 29 August
National Park Event - Meadow Magic!  
 13:00 to 15:00
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 Join us for lots of flowery fun and help make a wildflower meadow collage - or make your own! A fun and practical drop-in craft session for ages 5 to 14. Under 7s to be accompanied by an adult.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 29 August
National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Stream Dipping 
 11.00 to 15.00
 Meet Malham National Park Centre BD23 4DA
 For details see 1 August.
 (Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 29 August
Wild Wednesday
 11:00 to 15:00
 Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
 For details see 25 July.

Thursday 30 August
Kids go Batty! 
 20:00 to 22:00
 Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
 Bat-related craft activities, followed by short walk to see our nocturnal woodlanders. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing; bring a torch. Sorry, no dogs. £5 adults, £2.50 children. Booking essential.
 01729 830416
 malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
 www.nationaltrust.org.uk



A weasel peeps out (Geoff Ryan)

Thursday 30 August
National Park Event - Wildlife of Snaizholme  
 14:00 to 16:30
 Meet Mirkpot House, Snaizholme, Hawes DL8 3NB (grid ref SD 8273 8708)
 For details see 31 May.

Thursday 30 August
Explore Swaledale's Geology
 09:45
 Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)
 Guided walk, led by Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group.
 www.swaag.org

Friday 31 August
Swaledale's Mining Heritage: Lead mining in Gunnerside Gill
 09:45
 Meet Gunnerside
 Guided walk, led by Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group.
 www.swaag.org

Friday 31 August
Funday Friday
 11:00 to 15:00
 Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
 For details see 27 July.

September

Saturday 1 September
Bentham Agricultural Show
 09:00 to 17:00
 Bellfleckers Field, Bentham, Ingleton LA2 7DW
 015242 61606
 vallawson@tinyworld.co.uk

Saturday 1 September
Moorcock Show
 01969 667071

Sunday 2 September
National Park Event - Rugmaking Workshop
 11:00 to 16:00
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 Rugmaking dayschool with Heather Ritchie - £15 charge includes materials and refreshments. Please bring packed lunch or there are cafes nearby.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Sunday 2 September
National Park Event - Scenic Swaledale  
 13:00 to 16:30
 Meet Reeth National Park Centre DL11 6TB
 For details see 12 August.


Tuesday 4 September
National Park Event - Meet a Ranger
 14:00 to 15:00
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 Join Upper Wensleydale Area Ranger Matt Neale for a free talk on the work of the National Park Authority and how it keeps the area special.
 (Contact Hawes NPC – see page 5)

Wednesday 5 September
Muker Show
 One of Yorkshire's most traditional shows - classes for sheep, handicrafts and horticulture, fancy dress, dry stone walling demonstration, sheep dog trials and Muker Silver Band in attendance.
 01748 886564
 kathy@jinglepot.co.uk

Thursday 6 to Saturday 8 September
Linton Falls Hydroelectric Power Project Open Days
 To coincide with national event, Heritage Open Days, this hydropower project in Wharfedale will be open to the public. See how the 100 year old historic power station has been brought back to life to generate electricity for the local community once more.
 www.jnbentley.co.uk


Friday 7 to Sunday 9 September
Black Sheep Boots & Beer Walking Festival
 A range of walks starting from Hawes, Askrigg and Bainbridge specially written by Mark Reid author of 'The Inn Way' books and linked by a free daytime shuttle bus. Ticket includes a goody bag and t-shirt.
 01765 689227
 ashleigh.robson@blacksheep.co.uk
 www.blacksheepbrewery.com/bootsnbeer


Saturday 8 September
National Park Event - Victorian Kitchen: Preserves
 11:00 to 15:00
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum dressed in costume, explaining and demonstrating various aspects of the work that went on in the Victorian kitchen. Part of national event, Heritage Open Days. Museum admission charges apply.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 8 September
National Park Event - Hawes Town Trail 
 14:15 to 16:15
 Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 For details see 26 May.

Saturday 8 to Saturday 22 September
Ripon International Festival
 Annual music festival with events at venues in and around Ripon.
 01765 605508
 info@riponinternationalfestival.com
 www.riponinternationalfestival.com

Sunday 9 September
Hardraw Scaur Brass Band Contest
 10:00
 Behind the Green Dragon Inn, Hardraw, near Hawes
 Held in the wooded ravine and natural amphitheatre of Hardraw Scar, this traditional event brings bands from Yorkshire, Lancashire and beyond to compete.
 www.hardrawforce.com

