

# Malhamdale, Ribblesdale & Settle



A steam train passing over Ribbleshead viaduct in the snow

Home to Yorkshire's famous Three Peaks - Wharfedale, Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent - this area provides a popular challenge for walkers and fell-runners, normally beginning at the café in Horton.

There is also a hidden subterranean world with streams disappearing underground as they flow off the hills to reappear in the valley far below.

Explore what's beneath your feet by visiting one of the show caves - White Scar Cave near Ingleton or Ingleborough Cave which is reached along a nature trail from Clapham.

Settle is the starting point of the famous Settle-

Carlisle railway which crosses magnificent Ribbleshead viaduct. With its museum, historical buildings, narrow back streets and eclectic mix of galleries, cafés, outdoor suppliers and shops selling local produce, the market town is a popular base for visitors.

Famous for its stunning limestone scenery, Malhamdale includes some of the best known natural wonders in the National Park.

The soaring limestone amphitheatre of Malham Cove is a short walk from the village of Malham and home to rare peregrine falcons. The RSPB and National Park Authority set up a viewing point here each year.

On route to the towering gorge of Gordale Scar you pass Janet's Foss, a lovely woodland waterfall and pool. Janet, the queen of fairies, is said to live in the cave behind the falls.

Above the Cove lies Malham Tarn, the highest natural lake in England.

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With stunning long-reaching views from the moorland tops, and glorious wildflower meadows and riverbank wildlife to spot in the valley bottoms, there are opportunities for everyone to breathe deeply and drink in the Dales.

## Striding out

If it's walks you are after, there is a huge variety, whether you want to tick off some peaks or go for a valley hike.

You can come for the spring flowers, the summer meadows, the autumn colours or a play in the snow. There are old lead mining remains to be discovered, idyllic waterfalls to visit and wildlife to watch. And of course, on its 50th birthday, there's never been a better time to walk the Pennine Way (see pages 6&7).

And, after the sun goes down, the stars come out. The experience of being able to see the Milky Way and myriad stars is truly special in our dark skies.

Join a guided walk with knowledgeable local guides - see pages 15-28 for a full listing for 2015 - or create your own experience. Our Information Advisors can advise on some wonderful known and lesser known routes and there are plenty of fantastic books and maps to buy from our National Park Centres.

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

## Deep, deep down

One of the unique things about the Yorkshire Dales is its limestone scenery - and that means crags, sinkholes, dry valleys and caves. There are three show caves in the area for a first visit underground and, if you are keen to see more, you can team up with a guide to explore further on a true subterranean adventure.

Each year, on spring and summer bank holidays, there is a unique opportunity to be lowered by bosun's chair into the vast main chamber of Gaping Gill - one of the largest underground caverns in the country. Bradford Pothole Club run the May winch meet and Craven Pothole Club the August one - a thrilling experience not to be missed!



Exploring Bolton Abbey



Gordale Scar

## Cycle le Dales

With the visit of the spectacular Tour de France in 2014, no guide to the outdoors would be complete without mentioning cycling.

There is a fantastic network of quiet roads to explore in the Dales - some of which are even relatively flat! However, for many cyclists it is taking on the area's many great climbs which they come for - roads such as Buttertubs Pass, Fleet Moss and Park Rash are recognised as some of the best in the country and gave the elite riders of the Le Tour a fitting test.

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

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## Find your own way

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Stream dipping at Malham



Grinton Moor © Welcome to Yorkshire

The 2014 Tour de France through the Yorkshire Dales National Park was a spectacle like no other. It was thrilling to see this stunning backdrop showcased to a global TV audience of millions as both an incredible cycling and a wonderful visitor destination.

Come and see where it all took place! If you'd like to follow in the elite Tour riders' tyre tracks, or take your first turns on two wheels, you will find everything you need to know on our website [www.cyclethedailes.org.uk](http://www.cyclethedailes.org.uk).

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The River Ure winds down Wensleydale from Hawes, passing Askrigg, Bainbridge and Aysgarth on its way to the market towns of Leyburn and Middleham.

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Family day out at West Burton Falls

to the River Ure at Bainbridge. Nearby are several beautiful waterfalls - Hardraw Force, Aysgarth Falls, Mill Gill Force and West Burton Force.

