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Yorkshire Dales National Park

# The VISITOR 2016

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times gone by

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by a quarter in 2016

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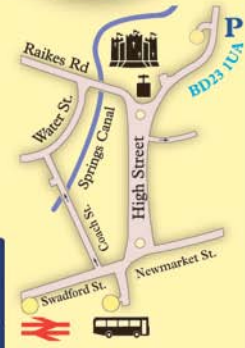
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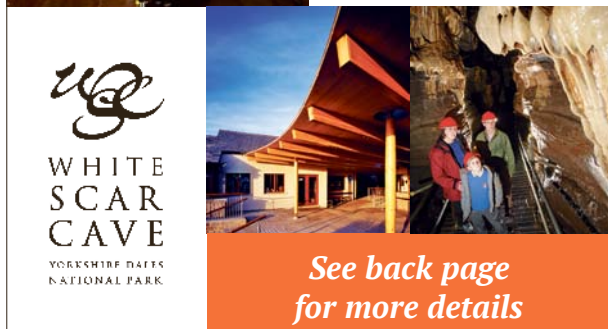
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# A special place



The Yorkshire Dales National Park was designated in 1954 in recognition of its extraordinary natural beauty, the diversity of its wildlife habitats, its rich cultural heritage and its fantastic opportunities for outdoor recreation.

It is looked after by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and it's our job to care for this very special place and its communities and to help people understand and share in it.

With the exciting news that the National Park is being extended to the north and west from August, it will soon cover 2,179 square kilometres (841 square miles).

It is one of a family of 15 National Parks in the UK, protected for future generations to enjoy. Truly Britain's breathing spaces.

To find out more - including how to get here, where to stay, and what to see and do - go to [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk).

Or call in at one of our National Park Centres where our knowledgeable information advisors will be pleased to help you make the most of your visit (see page 5).

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Help us keep the Dales special

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



## A warm welcome to the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Thank you for choosing to come to this very beautiful area.

With a 12 page 'what's on' listing, features, large map highlighting attractions, and all the essential information you need to enjoy your stay, we hope that *The Visitor 2016* will show why the Yorkshire Dales is so special.

And from this year there will be even more to enjoy as the National Park grows by a quarter to include such spectacular landscapes as the Orton Fells, Lune Valley, Mallerstang and the northern Howgills, when it extends further into Cumbria and now Lancashire, too.

Working together we hope to make the most of the wonderful opportunities this offers for the area's natural and cultural heritage and local communities and visitors alike.

You can be assured of a very warm welcome from the many fantastic local businesses and tourism operators that make this such a great place to stay and enjoy. Please do your bit to help maintain and enhance it by spending a little money in local shops and on local food and drink to help ensure the future well-being of its communities.

Above all enjoy your visit - and come back soon!





# Sedbergh, Dent, Ravenstonedale & the Howgills



**Don't leave here without...**  
taking a stroll to admire Cautley Spout - a dramatic waterfall crashing down the side of the Howgills - and then relaxing in the Cross Keys, a National Trust-owned temperance inn.

town is the restored Victorian woollen mill, Farfield Mill Arts & Heritage Centre, a hive of creativity with

galleries, artists' studios and craft demonstrations.

Nearby, the dramatic waterfall of Cautley Spout crashes down the side of the Howgills. It is reached from the Cross Keys, a temperance inn now owned by the National Trust.

The area is central to the history of the Quaker movement. You can visit Fox's Pulpit, the hillside spot where George Fox preached in 1652, and the peaceful meeting house at Brigflatts.

Ravenstonedale and Newbiggin-on-Lune are great bases for exploring the northern part of the area.

Enjoy a round of golf at the quirky Riverside Golf Club which has 18 short holes and only 9 greens. Or go fly fishing at Bessy Beck Trout Fishery which offers a range of opportunities to catch rainbow trout for beginners and experienced anglers alike.

You could also develop your artistic side on an art course with David and Caroline at Scar Art Gallery.

Walkers will delight in the low level walks on The Dales Way by the River Dee as well as the higher routes on the Howgills.

The River Dee flows down the glorious limestone valley of Dentdale where you can find a real sense of tranquillity. High on the valley side is Dent Station - the highest mainline station in England at 1,100 feet - which is on the spectacular Settle-Carlisle railway.

