

SHORT WALKS

MADE EASY

DOG-FRIENDLY WALKS YORKSHIRE DALES



10 leisurely dog walks
across the national park

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WE'RE OUT WITH OUR DOGS

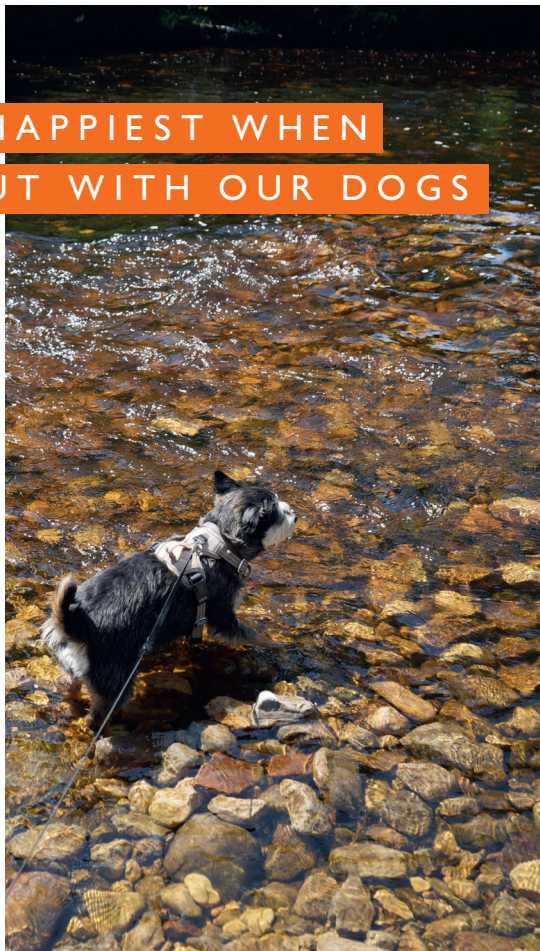
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No matter how bad my day was, a simple dog walk makes everything better



Ted's CV

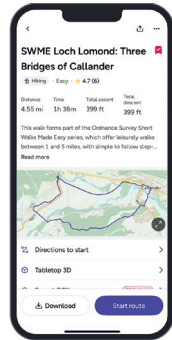
- **What breed is he?**
Patterjack
- **How old is he?**
Nine
- **Favourite walk?**
scent-rich tracks and exploring the edges of drystone walls



Ted on the Kettlewell to Buckden walk

Using QR codes

- Scan each QR code to see the route in Ordnance Survey's OS Maps App
NB You may need to download a scanning app if you have an older phone
- OS Maps will open the route automatically if you have it installed. If not, the route will open in the web version of OS Maps
- Please click **Start Route** button to begin navigating or **Download Route** to store the route for offline use



Ted's tips



- Know where your dog must be **on a lead**, where there is likely to be livestock and (seasonally) ground-nesting birds, and where your dog can have **off-lead time**
- Check the number of **stiles** and where your dog may need lifting, and any awkward gates and flights of steps
- Safe water entry points and sources of **drinking water** for your dog (see the Ted icon on the maps and profiles)
- Note any shared-use paths



BAINBRIDGE

Starting from the picturesque village green, this well-marked route leads through open fields, ancient earthworks and stretches of Roman road, with sweeping views across Wensleydale. Gates and clear signage make navigation easy. Ted loves the scent-rich tracks, watching rabbits, and exploring the edges of drystone walls. It is a peaceful and varied walk that combines heritage, scenery and plenty of dog-friendly interest along the way.

