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Different Ways to Discover the Yorkshire Dales



EXPLORE. VISIT EACH DALE TO SEE HOW DIFFERENT THEY ARE

Most dales are named after their river, the well-known exception being Wensleydale where the River Ure flows. There's some debate about exactly how many dales there are, with many having several different names and flowing into other smaller dales.

Just a few to start your exploration: Apedale, Arkengarthdale, Barbondale, Birkdale, Bishopdale, Chapel-le-Dale, Colsterdale, Cotterdale, Coverdale, Crummackdale, Deepdale, Dentdale, Dibdale, Garsdale, Langstrothdale, Littondale, Lothersdale, Kingsdale, Malhamdale, Nidderdale, Raydale, Ribblesdale, Sleddale, Swaledale, Wensleydale, West Stonesdale, Widdale, Wharfedale...

Admire the view from the country's highest pub, Tan Hill Inn

Enjoy a bike ride with a difference - astride a tandem!

Take a trip on a canal boat from Skipton

Stay up late. Marvel at the incredible night sky

Breathe in the fresh air. Marvel at the world around you.

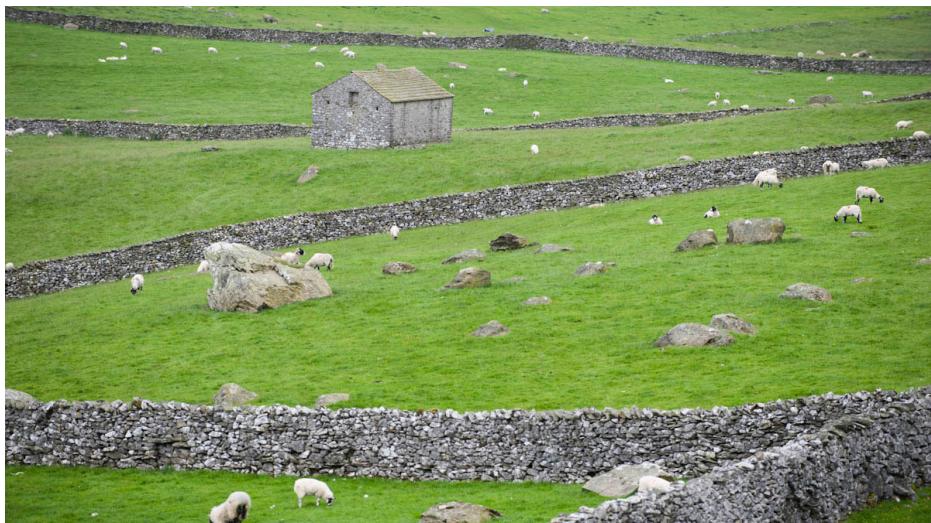
See the scenery from another perspective, through the eyes of an experienced Yorkshire Dales National Park ranger on one of their organised walks

Sit still for long enough to really feel the world around you. Experience it with all your senses.

Spot distinctive Dales features such as our dry-stone walls and barns, hay meadows, curlews...

Discover the places that inspired James Herriot and the settings used in the films & TV series

Feel the grass tickling your feet. Just look.



Meet farmer Chris and his animals at Hesketh Farm Park or pay a visit to Holme Open Farm near Sedbergh

Have an adventure at How Stean Gorge, where you can discover the thrills of the Via Ferrata and then reward your bravery with delicious meringues!



CASTLES!

Take gruesome delight in the dungeons at Bolton Castle, explore the maze, watch archery displays, spot the wild boar and climb to the top of the tower for stunning views.

Be king of the castle at Skipton Castle and look out for the Long Drop, pretend to be King Richard III at Norman invader at Richmond Castle and look out for the conscientious objectors' graffiti.

See a red squirrel at Snaizeholme, from inside a hide with Wild Dales Photography or as part of the breeding programme at Kilnsey Park





LIVE IN THE MOMENT, DELIGHT IN THE DETAIL.

Enjoy the sense of being nowhere - find a space and just be.

Smell the fresh air, switch off your music, tune into the bird song.

Learn to improve your photography on a day's course with Guy Carpenter or Paul Barker who can show you how to create drone films

Listen to the traditional and upbeat sound of the brass bands competing in the wonderful nature amphitheatre at the Hardraw Scar Brass Band Festival

Enjoy listening to music in a beautiful setting at Swaledale Festival or Medieval Music in the Dales

Reward yourself with some fantastic views – after climbing the Three Peaks or one of the Dales

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TREAT YOURSELF.TREAT OTHERS.

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Treat yourself. Treat others. Buy from real people, who've lovingly created products with a story and sense of place. Avoid charmless city high streets: wander around one of our market towns and larger villages such as Hawes, Settle, Grassington, Richmond, Masham, Leyburn, Pateley Bridge, Sedbergh, Kirkby Stephen, Reeth, and Skipton and support distinctive local shops

You'll see several talented people at the Silver Street Studios in Reeth including sculptor, Michael Kusz at Graculus or buy wool and supplies to create your own masterpiece from the Threshing Barn.