The cobbled streets of Dent (pictured) are home to the award-winning George & Dragon pub with its own micro-brewery, and the town's centrepiece - a memorial fountain to its most famous son, geologist Adam Sedgwick.

The Dent Village Heritage Centre is packed with artefacts explaining the history of the dale and its people, including the mining of the black Dent marble and the story of the 'terrible knitters of Dent'.

Visit [www.discoverdentdale.co.uk](http://www.discoverdentdale.co.uk), [www.sedbergh.org.uk](http://www.sedbergh.org.uk) and [www.ravenstonedale.org](http://www.ravenstonedale.org) for more information.

Nestled beneath the Howgills - a dramatic area of high, rounded hills described by walker and writer Alfred Wainwright as looking like a 'herd of

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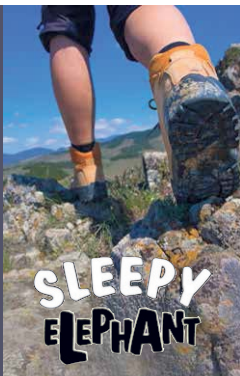
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# Your visit starts here

Our **National Park Centres** make the perfect starting point for your visit to the Yorkshire Dales.

Expert and knowledgeable staff will help with all the information you need - what to do, where to stay and how to get there - as well as local know-how on everything from where to get a grand cup of tea to where to go for a great afternoon stroll.

Shop for books, maps and clothing for your



outdoor adventures from our range of exclusive National Park merchandise or find that perfect Dales souvenir, from local preserves to fridge magnets.

Browse leaflets, hire a GPS receiver and quiz sheet to go geocaching, or download our Bluetooth trails to your phone.

Our Centres are in fantastic settings so you'll find plenty to do close by when you call in, so why not make a day of it.

## Hawes

Dales Countryside Museum, Station Yard,  
Burtersett Road, Hawes DL8 3NT  
(grid ref. SD875899)  
01969 666210  
hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk



The nineteenth century former railway buildings house both a National Park Centre and the fantastic Dales Countryside Museum so there is plenty to pack a day with when you call in.

### Don't leave here without...

tasting Wallace and Gromit's beloved cheese at the nearby Wensleydale Creamery.

## Grassington

Hebden Road, Grassington, Skipton BD23 5LB  
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The Centre has colourful displays on haytime in the Dales, lockable bike stores and racks, a tap for washing muddy boots and a nearby meadow to picnic in.

### Don't leave here without...

strolling down Sedber Lane, looking at the lynchets (ancient field systems) and seventeenth century laithe (barn).

## Opening times

1 April to 31 October, open daily from 10am

1 November to 31 March, Saturday and Sunday only (closed January)

Please note, individual National Park Centres vary their opening hours throughout the year, with additional opening during school holidays and for special events.

Check [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/nationalparkcentres](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/nationalparkcentres) or ring ahead for details.

## Malham

Malham, BD23 4DA (grid ref. SD900627)  
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climbing the 400 steps to see the lunar landscape of limestone pavement at the top of awe-inspiring Malham Cove.

## Reeth (Hudson House)

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01748 884059  
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### Don't leave here without...

visiting Swaledale Museum to learn about the hard life former leadminers endured.

## Aysgarth Falls

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### Don't leave here without...

witnessing the three thunderous cascades of Aysgarth Falls - especially after heavy rain.

## Tourist Information Centres

Visit or contact any of the other Tourist Information Centres close to the National Park for a wealth of detailed, up-to-the-minute information to help you plan your visit to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales and beyond.

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# I went to market...

Author, journalist, outdoor enthusiast and local historian W R (Bill) Mitchell wrote with warmth and wit about life in the Dales and its most intriguing characters for over six decades.

Known for his wry but gentle observations, he worked for the *Dalesman* magazine for 40 years - 20 as editor - as well as producing more than 200 books on subjects such as Alfred Wainwright, Alf Wight (creator of the James Herriot books) and Kit Calvert, a well-known Dales personality from Hawes who once rewrote the Bible in Yorkshire dialect.