Sunday 9 September
National Park Event - Where Did The Water Go? 
 11:00 to 15:00
 Meet Water Sinks Car Park, south Malham Tarn (grid ref SD 8941 6580)
 Join this moderate 5 mile (8 km) walk finding out what happens to the water after leaving Malham Tarn.
 (Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 15 September
National Park Event - Askrigg & Worton  
 13:00 to 16:30
 Meet Askrigg Church (grid ref SD 9479 9101) DL8
 A moderate 6.5 mile (10.4km) circular walk with two short climbs offering lovely views of Wensleydale from both sides of the valley. Accessible by public transport.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 15 September
Introduction to Landscape Photography
 10:00 to 16:00
 Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
 Full day workshop with local landscape photographers, Mark Butler and Jim Round. Improve the composition of your images whilst discovering tucked away corners of Malhamdale. Bring camera, tripod (limited number available to borrow) and packed lunch. £50. Booking essential.
 01729 830416
 malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Sunday 16 September
Pick Your Own at Malham Tarn
 10:00 to 15:00
 For details see 19 August.



Sunday 16 September
National Park Event - Beginners Family History Workshop
 10:15 to 15:15
 Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 Introduction to family history research. Led by an experienced tutor and using census, parish registers and other archive material. Tea and coffee included. Bring own lunch. Not suitable for children. Price £15.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 19 September
National Park Event - Behind the Scenes at the Museum
 14:00 to 16:00
 Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 For details see 16 May.

Sunday 23 September
National Park Event - Intermediate Family History Workshop
 10:15 to 15:15
 Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 Led by an experienced tutor and using census, parish registers and other archive material. Suitable for those who have had some experience with family history research. Tea and coffee included. Bring own lunch. Not suitable for children. Price £15.
 (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)



Sunday 23 September
National Park Event - Pathfinder Advanced
 10:00 to 16:30
 Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
 For details see 'Navigate your way...' on page 18.

Monday 24 September
Nidderdale Show
 Pateley Bridge
 Annual agricultural show with a fine display of livestock and crafts. Dogs on leads allowed on the showground.
 01969 650 129
 info@nidderdaleshow.co.uk
 www.nidderdaleshow.co.uk

Wednesday 26 September
National Park Event - Fungi of Grass Wood  
 14:00 to 17:00
 Meet Quarry Car Park, Grass Wood (grid ref SD 9838 6521)
 A fascinating search from narrow and sometimes steep paths for elusive fungi in this ancient woodland. Tasting is NOT recommended.
 (Contact Grassington NPC - see page 5)

Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 September
Pateley Bridge Walking Festival
 Pateley Bridge
 01423712088
 info@pbwf.co.uk
 www.pbwf.co.uk

Saturday 29 September
Ghost Walk
 19:00 to 21:00
 Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
 Experience the thrills of a Dales woodland at dusk as we scare you with tales of intrigue and mystery! Bring a torch. £5 adults, £2.50 kids. Booking essential.
 01729 830416
 malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Sunday 30 September
National Park Event - A Ribble Ramble  
 11:00 to 15:00
 Meet Settle Market Cross, adjacent to Town Hall (grid ref SD 8194 6354)
 A moderate 6 mile (9 km) walk on riverside and field paths to Stainforth, looking out along the way for the salmon leaping.
 (Contact Malham NPC - see page 5)

Discover Ingleborough National Nature Reserve 
 Explore the wonderful wildlife, geology, archaeology and social history of the nature reserve.
 General interest walks on 16 May, 23 May, 15 Aug and 5 Sep
 Wildflower walks (led by Senior Reserve Manager Colin Newlands) on 13 Jun, 8 Aug, 4 Jul and 11 Jul.
 30 May Cattle & Coffee Morning - learn about Natural England's conservation grazing herd.
 Call 015242 42021 or visit
 www.naturalengland.org.uk

October

Monday 1 October
National Park Event - Red Squirrel Conservation
10:00 to 16:30
Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
A strenuous 10 mile (16km) guided walk with National Park Ranger Matt Neale to the local Red Squirrel Reserve at Snaizeholme. A chance to learn about habitat and conservation in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Accessible by public transport. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Friday 5 to Sunday 7 October
Ingleton Folk Weekend
Ingleton
Live music, sessions, workshops, street entertainment and concerts - free entry to everything except the Friday evening Ceilidh and the headline concert.
015242 41931
ingletonfolk@gmail.com
www.ingletonfolk.co.uk

Saturday 6 October
National Park Event - Red Squirrel Conservation
10:00 to 16:30
Meet Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
For details see 1 October.

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October
15th Century Life Weekend
10:00 to 17:30
Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
For details see 11 February.

Saturday 13 October
Night Sky / Night Walk at Malham Tarn
20:00 to 22:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
For details see 21 January.

