



Star trail over Jervaulx Abbey (James Allinson)

## Starry, starry night

Its superb dark skies are one of the things that make the Yorkshire Dales National Park so special. With large areas completely free from local light pollution, it's a fantastic place to start your stargazing adventure.

### Where can I go?

Just about anywhere in the National Park is great for studying the night sky, but the more remote you are from light sources such as street lights, the better. There are four designated Dark Sky Discovery Sites at Hawes and Malham National Park Centres, Buckden National Park Car Park and Tan Hill Inn. Open to the public, accessible

to all abilities and with parking and other facilities, they are a good place to begin.

### What can I see?

On a clear night you could see as many as 2,000 stars. In most places it is possible to see the Milky Way as well as the planets, meteors - and not forgetting the Moon. You might even catch the Northern Lights when activity and conditions are right, as well as the International Space Station travelling at 17,000mph overhead.



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

## Don't let rain stop play

The British weather isn't all sunshine! But that shouldn't dampen your enjoyment as there is a wealth of fantastic shops, attractions and delicious food to discover in the Dales while keeping dry.

Now's the time to try Yorkshire curd tart washed down with a good cup of tea - make it your mission to seek out a real taste of the Dales.

Venture underground into the show caves at Stump Cross, Ingleborough and White Scar, visit a pub and sup a Yorkshire pint, or learn new skills - there are workshops throughout the year at the Dales Countryside Museum.

But you don't have to stay indoors - mountain biking is even better with some mud. And of course our wonderful waterfalls look at their very best after a proper downpour.



Stump Cross Caverns



For more ideas go to [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/rainy-days](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/rainy-days)



## Down on the farm

Need some ideas to wear out the kids this holiday? There are great open farms at Hesketh Farm Park near Bolton Abbey, where you can feed the animals and play in the straw maze, and Holme Open Farm near Sedbergh, where you can also go birdwatching or have a riverside picnic. In the heart of spectacular Wharfedale, Kilnsey Park Estate offers family fishing, friendly animals to visit and the best of local food.

Everyone can be a big kid at the unique Forbidden Corner near Leyburn and, for a roller coaster fix, head to nearby Lightwater Valley.

And we have our own horrible histories that can really bring the past alive. At Bolton Castle in Wensleydale you might be able to try out some archery (pictured), or get involved in Medieval re-enactments at Skipton Castle.



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## Workshops and experiences

Fancy turning your hand to something new when you visit? How about developing your skills with one of our great local artists or photographers, or finding out how to make the perfect Yorkshire sausage! There are courses to hone your talents and reveal new ones.

Farfield Mill near Sedbergh specialise in workshops revolving around fabric and material, and Flying Shavings run their famous wooden animal making courses in Strid Wood at Bolton Abbey.



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Malhamdale farmer Chris Wildman runs a farm shop and butchery courses as part of Paganum foods - you can learn how to carry out pork butchery, make sausages, curing or charcuterie - or you can make your own cheese with Ribblesdale Cheese.



Visit [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/workshops-and-experiences](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/workshops-and-experiences) for details of these and many other options, and browse our 'Call the Experts' page to find out about opportunities to learn outdoor skills such as caving and navigation.



# Wensleydale

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

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

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

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



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calling in at the 100-year-old Hawes auction mart for a real slice of farming life.

commissioned by local landowner Frank Sayer-Graham (1859-1946), has such a fascinating story that it is now Grade II listed. Jervaulx Abbey, located in a beautiful, wooded setting by the River Ure, is privately owned but open to the general public - with an 'honesty box' to help towards its upkeep.

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In the lower dale are a string of lovely market towns. All have a range of independent shops and cafés set around market squares. Middleham has a superb castle owned by English Heritage, whereas Masham has two famous breweries to visit - Black Sheep and Theakston.

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## Stepping out

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Join a guided walk with knowledgeable local leaders (see pages 15-28 for a full listing for 2016) or strike out on your own across our 2,000km of footpaths. Our Information Advisors can advise on some wonderful known and lesser known routes to try and there are plenty of fantastic books and maps to buy from our National Park Centres.

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

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## Pedal power

With the visit of the Tour de France in 2014 and Tour de Yorkshire in 2016, 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 that they come for. Roads such as Buttertubs Pass, Fleet



The spectacular 2016 Tour de Yorkshire races into the National Park on Friday 29 April.

Stage 1 of the three day event will enter on the road from Pateley Bridge, go through Grassington and continue on to Cracoe, Gargrave and Long Preston before a big finish in Settle.

No trip to the Yorkshire Dales would be complete without spending some time in the great outdoors. With stunning far-reaching views from the moorland tops and glorious wildflower meadows in the valleys, there are opportunities for everyone to breathe deeply and drink in the Dales.

