

Map: Explorer OL30, Yorkshire Dales Northern & Central areas.
It is recommended that this leaflet is used in conjunction with the map.

Nearest village: Askrigg (pubs, cafés, shops, toilets).

Terrain: Easy. Level except one very short climb up a bank.
Pavement, tracks, footpaths (muddy in places), squeeze stiles, gates, steps.
Take care on the road, especially where the pavement gets narrow.

Start and finish point: Askrigg car park (Grid ref: SD95029118).
Alternatively, use the lay-by at Worton Bridge (Grid ref: SD95559029).

Getting there without a car: National Cycle Network regional route 10.
DalesBus 856 with a connecting demand-responsive bus service
(see www.dalesbus.org/856.html).

Nearest train station is about 11 miles to the west at Garsdale.

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 Dentedale Meadows, Muker Meadow (Swaledale), Yockenthwaite Meadows (Langstrothdale) and 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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Askrigg Bottoms Meadow



A short, easy walk from Askrigg through
a superb meadow and alongside the River Ure

1.7 miles / 2.8 km / 2 hours

Into the Meadows



1

Grid ref: **SD95029118**

From the car park, cross the road and turn right. Follow the road as it turns left. The name Askrigg is of Old Norse origin, consisting of *askr* (ash tree) and *hryggr* (ridge), meaning the ridge where ash trees grew. The village was the fictional Darrowby in the filming of *All Creatures Great and Small*. Skeldale House B&B provided the exterior shots of the vets' practice and the Kings Arms doubled as the Drovers Arms. Inside, there are photographs of the cast during breaks in filming.

2

Grid ref: **SD94739092**

Turn left down the track towards Worton Bridge, passing swiftly by an industrial unit and sewage works. Stay on the footpath over the fields via squeeze stiles that live up to their name.

3

Grid ref: **SD94799053**

This field and the next are managed more intensively than a traditionally managed meadow and so they're relatively species-poor, though wood crane's-bill can be seen close to the walls where the fields aren't mown. The third field, just before entering Askrigg Bottoms Meadow, has more species.

4

Grid ref: **SD94789033**

Askrigg Bottoms Meadow is a Site of Special Scientific Interest as it is one of the best examples in the National Park of a northern hay meadow. Wood crane's-bill, great burnet, ox-eye daisy, Lady's mantle and melancholy thistle are all abundant in this very diverse meadow. Follow the path left.



5

Grid ref: **SD95089031**

The path alongside the River Ure gets a bit rough here, with stones and exposed tree roots.

6

Grid ref: **SD95529028**

Turn sharp left at the fingerpost and follow the flagged path across the pastures back towards Askrigg.

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Grid ref: **SD95109072**

Go up a few steps, followed by a short climb over the old railway embankment. Go over the field, through the small gate on the right and bear left along the track.

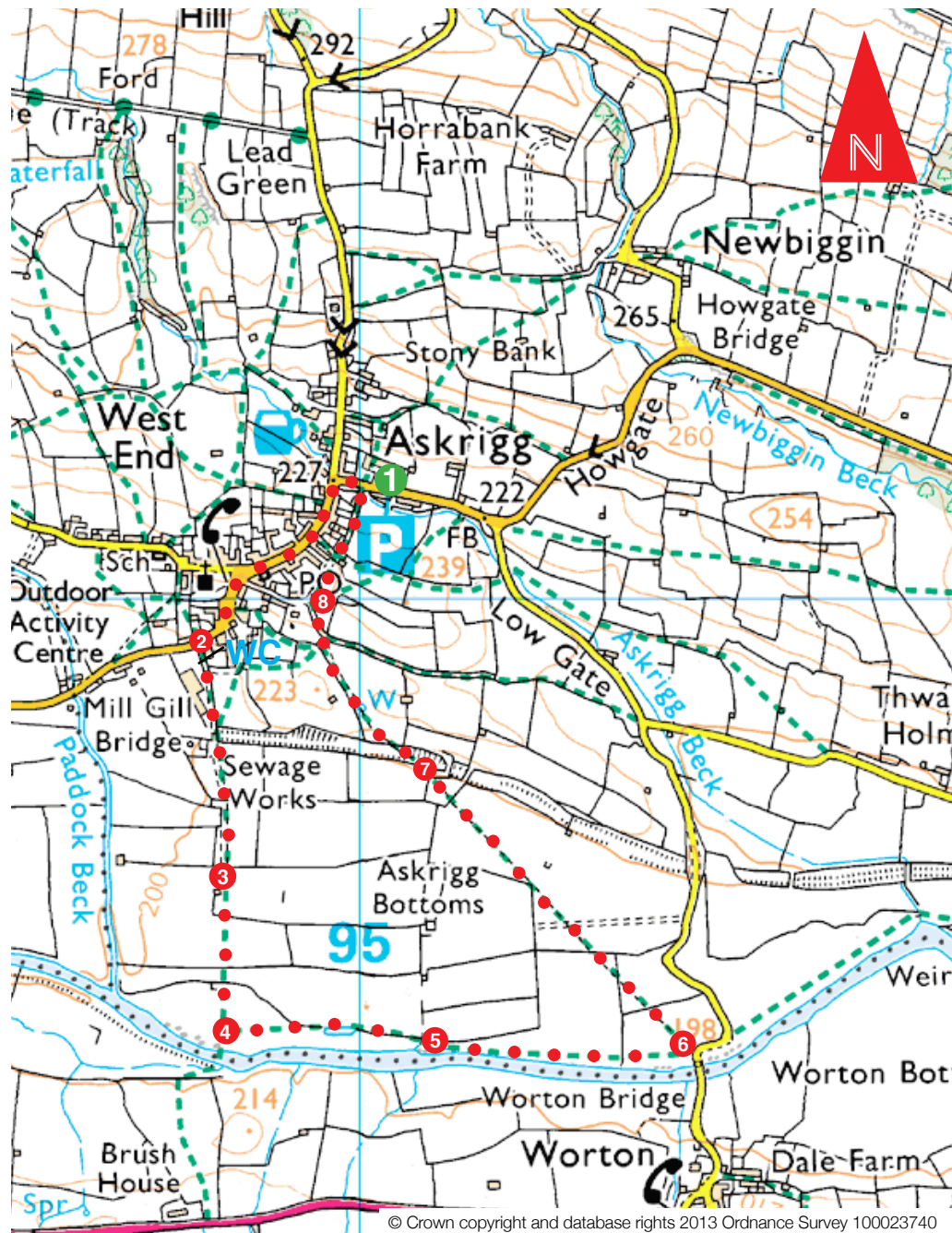
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Grid ref: **SD94919099**

Bear right and follow the path back to the car park. Alternatively, if you want to go back onto the main road for the shops etc, bear left down the narrow lane.

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!



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Start & finish

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Walk route

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Toilets

Scale: 0.5km / 0.3miles

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