Hawes is where you can find excellent cafés and shops to wander around as well as being able to see the famous Wensleydale Cheese being made. You can watch rope being spun

at Outhwaites, which is next door to the Dales Countryside Museum. Run by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, the Museum is a great starting point for any trip to the Dales, explaining the story of the landscape and its people, including the lives of farmers and lead miners.

Water is the power behind nearby Gayle Mill, an atmospheric eighteenth century cotton and later saw mill which has been recently restored and represents nearly 230 years of industrial and social heritage.

Enjoy a journey on the vintage Wensleydale Railway which runs from Leeming Bar to Redmire, near Castle Bolton. Bolton Castle - in the contrarily named village of Castle Bolton - is a fantastic vantage point from which to admire the Wensleydale countryside.

For the big kid in everyone, head to The Forbidden Corner to solve the riddles and explore the hidden passages.

In the lower valley is a string of lovely market towns - Leyburn, Middleham and Masham. All have a range of independent shops and cafes set around market squares. Middleham has a superb castle owned by English Heritage, whereas Masham has the attraction of two famous breweries to visit - Black Sheep and Theakston's.

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The town has some great independent shops including Inglesport for all things caving and outdoors. Just outside, there is Daleswear Outdoor store and a great selection of local food and gifts at Country Harvest.

Clapham lies nearby, with its pretty beck running through the centre of the village. There is a selection of cafés, pubs and shops here and it is the start of many walks and cycle rides.

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## Fell and cave rescue

There are many ways to enjoy the Dales, but whether you're scaling Kilnsey Crag or strolling through Grass Wood, accidents can happen.

The three Yorkshire Dales-based rescue teams don't just help potholers and climbers, they are just as likely to be called out to walkers - and animals. In fact, they provide help for anyone off the beaten track, above or below ground.

Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team ([www.swaledalemrt.org.uk](http://www.swaledalemrt.org.uk)), Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association ([www.uwfra.org.uk](http://www.uwfra.org.uk)) and the Cave Rescue Organisation ([www.cro.org.uk](http://www.cro.org.uk)) - supported by Kendal and Kirkby Stephen MRTs in Cumbria - provide a 24 hour, 365 days a year service. The teams are made up of highly trained volunteers available to be called out for a variety of land-based search and rescue operations at short notice, any time, day or night.

Although the Police have overall responsibility for inland search and rescue, the teams work alongside the statutory emergency services, using their skills and experience to go to parts that others can't reach.

Between them, the three teams respond to around 150 callouts a year and each costs about £40,000 annually to run, all through fundraising.

To find out more, including hill safety, annual incident reports, how they train, and how to join and support the teams, please visit them online.



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The Cave Rescue Organisation, based right here in the Yorkshire Dales at Clapham, is believed to be the oldest in the world.

It was formed after an incident at Gingling Hole in 1934. A potholer broke his leg and the long, drawn out rescue provided a serious lesson for all.

The following month, Settle St John Ambulance, Giggleswick School and six potholing clubs met and proposed the world's first cavers' self-help group.

Members were called out 45 times in the first 25 years. By its 75th anniversary, the CRO had been to 2,172 incidents involving 3,160 people, 223 lambs, 194 sheep, 70 dogs, 13 calves, 11 cattle, nine ducks, one cat and one rabbit.

Kit has changed over the years, with ropes and stout boots now complemented by the latest equipment, but all the rescue teams are still made up of amazing people who give their time freely to help those in need of assistance.

In an emergency, would you know how to get help? Whatever your activity, if you're away from a road and need a rescue team...

1. Call 999 or 112 (European emergency number)
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4. Say where you are and give a description, nearest location and grid reference, if possible

5. Describe the problem and answer any other questions

6. Stay by a phone or where you can maintain a signal on your mobile, keeping the line clear so you can be called back.

The rescue team will call other services as required.



# Dog in the Park

Every year millions of dogs - local and visitors - enjoy the National Park with owner in tow and who can blame them for taking the lead. There's such great exploring to be done and many dog-friendly establishments.

But it's no walk in the park - the safety and enjoyment of every dog and its family is important when out and about.