Indulge in a relaxing riverside picnic or enjoy a short stroll - and there are plenty of opportunities to get more adventurous if you choose.

We've got tons of ideas for adrenalin junkies and peaceful-day-outers alike; for when it's raining and when it's shining, and for everything in between. Head to our website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/go-outdoors](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/go-outdoors) to see all that's on offer and start planning your visit.

## Deep, deep down

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

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

Each year, on May and August 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. A thrilling experience not to be missed!



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# Day in the Dales

Horton-in-Ribblesdale will be a hive of activity on Saturday 18 June with walkers taking up the famous Three Peaks challenge.

The Day in the Dales is a flagship sponsored event for Heart Research UK in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Three Peaks Project. Open to all, it's ideal for walkers, hikers and families alike, with three routes to choose from as well as a day of fun-filled activities.

Together, we will be raising money to help people live healthier, longer, happier lives as well as improving and maintaining the much-loved - and much-used - Three Peaks footpaths.



The routes on offer are the full 25-mile Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge, a less strenuous 15-mile route which meanders around the valleys, or, for those who prefer a gentle stroll and younger or older participants, a flat, but equally scenic 5k nature walk in and around the village of Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

Add to that a Family Day with sports, produce stalls and games and you'll have the perfect family experience that will not only improve your heart health but will also help care for one of the UK's most epic locations.

Whichever route you decide to take, your support will make all the difference.

An entry fee (Three Peaks £25, Valleys £15, Nature Trail £5; under 12s go free) covers costs and ensures we can put on a safe enjoyable event - we'll even give you a lift if you need to drop out. Anything left over and all money you raise through sponsorship will be split between helping hearts near you and conserving the Yorkshire Dales path network.

In 2015, over 50 National Park staff and rangers took up the Three Peaks challenge to raise money for a project close to our hearts - join us to do the same again on 18 June.

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# Settle, Ingleton & the Three Peaks



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Situated amid dramatic limestone countryside, the market town of Settle is the starting point of the famous Settle-Carlisle railway. This historic line wends its way through the western dales crossing the magnificent Ribblehead Viaduct, completed in 1874, the story of which was recently told in ITV's *Jericho*.

With its museum, historical buildings, narrow back streets and eclectic mix of galleries, cafés,

outdoor suppliers and

shops selling local produce, Settle is a popular base for visitors. On route, The Courtyard has a collection of artisan shops and a café-brasserie.

Ingleton has some great independent shops including Inglesport for all things caving and outdoors. The lovely Ingleton Waterfalls Walk starts here and there is an outdoor swimming pool in the park. Just outside the town is White

Scar Cave, Britain's longest show cave, and there is a great selection of local food and gifts at Country Harvest.

Clapham lies nearby, with its pretty beck running through the village centre. It has cafés, pubs and shops and is the start of many good walks and cycle rides. Reached along a nature trail from Clapham is Ingleborough Cave, another fascinating show cave which is linked to the famous pothole of Gaping Gill. You can join the potholing clubs here on May and August bank holidays and experience the thrill of being winched down into its vast main chamber.

The area is most famous for being home to Yorkshire's Three Peaks - Wharfedale, Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent. A popular challenge for walkers and fell-runners is to complete all three - that's 25 miles of rise and fall - in under 12 hours. The starting point is traditionally the Pen-y-ghent Café in Horton-in-Ribblesdale where you can clock in and out.

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

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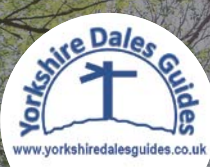
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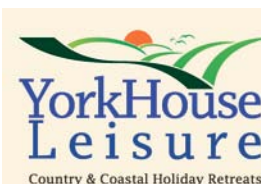
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Introducing... Phil Richards,  
Area Ranger for Wharfedale & Liffordale

**Favourite part of the job?**  
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**What did you do before joining the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority?**  
I have worked for the Authority now for 28 years. Prior to this I did an apprenticeship in drystone walling, followed by working for a contractor at country parks in the Manchester area maintaining paths and ponds.

**Favourite place in the National Park?**  
Has to be Liffordale, with its wonderful limestone scenery such as Yew Cougar Scar and Blue Scar.

**Favourite thing to do in the National Park?**  
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**Ideal day?**  
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# Kirkby Stephen, Upper Eden Valley & Orton Fells

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

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

A few miles away is another old railway line which has been restored to make a walking trail - Smardale Gill and Viaduct. This provides a dramatic flat walk through a beautiful wooded gill and across a spectacular 14 arch viaduct over Scandal Beck.

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

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



Wild Boar Fell from Outhgill

ruins of a pele tower - a defensive building against Scottish raiders - at nearby Lammerside.