Visit an art gallery, see artists and craftspeople at work and perhaps get inspired to create your own art inspired by the Yorkshire Dales landscape

Why buy food from faceless supermarkets when you can buy from people who care what they do, who know their customers and their suppliers and who take proper pride in serving high quality food at reasonable prices? Buy from a farm or specialist local food shop: The Courtyard Dairy near Settle for fantastic cheese, Keelham Farm Shop near Skipton, Country Harvest by Ingleton, Town End Farm Shop near Malham, Campbells in Leyburn and Berry's Farm Shop in Swinithwaite. Excellent service as standard.

Look out for work by modern artists such as Mackenzie Thorpe's square sheep in Richmond, Emerson Mayes from Nidderdale, Piers Browne in Wensleydale and Ian Scott Massie in Masham. Visit Stacey Moore in her gallery in Hawes - she produces exquisite coloured pencil drawings of the local wildlife.

Reward everyone with a trip to England's Oldest Sweet Shop in Pateley Bridge or to Bah Humbugs in Masham

GO BACK IN TIME

Enjoy the romantic ruins of the twelfth century priory, nature trails and treats at Cavendish Pavilion on the Bolton Abbey Estate

Take the vintage bus from Ripon via Masham up through Wensleydale stopping at Jervaulx Abbey, Middleham, Leyburn, Redmire, Bolton Castle, Carperby, Aysgarth, Bainbridge and Hawes, finishing up in Garsdale. A relaxing tour through different dales.

The newly revamped Green Howards Museum in Richmond charts the 300 year history of this local regiment. With activity tables to explore, uniforms to try on, and colourful characters to discover, there's plenty for children to enjoy.

LIVING HISTORY?

Go on a ghost hunt in search of Tom Lee's ghost in Grassington.



Stand in a medieval barn with a pint in-hand and watch ferrets racing at the yearly event at the Craven Arms in Appletreewick, and learn how locals pronounce Appletreewick ...

Join a tour and enjoy the Georgian Theatre Experience in Richmond, led by a knowledgeable guide who will tell you about the shows, actors and audiences from Georgian times

Visit the Costume Museum in the Kirkby Stephen Temperance Hall , just off Market Street. It's free!

Tell tales! Enjoy the ancient art of the storyteller: see what's on at Settle Stories

Learn the story of the Terrible Knitters of Dent at the Dent Village Heritage Centre

Visit 17th century Kiplin Hall, built by George Calvert, Secretary of State to James I and the founder of Maryland, USA. Refresh in their award-winning tea room

Follow in the footsteps of the monks at Jervaulx, Easby, Fountains and Bolton Abbey

Interested in traditional heritage crafts? See Annabelle Bradley the blacksmith at work in Malham Smithy, or Lucy Sandys-Clark in Dent



BREATHE IN THE BEAUTY

Discover the hidden gardens and tranquillity at Parcevall Hall Gardens.

Look out for the strange creatures who're said to live in nearby Troller's Gill by Skyreholme in the valley below.

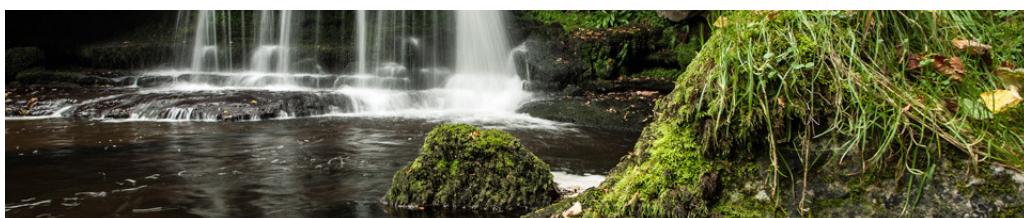
Explore a secret underground world at Ingleborough, Stump Cross Caverns and White Scar Caves, looking out for stalactites, stalagmites, tunnels and ancient caverns.

Giggle. Roll down a hill. Feel like a child again, indulge in a little gentle rule-breaking. Be a lazy layabout, eat with your hands. Pick up a picnic. Paddle in a stream.

Young children will enjoy finding fairies and fairy houses along the magical trail at Studfold in Nidderdale. Grown ups can enjoy the stunning views.

Learn to climb, cave & navigate with Yorkshire Dales Guides or Low Mill Outdoor Centre

Gaze in awe at one of our wonderful waterfalls (best when it's raining!): Hardraw Force, Aysgarth Falls, Cotter Force, Stainforth Foss, Janet's Foss, Ingleton Waterfalls, and Cautley Spout



ENJOY BEING OUTDOORS

Spend time by a hay meadow. They're particularly rich in Swaledale. Stand still and look carefully and you'll see a myriad of different flowers and grasses, insects and birds.