What to know:

- Many ground nesting birds are easily disturbed by inquisitive dogs and fly away leaving the nest vulnerable. From March to July use a short lead.
- Stiles provide a barrier to animals. Dogs might have to learn how to use them or be lifted over - they can fall and hurt themselves.
- Poo - bag it and bin it! Toxocariasis can be passed via waste to other dogs and people, and even into the soil.



- Not everyone likes dogs - be considerate and keep your dog on a lead when passing others.
- Dogs must be kept under control at heel or better still on a lead around livestock - after all, your dog could be shot for disturbing or chasing farm animals. If chased by livestock, it is safer to drop the lead and get out of the field.
- The limestone scenery is spectacular but there are many hazards to consider such as caves, limestone pavement and sink holes which are easy for dogs to fall down - stick to the paths.

Watch out for instructional signage on gates and posts or call into a National Park Centre for more advice (dogs welcome!).



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Two dales for the price of one: Littondale and Wharfedale (Andrew Watkinson)

Wharfedale runs north from Bolton Abbey, passing the attractive stone-built villages of Burnsall, Grassington, Kilnsey and Kettlewell on its journey to Buckden. There are also the lovely side

valleys of Langstrothdale and Littondale.

Steep hills, great views and rocky crags make Wharfedale popular with walkers and it's no surprise it's also known for the fell races at the Kilnsey Show and Burnsall Feast.

From the stony outcrop of Simon's Seat it is possible to see much of the southern dales stretching before you.

You can look down the Valley of Desolation (now full of life) to the pretty village at Appletreewick and along the river towards the beautiful ruins of Bolton Priory.

Other great walks follow the river as part of The Dales Way or you can climb peaks such as Buckden Pike, where you can find out about the story of the WW2 memorial cross there.

Hidden away near Appletreewick is Parcevall Hall where you can visit the lovely grounds in this peaceful setting.

Wharfedale has many attractive and characterful villages such as Buckden and Burnsall, where its five-arched bridge spans the Wharfe and is a popular paddling spot. You may recognise Kettlewell from the Calendar Girls film. It's also where models of another kind can be found in August when its much-loved scarecrow festival takes place.

At nearby Kilnsey Park you can see red squirrels which are part of a breeding programme, meet

the alpacas, fish for your supper, enjoy a meal in the cafe or simply marvel at the height of the crag and the climbers trying to scale it.

Grassington is the main town and a lively centre with plenty of atmosphere, particularly in December during its Dickensian festivities. It has a summer arts festival and many small shops, including one that sells an amazing range of Yorkshire beers!

The valley is home to many traditional pubs. You can find out about the land-letting candle at the George in Hubberholme or visit the cruck barn at the Craven Arms in Appletreewick. Then there's the Queen's Arms in Litton and The Falcon at Arncliffe to drop in on, or you could enjoy a meal at one of the original gastro pubs - The Angel at Hetton.

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**Distance:** 3.5km (2 miles)

**Time:** 1 hour

**Terrain:** there are a number of narrow stiles on this route. Some of the paths can be boggy and slippery. There are steep steps towards the end of the route.

## Route description

1. Leave the National Park Centre and turn left up the road. Take care when crossing the road. Go under the railway bridge and then take the footpath off to the right into Freeholders' Wood Local Nature Reserve - signed 'Carperby 1'.
2. The narrow path gradually climbs up through the wood, curving to the left to a narrow gate in the wall. Go straight ahead across open fields on the obvious trodden path, passing through a series of stone stepped stiles.
3. Turn right on to Low Lane, a minor tarmac lane, and take the footpath off to the left signed 'Carperby Village'. Continue across the open fields and turn left onto the tarmac road.
4. Follow the road towards the green and market cross. Take the footpath signed to your left down a ginnel (passage way) next to a house and follow through meadows back close to Low Lane.
5. Turn left along the main road for 250 metres. Cross the road with care and take the footpath signed 'Aysgarth' through a narrow gate. Stay by the wallside through the first field to a stile.
6. In the next field bear slightly right past a copse of trees enclosed by a wrought iron fence, then turn down the hill to pick up a small path through an iron kissing gate to enter the woods. Follow the path down the steep wooden steps back to the National Park Centre.