Running down the length of Mallerstang is the Settle-Carlisle railway from its highest point at Aisgill, passing Kirkby Stephen and following the Eden Valley all the way to Carlisle.

The Orton Fells is an exposed area of moorland with stunning limestone pavement surrounded by farmland. It has picturesque villages such as Crosby Ravensworth with its community run Butcher's Arms pub, and Orton, a popular spot with a pub, café and Kennedy's Chocolate Factory. The village has the distinctive white-towered All Saints Church and bridges cross the two becks which enclose a central green.

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

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

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# Kirkby Lonsdale & Upper Lune Valley



End of Leck Fell Road

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Take a stroll alongside the river to visit Devil's Bridge which spectacularly crosses the River Lune.

There is a great picnic area to enjoy by the river or you can buy a mug of tea from the famous snack wagon.

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

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

The east side of the Lune Valley rises up to the high fells of Middleton, Barbon, Leck and

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Intersecting these fells is the wonderful tranquil valley of Barbondale which hosts the famous Barbon hill climb and takes a picturesque route through to Dent.

Further north, the Lune gorge forms a natural pass between the Howgills and the Lake District fells which has been used by travellers for thousands of years. The Dales Way long-distance path still uses this route in its journey connecting the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District.

Running through the valley is the old railway line which linked Clapham to Tebay. As you explore you can still see evidence of this superb piece of engineering in a number of dramatic viaducts which span the valley.

Tebay was once a bustling railway junction town and is still a convenient stopping point with easy access making it a good base for walkers and cyclists.

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Don't leave here without... sipping a cup of tea from the stall on Devil's Bridge while admiring views of the beautiful River Lune.



# Grimwith Reservoir Walk

This circular wild walk takes in stunning views across the water and from the top of the dam, a fascinating traditional cruck barn, a Victorian farmstead and a ruin which is all that is left of the tiny hamlet of Gate Up, sacrificed for the reservoir.

The site, surrounded by heather moorland, belongs to Yorkshire Water and is an important area for wildfowl such as wigeon and Canada geese - dogs must be kept under close control. The much smaller 19th century reservoir was enlarged in the late 1970s and the water level raised by 20 metres.

**Distance:** 4.2 miles (7km) circular route

**Terrain:** well surfaced paths, some gradients

**Time:** leisurely 2-3 hour walk

**Accessibility:** suitable for pushchairs and electric trampers

**Getting there:** the reservoir is north of the B6265 between Grassington and Pateley Bridge and there is a blue Yorkshire Water sign at the entrance.

**Facilities:** there are picnic tables and toilets at the car park and benches around the reservoir to enjoy a picnic with great views across the water.

## The route:

1. From the car park, go through the gate at the far end. Follow the track for a short distance before turning left onto a lovely path that winds its way down to the shore by the cruck barn.
2. Continue past the imposing ruin of Grimwith House and follow the track around the reservoir. There are benches to stop and have a rest with far-reaching views across the water.
3. You now follow the new 700 metre path, built in 2015 to improve this formerly wet and muddy section and make the whole 7km route more accessible.
4. The track continues round, passing a small woodland. Turn left on the signed route which leads to a path over the dam.
5. Go back up the road to return to the car park.

## Ghost towns

The hamlet of Grimwith was submerged to make way for the original reservoir and replaced by the new farmstead at Grimwith House. The hamlet of Gate Up disappeared beneath the waters when the reservoir was enlarged and only one ruined building remains on the north shore as evidence of the former settlement.



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## High Laithe cruck barn

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## Grimwith House

At the eastern end of the reservoir lies an unusual example of a well-preserved, purpose-built farmstead - almost all others in the Dales have developed piecemeal. It was probably constructed soon after the creation of the first reservoir in 1864 to replace a pre-existing complex, now submerged. There are records of a vaccary (cattle farm) at Grimwith since 1302.

The large two storey farmhouse contains an integrated stable and carriage house, and its seven-celled eastern section and separate barn were planned to accommodate a variety of stock (pigs, hens and cattle).



## Writing at the reservoir

Located around the route you will spot tantalising fragments of poetry carved in stone. These were created to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Act that created National Parks in 2009, inspired by the scenery and to stir the imagination and foster storytelling at this atmospheric site.



High Laithe cruck barn with Grimwith House in the distance

## What's in a name?

The origin of the name 'Grimwith' is unknown, but there was a family called Grymouth - sometimes spelt de Gyrnemouth - living in the area in 1296 which suggests the settlement was well over 500 years old when it was flooded.



Gate Up ruin

## Red Scar lead mine

A short detour off the path across open access land lies the remains of a mid-19th century lead mine, now a scheduled monument.

## New Laithe

This typical late 18th century Dales barn has an outshot, hay storage extending over its entrance, and preserved wooden boskins (the dividers between cattle stalls).





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