Bill started his career as a junior reporter on *The Craven Herald* in 1943 aged just 15. His first assignment was to interview a character known as Owd Mick the Bull Walloper, a cattle drover who could reportedly drink 12 pints of bitter to 12 strokes of a striking clock.

Bill wrote two books on Sir Edward Elgar, who was a regular visitor to the Dales, and from this

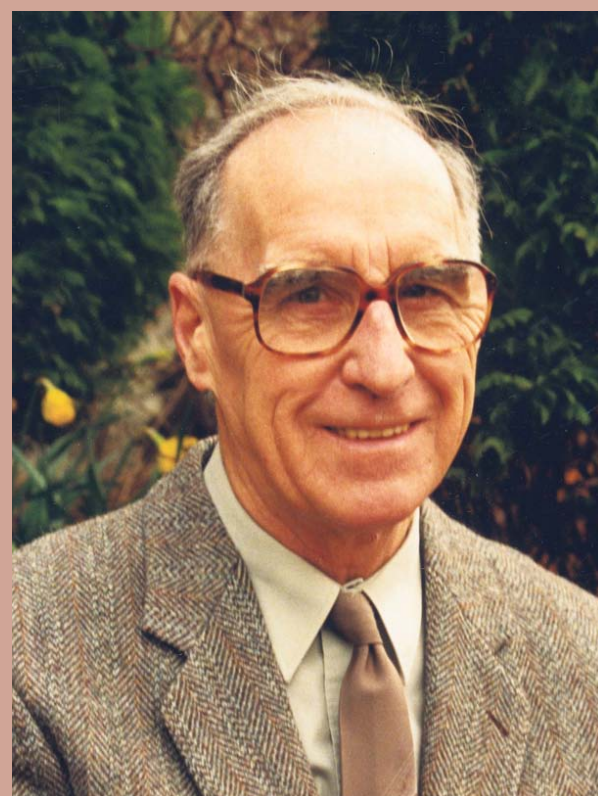
developed The Elgar Way, a circular 13 mile walk for enthusiasts wanting to follow in the composer's footsteps.

A staunch supporter of the famous Settle-Carlisle railway line, he was involved in saving it from closure in the 1980s.

Born in Skipton, Bill lived in Giggleswick for many years with his wife Freda, a farmer's daughter, who he met on a Pennine Bus.

He was awarded an MBE for services to journalism in 1996, and in 2009 was voted the National Park's greatest living cultural icon in a public poll to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Act that created National Parks.

In tribute to Bill, who died last year, we are publishing a piece he wrote for *The Visitor* 2009 on market days, the customs and the folk who attended them in times gone by.



The weekly market in a Dales town has always been something more than a commercial enterprise. For the folk living at a scattering of updale farms and hamlets, in the days before motor vehicles, wireless and television, the market had a social value. Old friendships were sustained and the latest gossip absorbed.

Gone are many of the old market day customs. At Martinmas, in November, men and women were hired for work on the farms. They had been paid a year later, on leaving day, and being temporarily flush with money provided a harvest for such as outfitters, who sold suits and boots.

At the hiring, the deal was clinched by the passing of a pound or half-sovereign from the master to the man. Some women who found employment on Dales farms had been hired at Ulverston, in Furness. One or two had the good fortune to become the wives of prospering farmers.

A summertime invasion, leading to another special sort of fair and gathering point for farmfolk, was the arrival in the Dales of an Irish labour force from County Mayo, in western

Ireland, keen to hire for haymaking. The main hiring fairs were at Bentham, then Hawes. Skipton also had its contingent of Irishmen. A farming relative of mine, who had reddish hair, was not amused when someone asked if he was for hire. An Irishman was hired for a month, for a fixed sum; his board and lodging were included.

On market day at Hawes, the whole town had a carnival atmosphere. Stalls were erected both outside and under cover, in the Market Hall. At one time there was a homely wash of dialect, some back-slapping and gossip, the "small change of rural life" that never gets into the columns of the newspapers.

A correspondent of *The Dalesman*, long years ago, recalled as a boy of twelve he was allotted the task of driving two hundred geese from Newby Head to Hawes, a distance of six miles. The feet of the birds had been dipped in melted tar and pitch, followed by a coating of sand, which "shod" them for the rough journey.

