

Clapham

Sunday, 8th March 2026

B walk

Leader: Val Shayler with Lin and Julie

Length: 8 miles

Height: 1375 ft

This walk starts by going past the church in the pretty village of Clapham and heading to the start of the cave trail (if the weather is particularly bad we can pay £2.50 to use the well maintained trail). We go past here to a footpath which takes us up into the hillside on a stony but good trail to Clapdale and past the cave entrance. We carry on this stony track through Trow Gill gorge and onto Gaping Gill where we can stop and look. There is a small stony stretch along the way which may require a bit of a scramble.

After Gaping Gill we turn back onto a good grassy path along the top of the hills of Clapham Bottoms which give us great views all round. We head off to Long Scar trig point where we then turn down towards Crummack and Crummack Lane. We then take a detour to cross over a stile and follow a footpath through a field so that we can have a good look at the Norber Erratics (unusual rock formations) before heading back onto Thwaite Lane, which is a Pennine Bridleway, and back into Clapham.

This is a good walk with some stony, uneven ground, not much mud, some stiles and some great photo opportunities. Walking poles would be useful.

Gaping Gill: Gaping Gill is one of the most famous caves in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and one of the largest underground chambers in Britain.

Norber Erratics: Huge boulders transported far from their origin by glaciers during the last ice age and left behind when the glaciers melted. Over 100 in total are perhaps the finest example of erratics in Britain, they are massive dark boulders of sandstone and slate, some are precariously balanced on limestone plinths.



C WALK

Potter Tarn Loop

Distance 6.7miles

Leaders Lynn Clinton & Ewa McAulay

Clapham is in West Yorkshire and on our walk, there are some great views.

Today our walk starts from the car park and we are making our way towards the village of Austwick.

This part of the walk is mainly walking through fields and over stiles. (most of the stiles are easy to get over stone steps up and down) we go over a couple of foot bridges.

When we get to the village, we go around it going towards Town Head where we will walk on the road for a short distance, making our way to Slaindale, from here we start to climb a little going towards Nappa Scar sand Norbar Brow (This a big lime stone cliff) We then follow the path around Robin Proctors Scar taking our time making our way down, onto the Pennie Bridleway.

We follow this path all the way back to Clapham

Toilets are situated in the car park and they were free.