Take a walk with a difference – trek with the friendly Nidderdale Llamas

Go for an outdoor swim – in a river (be safe!) or at Ingleton outdoor swimming pool. It's heated so a great experience even in the rain

Take your family to enjoy the new family-friendly Swale Trail from Keld to Reeth

CHALLENGE YOURSELF...

Try every flavour of ice cream at Brymor near Jervaulx, Billy Bobs Ice Cream Parlour, Archers in Richmond, Birchfield in Nidderdale and the Ice Cream Parlour in Reeth



EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY

Learn how to make beer from the experts! Take a tour of Black Sheep Brewery or Theakstons in Masham

Enjoy amazing fine-dining at the Yorke Arms in Ramsgill, Blue Lion in East Witton, Vennells in Masham, Yorebridge House in Bainbridge, the Angel at Hetton, Grassington House, The Traddock at Austwick, Wensleydale Heifer in West Witton, and the Devonshire Arms Hotel

Try a pub with no beer – The Cross Keys at Cautley, a beautiful 400-year old temperance inn!

Get closer to nature and fish for your supper at Kilnsey Park. There's a new sculpture trail, geocache and animals too.

Watch cheese makers, bakers and brewers at the Station in Richmond, where you can also see a film, enjoy an art exhibition, meal in the café or an ice cream from Archers

Discover how a famous, delicious Yorkshire cheese is made at Wensleydale Creamery

Learn to make salami and sausages with Chris Wildman at Town End Farm Shop and Tea Room

Enjoy afternoon tea in a country house hotel at Simonstone, Hipping Hall, Austwick Traddock, or Yorebridge





CLIMB A HILL. ENJOY THE SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Solve riddles, marvel at the madness, and laugh at Forbidden Corner near Middleham - a wonderful attraction that's almost impossible to describe (book in advance).

Enjoy the excitement of a short trip on a heritage railway, maybe even steam-hauled: choose from the Settle-Carlisle, the Embsay and Bolton Abbey Steam Railway, and Wensleydale Railway. There are also special railway events at Kirkby Stephen East station.

Try something completely new with an art or craft workshop at Artison near Masham, where you can learn anything from water-colours, to blacksmithing and ceramics

FIND A FOLLY - GO IN SEARCH OF DRUID'S TEMPLE NEAR MASHAM

BELIEVE IN MAGIC. THE MAGIC OF NATURE, THE DELIGHT OF ANCIENT TALES. DISCOVER SOME OF OUR QUIRKY TRADITIONS AND STORIES.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Book a course at Broadrake to learn the country skills of scything, willow weaving and blacksmithing

Go biking. Stage 1 Cycles in Hawes regularly offer instructor-led family and children's activities on local trails in Wensleydale. Bike hire is always available for independent exploration.

Marvel at an engineering miracle - looking upward at Ribblehead Viaduct. Learn about its construction at the Ribblehead Visitor Centre

Try something different and daring - abseiling, rock-climbing, caving and gorge-walking with Yorkshire Dales Guides, Low Mill Outdoor Centre, Alfresco Adventures and Lost Earth Adventures

Experience country pursuits such as clay-pigeon shooting at Warren Gill near Masham or Coniston Hotel near Skipton

Visit Farfield Mill on the edge of Sedbergh, where you can easily spend several hours looking at the exhibits, speaking to the craftspeople working there and exploring the galleries before tucking into some cake in the Weavers Cafe.

Enjoy the drama of a performance in a different setting whether at the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond, the Theatre in the Pen at Skipton, or in Settle Stories' Listening Gallery in a converted traditional telephone kiosk

Visit Tennants Auction House in Leyburn, where there are displays of items for forthcoming sales, art exhibitions and of course auctions.

Find the past in an antiques' shop in Hawes, Settle, Skipton or Settle

Scour the countryside for evidence of the lead-mining past. You can see the incredible structures of former lime kilns at Toft Gate in Nidderdale and the Hoffman Kiln near Ingleton. Swaledale and Arkengarthdale are full of vestiges of the lead-mining era

See how the twist is put into the ropes at Outhwaites Ropemakers in Hawes

The Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes also presents fascinating stories of the special people and landscape of the Yorkshire Dales

Enjoy the wonderful celebratory atmosphere of one of our agricultural shows at Birstwith, Lunesdale, Brough, Gargrave, Wensleydale, Reeth, Kilnsey, Malham, Bentham, Muker, Nidderdale and Masham

Give your taste buds a treat with some Dales-made chocolate. Plenty to choose from! Mocha Chocolate in Richmond, Leyburn's Inspired Chocolate and the Little Chocolate

Marvel at some of the unusual exhibits and historical curiosities on display at Nidderdale Museum, Grassington Folk Museum, Swaledale Museum, Richmondshire Museum and the Museum of North Craven Life in Settle. Keld has its own Countryside & Heritage Centre too.

The White Rose Candles workshop in Wensley may be tiny but has an amazing variety of candles for sale and you can often see them being made