Chris Chapman, grandson of Edward, who first made Wensleydale cheese by factory methods, was a grocer who sold sheep salve and rudd [a marking substance]. You may buy clay pipes at a shilling a gross.



Kit Calvert (pictured above), a familiar figure in Hawes on market day, not only presided over the making of Wensleydale cheese but had a small shop for the sale of second-hand books. It was also a cal-oil [a place for gossiping] and among those who were attending the market and looked forward to a rest were farmers from upper Swaledale who had arrived at Hawes on market day via the Buttertubs.







Market day in Hawes, 1940s

Womenfolk arrived with baskets of butter and eggs; the butter was sold at a shilling or one and thruppence a pound. It was also their custom to bring in bump knitting, which consisted of thick woollen stockings and jerseys.

Cute travellers by rail on market day transported especially bulky purchases homewards without extra charge. They left them on the platform until the train was arriving and then rushed their possessions into the carriage, leaving no time for

the station staff to intervene.

At Sedbergh, Freda M Kay, a former much respected local historian, told me about an old lady who walked four miles from home to town with a basket of gooseberries on each arm. A thrifty family in Cautley walked to Kendal where they sold their butter for a halfpenny a pound more than at Sedbergh.

Eddie Gower, who lived at Grassington, mentioned that the Friday market in the Square ceased in the

18th century but that in the 1890s there was a “supermarket” at Liverpool House. Items for sale included groceries, clothing, linoleum, coffee, curtains, pig-tail tobacco and doormats.

The variety of goods at a Dales market was astonishing. Those who patronised it invariably went home with whatever they had intended to buy.

When Bill Mitchell joined *The Dalesman* in 1948, founder Harry Scott told him to “put people before things” and that remained with him throughout his life.

He left behind a collection of more than 600 audio interviews, 50 videos and 15,000 photographs, currently being digitised by arts and heritage charity Settle Stories.

The wonderful W R Mitchell Archive is dedicated to his memory and all the Dales folk whose tales he captured, told in their own words and dialects - visit [www.wrmitchellarchive.org.uk](http://www.wrmitchellarchive.org.uk)



Droving geese to market

## Farmers & artisan markets 2016

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<b>Grassington</b>	2nd Sun of the month
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<b>Kirkby Lonsdale</b>	Every Thursday (1st Thurs of the month, farmers)
<b>Masham</b>	1st Sun of the month (April to Sept)
<b>Orton</b>	2nd Sat of the month
<b>Richmond</b>	3rd Sat of the month
<b>Ripon</b>	3rd Sun of the month
<b>Settle</b>	2nd Sun of the month
<b>Skipton</b>	1st Sun of the month (March to Sept)

## Market days 2016

**Monday:** Kirkby Stephen, Richmond (indoor), Skipton, Thirsk

**Tuesday:** Bedale, Hawes, Richmond (indoor), Settle

**Wednesday:** Barnard Castle, Bentham, Masham, Northallerton, Richmond (indoor), Sedbergh, Skipton

**Thursday:** Kirkby Lonsdale, Richmond (indoor), Ripon

**Friday:** Appleby (indoor), Ingleton,

Keighley (indoor), Leyburn, Reeth, Skipton, Richmond (indoor)

**Saturday:** Appleby, Barnard Castle, Masham, Northallerton, Richmond, Skipton, Thirsk





# Wharfedale

With its steep hills, great views and rocky crags it's no surprise that the valley of Wharfedale is popular with walkers, and well-known for the fell races at the annual Kilnsey Show and Burnsall Feast.

Running north from Bolton Abbey, it passes many attractive stone-built villages on the way to Buckden. Burnsall, where a five-arched bridge spans the Wharfe, is a popular paddling spot, and you may recognise Kettlewell from the film 'Calendar Girls'.

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

At 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 café or simply marvel at the height of the crag and the climbers trying to scale it.

The valley is home to many traditional pubs. Find out about the land-letting candle at The George in Hubberholme or visit the cruck barn at the Craven

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Arms in Appletreewick.

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



Kayaking at Linton Falls

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marvelling at the waters tumbling over Linton Falls and the restored hundred-year old hydroelectric plant.

festival, regular farmers market and many small shops, including one that sells an amazing range of Yorkshire beers!

