

# Low Branthwaites Wood, Sedbergh

A varied walk taking to Low Branthwaites Wood, a young woodland with magnificent views across the Howgills.

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.

People and 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 Low Branthwaites Wood) to someone special.

Help us plant a tree today  
[www.together-for-trees.org](http://www.together-for-trees.org)

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## Low Branthwaites Wood Route Description



**Start and finish:** Farfield Mill Car Park, Sedbergh LA10 5LW. Grid Ref: SD67689186  
**Distance:** 3.1 miles | 5km (with an ascent of 164m)  
**Time:** 3-4 hrs allowing extra for stops  
**Accessibility:** Strenuous/difficult – rough terrain with many stiles to cross, some boggy ground, steep uphill and exposed fell section  
**Facilities:** Farfield Mill is open Wed-Sun 10.30 – 4pm and has a café and toilets [www.farfieldmill.org](http://www.farfieldmill.org)  
**Map:** Use this leaflet in conjunction with the Explorer OL19 - Howgill Fells & Upper Eden Valley area Explorer Map

- From the car park head down towards Farfield Mill and just before the Mill turn right in front of Mill House (cream coloured house). Go through the field gate with the 'No parking' sign and head upwards at a 45-degree angle across the field to a stone stile. Pause, to look back at the view as you cross the stile.  
  
Head across the next field to another stile where you meet the main A684. This is a major road so be alert as you turn left and cross the road to take the footpath to Side Farm.
- Follow the wall downhill to cross the beck and then bear right uphill and head to the wooden stile opposite.  
  
Head uphill straight across the next field until you reach the metal gate. Go through the gate and follow the short section of drystone wall and then the fence line towards Side Farm.
- Do not go through the gate at Side Farm but turn left and follow the track below the electricity line that will take you to another gate near a large ash tree and field barn.  
  
After this gate bear right immediately before the barn. Go through another gate where you turn left and follow the fence line to another gate with a footpath sign next to the wall.
- Through the gate turn right and follow the wall and fence line with the white farmhouse of Low Branthwaites in the distance. Look out for the old lime kiln in the wall (what3 words location ///ounce.pastels.enveloped) and there is a stone stile to cross at the next gate.  
  
After the stile keep right and go through the next gate where you head directly across the field to a wooden stile in front of the lower white farmhouse (on the left) that is Low Branthwaites.



- Turn right at Low Branthwaites and head up the track that takes you straight through High Branthwaites yard.  
  
The footpath is marked and takes you through a gate. Look up to your left to see Low Branthwaites Wood.  
  
Keeping the wall to your right, head uphill until you reach the next gate where there is a sign explaining the restoration of the fell intake wall.  
  
After passing through this gate go left (ignoring the track to the right) and keep following the wall uphill. This is a steep section of rough terrain that can be boggy. Keep looking over the wall for views of Low Branthwaites Wood.
- Keep following the winding wall all the way uphill until you are level with the field barn. From here you need to keep straight on across the open fell for approx. 100m until you join an obvious track at the bottom of the slope. It is however, worth a small detour first to admire the field barn in this magnificent location.  
  
Turn right on the track that heads gradually downhill and in approximately 500m there is a stream crossing next to a

wall corner and small cairn (what3 words location ///fade.moss.lavished)

- Keeping the wall to your right, follow the track downhill and enjoy the beautiful view of the Howgills.  
  
Lower down the slope, near farm buildings, ignore the stile on your right and head straight on over the stile next to a metal gate (///nips.poorly.tangling) that leads you onto a gravel track.
- Head down the track to meet the road and keep straight on down the road. Continue down the road past High and Low Hollins until you eventually reach Bank Cottage.
- Turn right at Bank Cottage and go straight through the farmyard heading to the gate in the left-hand corner.  
  
Through the gate head downhill, past the wall corner, to a gate that leads you over a bridge across a stream (///shades.skies.contracts). Walk diagonally across the field enjoying the views of the Howgill Fells in the distance.

Route description continues overleaf...



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