

Map: Explorer OL2, Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western.

It is recommended that this leaflet is used in conjunction with the map.

Nearest village: Dent (pubs, cafés, shops, heritage centre, toilets), about four miles west.

Terrain: Easy/moderate. Mostly fairly level with one slight climb.

Tracks, footpaths (muddy in places), quiet lanes, ladder stiles, squeeze stiles, steps, gates, footbridges.

Start and finish point: Grid ref: SD74208648, a large lay-by on a minor road.

Getting there without a car: Dent railway station, on the Settle-Carlisle line, is about a mile and a half north east. DalesBus operates buses from Sedbergh and Hawes (see www.dalesbus.org/564A.html).

National Cycle Network route 68 passes the starting point.

The best time to visit a meadow is in June, as most of the wildflowers will be flowering by then. This is also a good time to visit the Dales as it's just before the main tourist season starts. However, the walk is equally enjoyable in the autumn and at other times of the year.

This is one of a series of walks incorporating Yorkshire Dales hay meadows. Other routes include Muker Meadows (Swaledale), Askrigg Bottoms Meadow (Wensleydale), Yockenthwaite Meadows (Langstrothdale), Grassington Meadows (Wharfedale). All are available to download at

www.ydmt.org/resources

The leaflets have been produced as part of the Into the Meadows project, which aims to help people enjoy, understand and celebrate the Dales meadows. To find out more about the project and how YDMT has helped to restore meadows go to www.ydmt.org/haytime

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Dentdale Meadows



A pleasant walk, partly along the Dales Way, through meadows, pastures and woodland, passing by waterfalls and historic farmhouses, and with wonderful views of Dentdale.

4 miles / 6.4 km / 2.5 hours

Into the Meadows



1Grid ref: **SD74208648**

Join the footpath at the western end of the lay-by and follow it through the woodland above the gorge. (Alternatively walk along the road.) Join the road for a few minutes before turning right up the farm track to Broadfield House.

2Grid ref: **SD74008660**

Stay on the track in front of Broadfield House, go through a wooden gate, around the back of a house, through a metal gate and over a stile and then follow the track over two fields. Just after a restored barn bear left to cross a bridge.

Continue across three fields, passing close to Dent microbrewery at Hollins.

3Grid ref: **SD74748684**

Cross over a wooden footbridge. Go between the two farm buildings, through a metal gate and across two fields before entering a colourful meadow full of pignut, eyebright, autumn hawkbit, yellow rattle and red clover. Note that the meadow is not in a management agreement and so it can be cut when weather permits, although the owners are traditionally managing it and so it's unlikely to be cut before mid-July. Head for the fingerpost left of the farm buildings and then bear north east across a series of fields up to Dockray Bridge.

4Grid ref: **SD75608721**

Turn right down the walled lane, over Dockray Bridge and then right down the minor road. On the left are good views of Arten Gill Viaduct, one of 22 built for the Settle-Carlisle railway in the 1870s. Turn right at the road junction, past the church,

left over Ewegales Bridge and then right to join the Dales Way. Stay on the road and pass the campsite, with its collection of old tractors. From here to point 10 follow the yellow Dales Way markers.

5Grid ref: **SD75188670**

Leave the road at the gated entrance to Rivling, marked by an engraved stone and fingerpost marked Laithbank. Follow the path through a pretty meadow with patches of bistort, hawkbit, meadowsweet and pignut.

6Grid ref: **SD74688647**

After passing through recently planted woodland, stay on the path across the field in front of Little Town, into another young woodland, and then across a few fields including a meadow.

7Grid ref: **SD74208617**

Leave the meadow and turn left up the track past Hackergill Farm (note that the track down to the road is not a public right of way). Go across another field into a meadow. Follow the path past Clint and West Clint farmhouses, noting the bield (a short length of dry stone wall providing shelter for livestock).