**Parking:** Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre (DL8 3TH) (SE 01177 88782)

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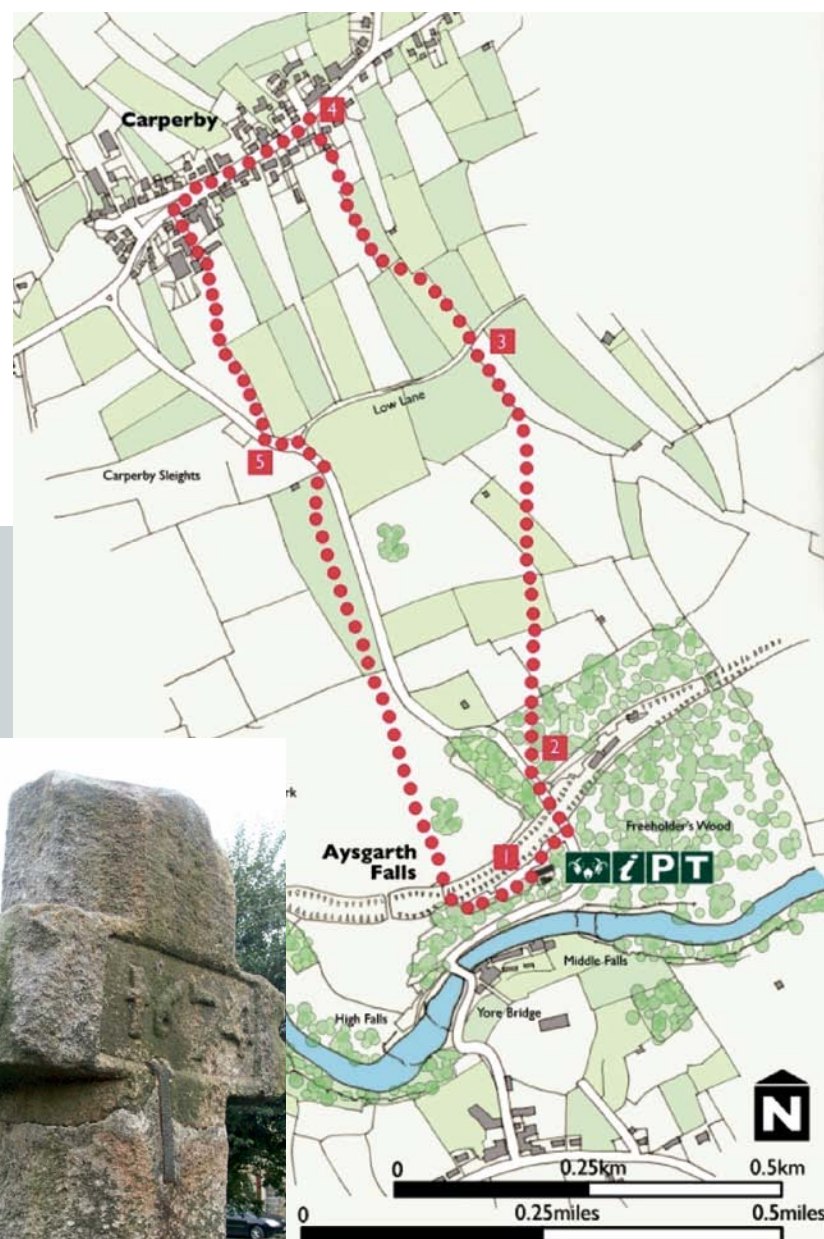
## Carperby

'Kerperbi' is found in the Domesday Book of 1086. The name probably comes from early Scandinavian settlers, with *by* meaning farmstead and *kjarr* meaning a bushy boggy area in old Danish.

Carperby has been designated as a Conservation Area because of its important historic character.

The village must have been sizeable by 1305 because it was granted a Market Charter, one of the earliest in the northern dales. It's unusual in that it has two distinct centres, one at the west end around the 17th century market cross (pictured) and one at the east end where the original medieval manor house may have been.

The village also has a more modern piece of



cultural heritage - The Wheatsheaf Hotel was the real life honeymoon location for writer and vet 'James Herriot' [Alf Wight] and his wife.

