

Pasture Wood

Explore Grassington's woodlands, both young and old, on this 6-mile walk.

Tree planting is one of the most important things we can do for people, landscape and wildlife. At Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) we're working with our partners, communities and supporters to create a landscape with more native woodlands, where wildlife can thrive.

We create woodlands of all shapes and sizes, as well as hedgerows and individual landscape trees that connect habitats and help reduce biodiversity loss. These new habitats also bring wider benefits for the landscape and environment, helping to absorb carbon, provide natural flood management, control erosion, and even improve water quality.

Communities are at the very heart of our woodlands, and our aim is to engage as many people as possible in creating and caring for them. Working with young people and disadvantaged groups is a key part of that, helping to develop skills, improve well-being and inspire green action.

Do one simple thing for nature – plant a tree

There is one simple thing you can do for nature right now here in the Yorkshire Dales. A donation of £15 will help us to plant and look after one tree – helping to increase woodland cover, connect wildlife habitats and empower people to stand up for nature. You can even dedicate a tree in one of our supporter woodlands (like Pasture Wood) to someone special.

Help us plant a tree today
www.together-for-trees.org

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Pasture Wood Route Description



Start and finish: Grassington, Yorkshire Dales National Park car park

Distance: 6 miles | 9.6 km

Time: 3–4 hrs allowing extra for stops

Accessibility: Some rough terrain, stiles, some steep uphill climbs and descents

Facilities: Toilets, pubs, cafes, and other parking available in Grassington

Map: Use this leaflet in conjunction with the Explorer OL2 Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western map

- 1** From the Yorkshire Dales National Park car park in Grassington
- Turn left and head towards the centre of the town and then turn right up Main Street.

Keep left up Main Street past the Foresters Arms Pub. Keep straight on, following the dead-end sign up Moor Lane. The road gets steeper as you head uphill to the Royal Oak Furniture Company. As you pass the entrance Pasture Wood can be seen on the left-hand side just behind the dry stone wall.

- 2** There is a seat opposite the woodland with good views over Grassington and beyond.

Keep heading up Moor Lane for approx. 200 metres until a footpath is signposted on the left. Take this path over the stone wall stile and then across the field and into Pasture Wood.

- 3** Follow the path downhill through the woodland enjoying the views of Grass Wood in the distance.

The path joins with a track. Keep on this until you meet with a path junction where the track turns sharply left. Look out for the wall gap and stile straight ahead signposted the Dales Way.

- 4** Go through the wall gap and follow the narrow path down some steep steps to meet with a road.

For a shorter walk you can turn left here and follow the road back into the centre of Grassington and retrace your steps to the car park.

To continue on the longer walk...

The longer walk continuation

- 5** Turn right and follow the track to a path junction. Turn left through the gate signposted Kettlewell and Grass Wood.

Keep on this path through the wall gates. After you pass the farm buildings ignore the sign to Kettlewell and keep left following the path through the gate, across the farm track and then immediately through a wall stile. Head downhill towards Grass Wood. You will follow a short, steep embankment. Continue straight onto a track passing three field barns, then cross a field to reach a wall stile into Grass Wood.

- 6** Follow the main path through the woods heading uphill through the semi natural ancient woodland. Ash, hazel and oak are the dominant species here, although many others can be seen including beech, sycamore, spruce, larch and pine.

- 7** Keep heading straight on at the footpath junction towards Grass Wood Lane, keeping a look out for the next footpath signs that take you right off the main track. At the path crossroads keep straight on downhill to join the

main track. Follow this down to a gate where you join the road.

- 8** Turn left up Grass Wood Lane and then a short way up the road take the footpath right into Lower Grass Wood.

- 9** Follow the path that joins beside the river and stay on the path next to the river downhill. Keep close to the river as you follow the path back towards Grassington.

- 10** As you approach Grassington the path goes up left to meet the road next to the bridge. Cross carefully and then follow the Dales Way footpath on the opposite side. Continue on this path alongside the river until you get to the wooden bridge. Turn left here signposted to the car park and Grassington and follow the path between the walls back to where you started the walk.



7 Grass Wood is a one of the largest areas of broadleaf woodland in the Dales, situated on carboniferous limestone where the trees grow out of limestone scars, limestone pavement and scree. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and supports many plant and animal species. The ground flora is particularly diverse and can best be seen in flower during late March and early June.

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