OS information

SD 933900
Explorer OL30

Distance

2.2 miles/3.5km

Time

1¼ to 1¾ hours

Start/Finish

Bainbridge village green

Parking

DL8 3EL
Roadside parking, with consideration, around the village green

Public toilets

By the recreation ground on the village green

Cafés/pubs

A Taste of Wensleydale Bakery and Tea Room;
Rose & Crown Hotel

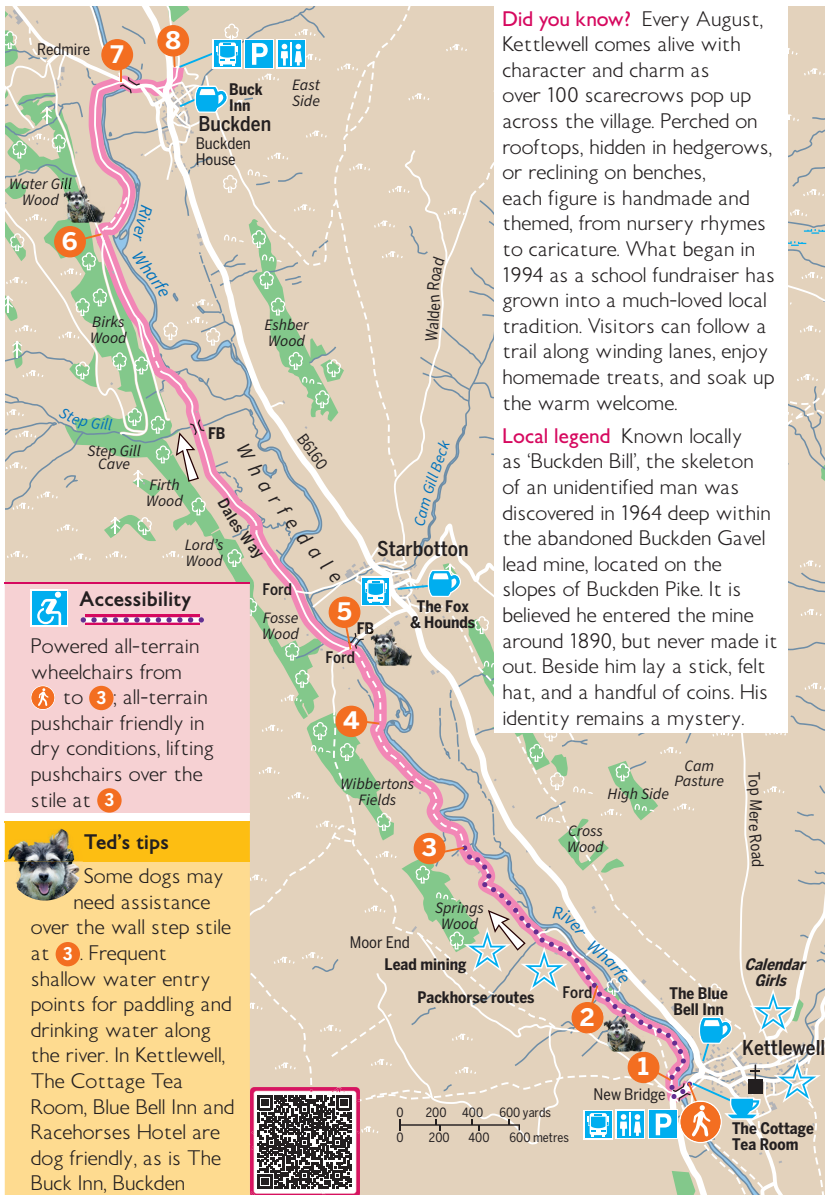
Terrain

Lanes; field paths and tracks

Hilliness

Moderate ascent from to and descent from to end





Did you know? Every August, Kettlewell comes alive with character and charm as over 100 scarecrows pop up across the village. Perched on rooftops, hidden in hedgerows, or reclining on benches, each figure is handmade and themed, from nursery rhymes to caricature. What began in 1994 as a school fundraiser has grown into a much-loved local tradition. Visitors can follow a trail along winding lanes, enjoy homemade treats, and soak up the warm welcome.

Local legend Known locally as 'Buckden Bill', the skeleton of an unidentified man was discovered in 1964 deep within the abandoned Buckden Gavel lead mine, located on the slopes of Buckden Pike. It is believed he entered the mine around 1890, but never made it out. Beside him lay a stick, felt hat, and a handful of coins. His identity remains a mystery.