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# Malhamdale

Malhamdale is famous for its stunning limestone scenery and includes some of the best known natural wonders in the National Park.

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

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

Above the Cove lies Malham Tarn, the highest natural lake in England. The site is managed by the National Trust and features great walks around the Tarn, a boardwalk through the nature reserve and a bird hide to visit.

On route to the towering gorge of Gordale Scar you pass Janet's Foss, a lovely woodland waterfall



Family day out at Gordale Scar

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getting up close to the world's fastest bird, the peregrine falcon, using high-powered telescopes at the RSPB viewpoint at Malham Cove, April to August

and gladed pool. Janet, the Queen of the Fairies, is said to live in the cave behind the falls.

Malham village is home to the blacksmith Annabelle Bradley who designs and makes beautiful wrought ironwork.

Further down the valley you can learn about charcuterie with Chris Wildman at Paganum - the home of the spicy Yorkshire Chorizo! And at Airton, be sure to call into Town End Farm with its café and selection of local produce for sale.

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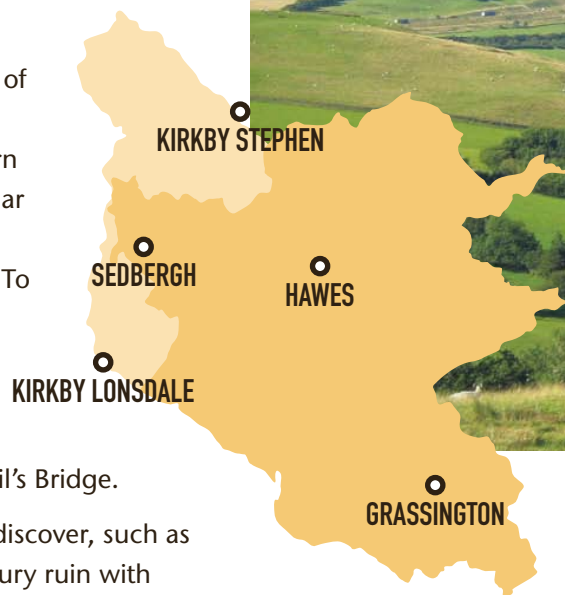
The Yorkshire Dales National Park is being extended!

In fact it will grow by nearly a quarter, with an extra 161 square miles (417 square kilometres) of stunning upland landscape treasured through national designation for everyone to enjoy.

From 1 August 2016, the boundary will include new areas in Cumbria and into Lancashire.

To the north, it will take in the stark limestone-terraced plateau of Great Asby Scar and the velvet rounded contours of the northern Howgill Fells, distinctive Wild Boar Fell and Mallerstang, and the settlements that surround them. To the west, the wild and exposed fells of Casterton, Middleton, Barbon and Leck, the tranquil valley sculpted by the River Lune and bustling Devil's Bridge.

There are extraordinary sites to discover, such as Pendragon Castle, a twelfth century ruin with legendary links to Uther Pendragon, the father of King Arthur, and Smardale viaduct, with its spectacular 14 arches.



## Did you know..?

Following its extension, the Yorkshire Dales National Park will become the third largest of the UK's 15 National Parks, after the Cairngorms and the Lake District.

## Did you know..?

12% of the Yorkshire Dales National Park is already in Cumbria. Now that will increase to 27% - and for the first time 1% of it will be in Lancashire, too.

There are picturesque villages such as Orton with its artisan chocolatiers, and hidden gems such as the old railway line that spanned the Lune Valley - as well as standing stones, burial cairns and amazing erratics.

The extension will bring us to within touching distance of the Lake District National Park - which is also set to grow by around 3% - and means that the beautiful Yorkshire Dales National Park will cover 841 square miles (2,179 square kilometres) in total.