Monday 22 October
Discover Swaledale's historic environment
09:45
Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)
Guided walk, led by Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group.
www.swaag.org

Tuesday 23 October
Explore Swaledale's past
09:45
Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)
Guided walk, led by Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group.
www.swaag.org

Wednesday 24 October
National Park Event - Malham Landscape Trail
11:15 to 15:15
Meet Malham National Park Centre BD23 4DA
For details see 29 April.

Thursday 25 October
Explore Swaledale's Geology
09:45
Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)
Guided walk, led by Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group.
www.swaag.org

Friday 26 October
Swaledale's Mining Heritage: Chert/Lead mining in Arkengarthdale
09:45
Meet Reeth village green (drive to start)
Guided walk, led by Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group.
www.swaag.org

Saturday 27 October to Friday 2 November
Spooky Spectacular!
10:00 to 17:30
Bolton Castle, near Leyburn, DL8 4ET
Dare you enter the witches' castle and join them for their Halloween Party! With pumpkin skittles, potion making, spooky dancing and more. Normal admission charges apply.
01969 623981
info@boltoncastle.co.uk
www.boltoncastle.co.uk

Saturday 27 October to Sunday 4 November
Halloween Half Term Hoot
10:00 to 16:00
Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton BD23 6EX
Can you find all the hidden pumpkins in Strid Wood? Watch out for low-flying witches along this spooktacular trail and unravel their magic spell. Free event, normal estate admission applies.
01756 718009
tourism@boltonabbey.com
www.boltonabbey.com

Sunday 28 October
National Park Event - History of knitting and How to use a knitting stick
13:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
General history with particular reference to that of the Dales plus demonstration of a knitting stick. Museum admission charges apply. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 31 October
National Park Event - Wild Wednesday: Autumn Watch
11.00 to 15.00
Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre DL8 3TH
Drop in any time and join the fun. Lots of games and activities about autumn in the National Park, get crafty in the woods, or follow our trail. Suitable for age 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event.
(Contact Aysgarth Falls NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 31 October
National Park Event - Discover and Do
14:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Part of the national Big Draw event. For details see 15 February.

Wednesday 31 October
Mill Monsters
10:30 to 16:30
Gayle Mill, near Hawes
Family Fun Day - make a mill monster and, as part of the BIG Draw, help us to decorate our giant haunted mill picture. £2 entry.
01969 667320
samantha.belcher@gaylemill.org.uk
www.gaylemill.org.uk

November

Saturday 10 November
Night Sky / Night Walk at Malham Tarn
20:00 to 22:00
Meet Malham Tarn Estate Office, BD24 9PT
For details see 21 January

Friday 16 November
National Park Event - Travellers in the Turnpike age
19.30 to 21.00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
A talk by June Hall. Organised by the Friends of Dales Countryside Museum as part of their annual lecture programme. All welcome, £2. (Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Wednesday 28 November
Moonlit Night Walk
18:30 to 20:00
Meet Buckden car park (pay & display)
See how familiar surroundings change as you experience the thrill of a night walk in Upper Wharfedale. Booking essential. £5 adults, £2.50 kids.
01729 830416
malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

National Trust Walking Festival 2012
A week long nation-wide celebration from 27 Oct to 4 Nov offering short strolls for beginners to real leg stretchers. Join the Trust on 29 Oct for a Hudswell & Hagg Wood Walk, 30 Oct Walking & Geocaching in Upper Wharfedale, 31 Oct for a Stroll around Malham Tarn and 1 Nov on a Hike up Buckden Pike. Call 01729 830416 or email malhamtarn@nationaltrust.org.uk

December

Saturday 1 December
National Park Event - Christmas Fun Day at the Museum
10:00 to 16:00
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes DL8 3NT
Free entry to Museum to join in with quizzes, games and Christmas activities.
(Contact Hawes NPC - see page 5)

Saturday 1 December
Hawes Christmas Lights
16:30
Hawes
Start the festive season with Santa's arrival and the switching on of Hawes Christmas Lights.

Saturday 1 December
Grassington Dickensian Festival
11:00
The village square is transformed into a traditional Victorian market, with street entertainers, choirs, torch lit procession and Santa's grotto. Park & Ride available at a charge.
0845 0942819
info@dickensian.uk.com
www.grassington.uk.com

Sunday 2 December
Skipton Yuletide Festival & Christmas Market
11:00 to 17:00
Skipton
01756 794357
www.skiptonevents.co.uk

Saturday 8 December
Grassington Dickensian Festival
See 1 December for details

Saturday 15 December
Grassington Dickensian Festival
See 1 December for details

Bolton Castle in winter (Janina Holubecki)

