

A Walk

Distance: approx 12 miles

Ascent: 1,700 ft

Leader: Bob McConnell

Although there is not a lot of height in this walk it is reasonably long and we will need to move at a steady pace.

We turn left out of the car park towards the village and bear right up past the Black Horse pub and along Scar street. We then head up a tarmac lane at a steady incline for about 30 minutes to the site of old mine works. We then follow stone and grass paths through and over a number of gates and styles.

After walking for about 2 hours we head up towards Conistone Moor and on reaching the trig point we will stop at a cluster of rocks for lunch with beautiful views across the surrounding countryside. We then walk along Conistone Moor with the beautiful views continuing on our left. We then climb over a wooden stile and gradually descend to the Dales Way which we travel along for about 4 miles until we arrive back into Grassington.

Note : there are toilets at the car park for which a there is a 20p voluntary donation.

‘B’ Walk

Distance 9.2 miles Height Gained 1006 feet

Leaders: Val Shayler & Ken Morley

After leaving the car park we walk up the main street past the touristy shops and pubs. Grassington featured as the fictional Darrowby in the TV show ‘All Creatures Great and Small’, so you may pass buildings that you recognise. At the top of the village we turn left and then after a short distance turn right onto a lane to reach a stile on the left.

After crossing the stile we join the ‘Dales Way’ footpath over fields and pastures steadily climbing until we reach ‘Scot Gate Lane’. Here we turn left and begin descending until we reach the village of Conistone.

After crossing the River Wharfe, we turn right and walk up the road for a short distance and then take a lane to Kilnsey. Climbing steadily up a lane we take a footpath to the right, descending until we return to the road to re-cross the bridge to Conistone.

We continue along a lane following the river. After leaving the lane we take a footpath along the river bank to return to Grassington where you will find a good selection of places for refreshments.

C Walk

6.87 Miles

Stiles: 5

Leaders: Tony Stopforth and Lynn Clinton

Start/parking: Large National Park car park just to south of Grassington, postcode BD23 5LB, grid ref SE002638

No gradients and well-signed footpaths throughout. No muddy sections

Toilets available in the car park- 20p donation suggestion

The outgoing leg of this varied walk takes you from Grassington up to Yarnbury to explore the old lead mine workings. They date back to the 17th and 18th centuries and, at their peak, employed 170 people. You then follow pretty Hebden Beck to link up with the River Wharfe, which provides a gentle return to the village. As well as the industrial archaeology there are lots of water features including three sets of stepping stones, two waterfalls and an elaborate Victorian suspension footbridge. It was built using redundant steel rope from the old mines in 1884 to connect Hebden with Thorpe after a man drowned trying to cross the Wharfe.

There are some lovely places to stop and places where you can grab a cuppa and even some ice-cream!

Grassington is a lovely village with some interesting shops and 3 pubs to enjoy a nice pint after a very pleasant walk.