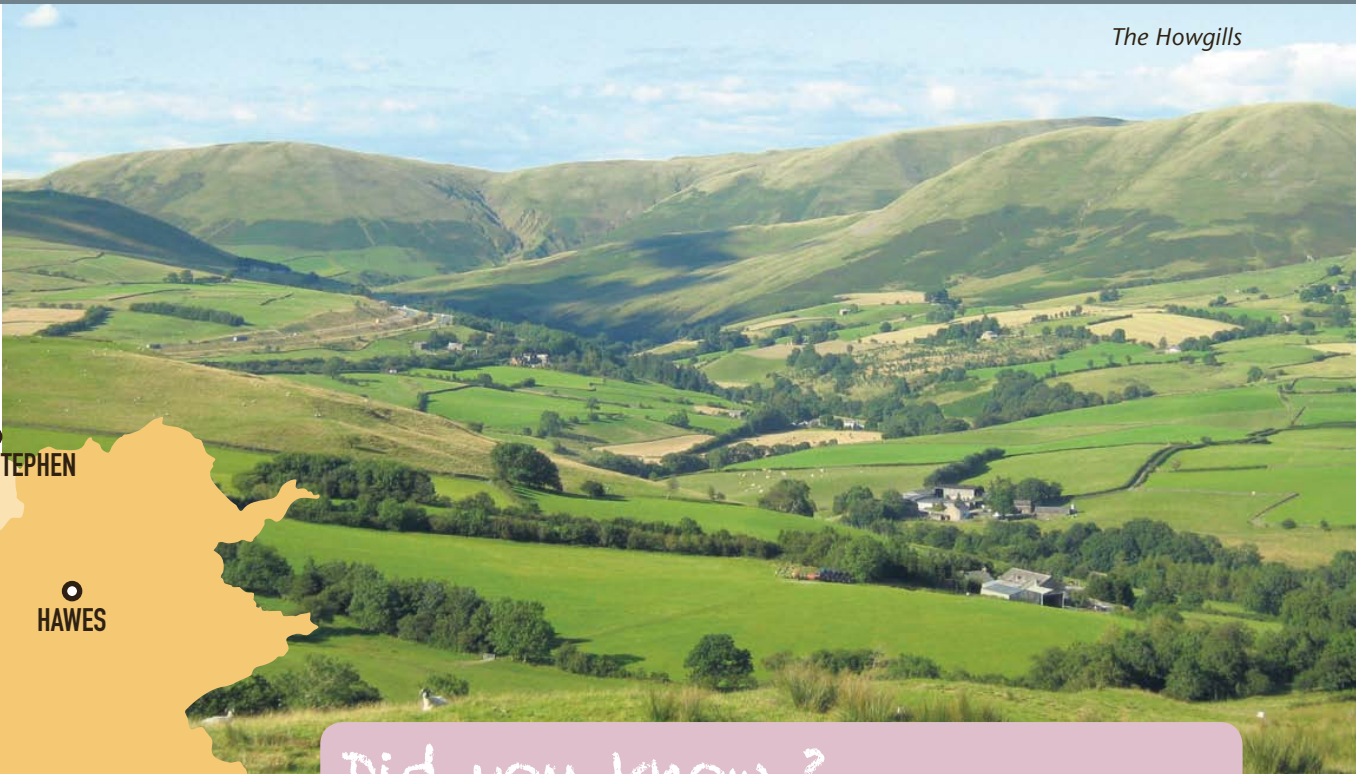
It's thrilling that these fantastic areas have at last been recognised as worthy of national park status, based entirely on the quality of the landscape and rich recreational opportunities they offer. Discover them for yourself now.



See the extension area in detail on the map on page 20. Visit [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/boundary-extension](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/boundary-extension) to find out more.

## Did you know..?

Unlike US national parks, the Yorkshire Dales National Park is not a wilderness area but a living, working landscape, much of it privately owned. It is home to around 20,000 people, rising to 24,000 from 1 August.



The Howgills

## Why is the National Park getting bigger?

When the boundary was drawn in 1954, it was done so on the administrative and political boundaries that existed at that time.

The anomaly has been much discussed since and often referred to as 'unfinished business'. In the north-west on the old West Riding boundary, for example, you could stand on the summit of the Howgills and have one foot in the National Park and one foot out.

Around ten years ago following publication of the 'Forgotten Landscapes' report by Friends of the Lake District, Natural England undertook a detailed examination to look at extending the boundary of both National Parks. The huge exercise that followed involved consultation with businesses, landowners, local communities and the wider public.