8Grid ref: **SD73678591**

Continue to follow the path across a few fields, taking time to enjoy the views west to the Lakeland fells in the distance, and to the east Dent station perched high up the hillside. Go past Laithbank, a large and extended field barn, and turn left along the minor road.

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Start & finish

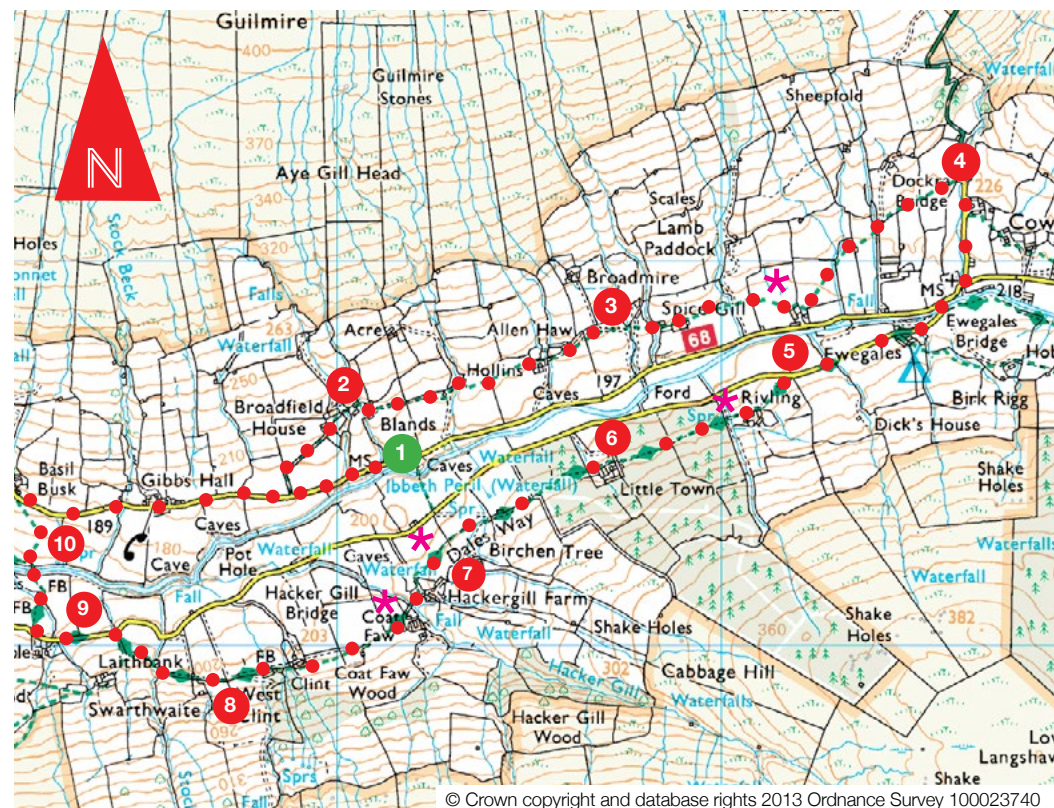
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Walk route

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Meadow

Scale: 1km / 0.6miles

**9**Grid ref: **SD73208604**

Leave the road on the right at the fingerpost marked Lennys Leap, just after Tub Hole Barn. Head down the field, go down a few steps, over the small footbridge and across the field to another footbridge.

10Grid ref: **SD73208620**

Cross the footbridge over the river Dee. The bridge was built in 1987 by the Royal Air Force. When the river is low a deep channel is revealed in the river bed. Leave the Dales Way and head up the hill to Basil Busk farmhouse. Turn right along the road, passing by the derelict Gibbs Hall. There's also a derelict limekiln nearby. Follow the road and woodland path back to the car park.

Meadows provide winter fodder for livestock so please stay on the public rights of way and walk in single file (there is no 'right to roam' through meadows). Please leave gates as you find them and keep dogs under close control, preferably on a short lead.

Thank you!