## Points of interest

### The old railway line

The railway line through Wensleydale was opened in 1878 and brought early tourists into the area and took dairy products, farm animals, sandstone and limestone out.

The line closed to passenger traffic in 1954, but the eastern end has now been restored with services running again between Leeming Bar and Redmire.

### Freeholders' Wood

For centuries, this 13 hectare patch of ancient woodland was managed and coppiced by the people of Carperby who had the right of 'Estover' – they could cut and collect the wood

for such uses as fencing and hurdlemaking.

The National Park Authority reintroduced regular coppicing to improve the habitat for wildlife and wild flowers. Dormice have also been successfully reintroduced to the woodland after a century's absence.

### River and falls

The River Ure drops by 40 metres in less than a mile thanks to the spectacular three-stepped waterfalls at Aysgarth.

The river has been spanned for centuries by a fine stone bridge, across which stands Yore Mill, a mid 19th century rebuilding of a 1785 cotton mill. Electricity is now generated by the mill's turbine fed by water from the upper falls.

## Let's get buzzy!



You may have noticed our unusual flower beds at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre - they have been carefully planted in order to encourage more bees, butterflies, birds and bats to the area.

We've sown in blocks to make it easier for bees to move from one to the other and - because different bees like different shapes - there are tubular foxgloves as well as open-petalled daisies.

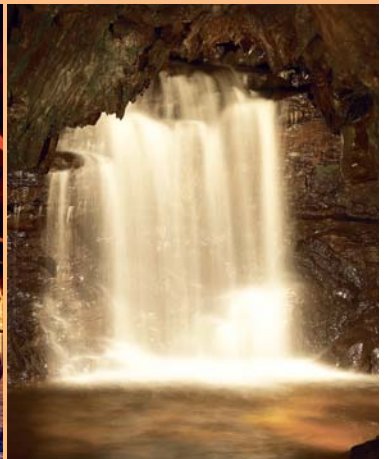
There are also pale-coloured and scented flowers that moths can find at night. The bats that roost nearby eat the moths and birds feed their young on the other insects attracted to the flowers. We don't use any sprays and we plant for a nice long flowering season from early spring to late autumn.

We have already seen a big rise in the number of tiny visitors. If you'd like to create a wildlife friendly area at home, why not visit our website [www.natureinthedales.org.uk](http://www.natureinthedales.org.uk) for more information on how we created ours.



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## Skipton events 2015

### Skipton Waterways Festival

Sat 2, Sun 3, Bank Holiday  
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[www.penninecruisers.com](http://www.penninecruisers.com)

### Skipton Car Show

Sun 7 June, Skipton High Street  
Free vintage, retro & classic car show for all the family.  
[www.skiptoncarshow.com](http://www.skiptoncarshow.com)

### Sheep Day

Sun 5 July, Skipton High Street  
Free family fun, celebrating Skipton's rich heritage.  
[www.sheepday.co.uk](http://www.sheepday.co.uk)

### Skipton Fake Festival

Sat 15 Aug, Aireville Park  
A line-up of tributes to Foo Fighters, Red Hot Chili Peppers & U2, plus great support from local bands.  
[www.fakefestivals.co.uk](http://www.fakefestivals.co.uk)

### Art in the Pen

Sat 15 - Sun 16 August, Skipton Auction Mart  
Meet artists & buy high quality contemporary art in the unique setting of a cattle market.  
[www.artinthepen.org.uk](http://www.artinthepen.org.uk)

### Yarndale

Sat 26 - Sun 27 Sept, Skipton Auction Mart  
Fabulous festival of craft, creativity & beautiful yarn.  
[www.yarndale.co.uk](http://www.yarndale.co.uk)

### Skipton Puppet Festival

Fri 2 - Sun 4 Oct, across Skipton  
International puppet festival, suitable for all age groups, with free street performances.  
[www.skiptonpuppetfestival.co.uk](http://www.skiptonpuppetfestival.co.uk)

### Yuletide Festival

Sun 6 and Sun 13 Dec, across Skipton  
Street entertainers, market stalls, independent shops & much more.  
[www.welcometoskipton.com](http://www.welcometoskipton.com)

### Skipton Camerata concerts

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For more information about what's going on in Skipton go to

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