In its response as a consultee, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority agreed with Natural England's assessment. We supported designation, subject to an increase in resources and membership. These amazing areas had special qualities in common with the National Park and had missed out the first time round.

A new boundary was drawn up and, after five local authorities raised objections, a public inquiry was held in 2013. The Government inspector concluded that the original reasons for excluding these areas were now largely irrelevant and they were worthy of designation.

The long-awaited and welcome news that the Yorkshire Dales National Park boundary would be extended was announced on 23 October 2015 and the new area will become part of the National Park on 1 August.



## Baa-riliant

Look closely and you will stumble across some curious hidden sculptures in the new Cumbrian part of the National Park.

Internationally acclaimed artist Andy Goldsworthy's *Sheepfolds* project aimed to instil renewed energy into 46 existing folds in states of disrepair and connect with local history and the farming tradition.



[www.sheepfoldscumbria.co.uk](http://www.sheepfoldscumbria.co.uk)



Pendragon Castle



# Skipton & Bolton Abbey

Originally a trading centre for sheep and wool - its original name Scape Tun meant 'sheep town' - Skipton grew up around the castle, nearby church and market place. It now boasts many pubs, cafés and shops along with a still thriving regular market and a vibrant night life.

The perfect gateway to the Yorkshire Dales, Skipton is at its southernmost point and is easily accessed by train from Leeds and Bradford.

The 130-mile long Leeds-Liverpool Canal, one of the early achievements of the Industrial Revolution, runs through its heart and offers visitors narrowboat day trips. It celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2016.

Skipton Castle was established in the late eleventh century. Over 900 years old, it is one of the most complete and best preserved in the country, giving excellent views over the town and Skipton Woods and an exciting opportunity to take a step back in time.

Craven Museum and Gallery is the home of Shakespeare's First Folio, one of only four on permanent display in the world. The museum tells the story of life in the Dales and there are rotating exhibitions in the gallery.

Skipton is also home to an unusual art venue which sees the Auction Mart transformed for the annual Yarnsdale festival and, more regularly, to host plays, comedians and films.

Not far from Skipton, the Bolton Abbey estate, owned for centuries by the Dukes of Devonshire, lies on the banks of the River Wharfe.



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Dales farmers and the logo for the Yorkshire Dales National Park. In the valleys lie tranquil hay meadows, at their best in the early summer months.

It is hard to believe these calm pastures and wild moors were ever a site for industry, but in many places you can still spot the remains of the former leadmining industry. Find out more about local life at Swaledale Museum in Reeth.

In Reeth there are great shops showcasing local photography and arts and crafts with stunning images at Scenic View Gallery, dramatic sculptures at Graculus and the Garden House Pottery, and warm Swaledale Woollens in Muker.

To get more active, why not learn some navigation with Mark Reid and colleagues at Team Walking or take to the hills on two wheels with Dales Bike Centre.

And after all the exercise there are some great cafés and pubs to enjoy. Why not have a drink at Tan Hill - the highest pub in Great Britain.

Further down the Swale lies the market town of Richmond with its castle ramparts rising above the river and a stunning market square. The old station has been converted into a great place to visit with cinema, art galleries and a brewery that can be toured.

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The remains of the once great leadmining industry are still a spectacular feature in the National Park. Our new free leadmining app is designed to help you explore these sites and find out more about the industry and the people who worked in it - search for 'Leadmining in the Yorkshire Dales' in the App Store or Google Play.

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- ☐ Skim stones at Semer Water - how many bounces can you do?
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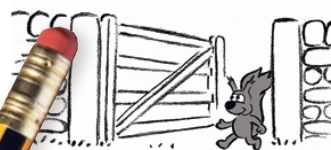
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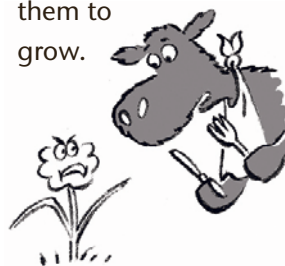
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## Word search

Can you spot the 10 sheep breeds you might find in the Dales?