Accessibility
 Powered all-terrain wheelchairs from ① to ③; all-terrain pushchair friendly in dry conditions, lifting pushchairs over the stile at ③

Ted's tips
 Some dogs may need assistance over the wall step stile at ③. Frequent shallow water entry points for paddling and drinking water along the river. In Kettlewell, The Cottage Tea Room, Blue Bell Inn and Racehorses Hotel are dog friendly, as is The Buck Inn, Buckden



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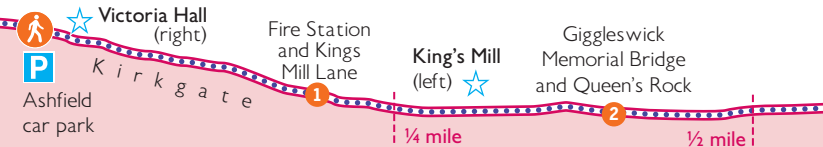
STORIES BEHIND THE WALK



★ **Settle** The town began as an Anglian settlement in the seventh century and appears in the Domesday Book of 1086. Granted a market charter in 1249, it thrived through the wool and leather trades, later expanding with the development of 18th-century turnpikes, textile mills and the arrival of the railway in 1847. Its growth from a medieval market centre to an industrious Victorian town reflects Settle's adaptability and strategic location, foundations that still support a vibrant community of independent shops, weekly markets and cultural events.



† **Giggleswick School Chapel** Crowned by its striking copper dome, Giggleswick School Chapel was built between 1897 and 1901 to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The Grade II-listed building blends Gothic architecture with Mediterranean influence, and its richly decorated interior features mosaics, marble flooring and bronze statues. The dome, once used by wartime pilots for navigation, remains a landmark in the Dales.



- In the car park, with your back to Settle Bowling Club, walk **forward** to Kirkgate.
- Turn **left** along Kirkgate, passing Victoria Hall (right).
- Keep **ahead** under the railway bridge and proceed along Kirkgate to the fire station on the corner of Kings Mill Lane.



- 1 ➤ Turn **left** to follow Kings Mill Lane past a garden centre (left) to the blue fingerpost where the path narrows.
- Continue on Kings Mill Lane, bearing **right** and then **left** to reach Giggleswick Memorial Bridge and Queen's Rock.



NATURE NOTES

Skipton Castle Wood's ancient woodland comprises mixed broadleaved tree species such as ash, oak, hornbeam and sweet chestnut. On the River Valley Route, alder can be seen along the riverbanks. In spring, catkins of both sexes are borne on the same tree, the male ones being distinctly longer than the females.

Carpets of dog's mercury and wild garlic (ramsons) cover the woodland floor before the tree canopy comes into full leaf.

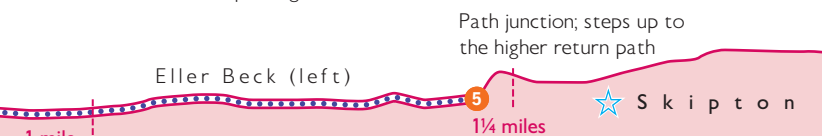
Go quietly and you may be lucky enough to spot a roe deer, while the woodland is also home to badgers and five species of bat. If you visit late on a summer evening you have a chance of spotting brown

long-eared, common pipistrelle, Daubenton's, Natterer's and noctule bats.

The drumming of great spotted woodpeckers may be heard in the woods, but these shy birds are more difficult to spot. Keep a lookout above the trees for buzzards and red kites, the latter distinguished by their forked tails.



Dog's mercury



Path junction; steps up to the higher return path

- 4** ➤ **Cross** over the bridge and immediately bear **left** to Round Dam lake.
- Walk past the lake (right) and continue with Eller Beck (left) for 1/4 mile to a path junction and flight of steps, right, and a road bridge ahead.



- 5** ➤ Turn **right** and climb the steps. At the top, turn **right** again and return on the higher path.
- Keep the drystone wall to your left, pass the steps down to Round Dam, and carry on for 1/3 mile, beside the wall, to a Skipton Castle Woods gate.



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