- ☐ Dalesbred
- ☐ Rough Fell
- ☐ Herdwick
- ☐ Suffolk
- ☐ Jacob
- ☐ Swaledale
- ☐ Lonk
- ☐ Teeswater
- ☐ Mule
- ☐ Texel

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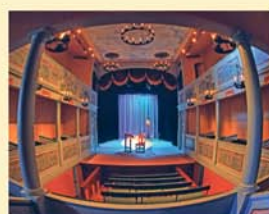
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t: 01748 826561



### Richmond Castle

One of the oldest stone-built Norman castles in England. Breathtaking views, dramatic location and special events.

w: [english-heritage.org.uk](http://english-heritage.org.uk)  
t: 01748 822493



### The Station

Richmond's restored Victorian railway terminus. Film, food and art. Heritage tours.

w: [thestation.co.uk](http://thestation.co.uk)  
t: 01748 850123



### Richmondshire Museum

Learn about Richmond and the surrounding area. Local history and fascinating exhibits.

w: [richmondshiremuseum.org.uk](http://richmondshiremuseum.org.uk)  
t: 01748 825611

**RICHMOND TOWN TICKET**

SAVE on entry and shopping between April and October  
w: [richmond.org](http://richmond.org)



# Dales Countryside Museum

Discover the incredible story of the Dales and the people who have lived, worked and played here.

The Dales Countryside Museum is housed in Hawes' former Victorian railway station and is an exciting blend of old and new.

Step back in time and find out how people have used the elements of the landscape to survive. Experience beautifully crafted objects like our Bronze Age spearhead and gold Viking ring. See traditional rural skills such as drystone walling and rug making brought to life.

Take a woodland wander on our outdoor trail.



**New!** After you've explored the Museum, refuel, recharge and relax at the Firebox Café, or take the opportunity to explore further by hiring a bike. Stage 1 Cycles, which runs the café and hire centre, was established as a result of the 2014 Tour de France Grand Départ. The café's name is a reference to the firebox on a steam train which not only fueled the engine, but was also where the crew prepared their bacon and eggs!

Discover sculptures created by Yorkshire artists, see how many animals you can find, and invent your own stories in our special storytelling chair.

Get crafty at the 'Creation Station' in our railway carriages. There are heaps of activities during the school holidays, with trails and traditional games on our Fun Fridays, and over 90 events in our programme for 2016.

Our shop features 'Distinctly Dales' products created by local artists and makers, as well as maps, clothing and all you need for your trip to the Yorkshire Dales.



## Museum admission

### Weekly Ticket

Adults £4.50

Concession £4

Under 16s FREE

Groups of 10 or over £4 each

Annual Pass £9



Open daily 10am to 5pm

February to October and 10am to 4.30pm

November to December. Closed Christmas Eve to Boxing Day and throughout January.

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- £1 discount on Museum admission for one person when purchasing a day car parking ticket.
- Accessible by public transport - heritage buses also drop off and pick up here.
- Pushchair and wheelchair friendly site with toilets and baby change facilities.

Support the Dales Countryside Museum - become a Friend, donate, volunteer, make a bequest or become a corporate partner. The £10 annual Friend subscription includes free entry, a publication and monthly lectures.

**Don't miss...** artist David Murphy's unique installation on the shores of Lake Semerwater on 28 and 29 October to tie in with national event, Museums at Night.

Inspired by Bronze Age rituals and legends - and the story of a sunken city - David's work will

connect the Museum's prehistoric collection with the magical landscape from which these objects were created and used. Commissioned by the Dales Countryside Museum with support from Arts&Heritage, the installation will come alive at dusk with music, fire, food and drink.

## Exhibitions 2016

24 March to 03 July

### In Tandem

An exhibition of paintings by father and daughter, Peter and Beverley Hicks. Two highly individual approaches and personal responses to the stunning landscape of Malhamdale.

05 July to 28 September

### In the Footsteps of Turner

Celebrating the bicentenary of eighteenth century landscape artist J M W Turner's visit to the Yorkshire Dales and featuring the work of Jo Hume and Debbie Loane.

01 October to 31 December

### Nature, skin and bones

Exploring our changing and deep-rooted relationship with the natural world, sculptor Sarah Smith's exciting new work includes the use of raw hide and bones (pictured right). Featuring prehistoric artefacts from Victoria Cave, near Settle.



Summer towards Ingleborough (Debbie Loane)