

# Ingleborough Walks

Ingleborough is one of England's most famous mountains. At 724 metres above sea level, it is the second highest of Yorkshire's famous Three Peaks, but perhaps the most distinctive, a landmark visible from four counties. With some of the finest areas of limestone pavement in Britain, Ingleborough is rich in geological, archaeological and natural history interest. As well as being within the Yorkshire Dales National Park, much of the area forms the Ingleborough National Nature Reserve. But this is also a very accessible mountain, crossed by numerous public rights of way and large areas of open countryside which now enjoy public access rights on foot.

The best way to experience and enjoy this unique area is on foot, taking advantage of available good public transport to cross the summit or shoulders of the mountain without being forced to return to a parked vehicle. This series of ten Ingleborough Walks leaflets is designed to show how local buses and trains make such magnificent linear walks possible.

It is essential to use **OS Map OL 2 Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western area** to work out exact routes, using public rights of way and public access areas. Sketch maps in the leaflet are for approximate guidance only. These walks use moorland and mountain paths which should only be attempted with appropriate clothing and footwear and not in poor weather conditions. Carry spare clothing, waterproofs, food and drink, and leave adequate time for your return transport. If you bring a dog, please keep it under control, preferably on a lead, in areas where there is livestock. Walking times are for guidance only in good weather conditions, so always leave adequate margins - which also gives time for well-earned refreshment

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## Transport information

Regular daily trains on the Settle Carlisle Line from Leeds, Skipton Settle, Appleby and Carlisle serve Horton in Ribblesdale to access this walk. On Mondays to Saturdays Craven Connect Buses 581 return from Clapham to Settle and Skipton, whilst daily (if infrequent) trains on the Bentham line from Clapham Station (1¼ miles from the village) continue to Giggleswick, Skipton and Leeds or Lancaster and Morecambe.

For details of outward and return bus times see the Metro DalesBus booklet including the limited Dalesbus 881 bus from Clapham to Settle on summer Sundays, visit [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org) or ring 0871 200 22 33.; for trains see the Northern Rail Timetable Leaflet 7 or [www.northernrail.org](http://www.northernrail.org) or ring 08457 484850.

PDFs of all 10 Ingleborough Walks leaflets can be downloaded at [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org) or [www.settle-carlisle.co.uk](http://www.settle-carlisle.co.uk)

Car drivers can take advantage of the bus or train, by parking at Settle and taking the train to Horton for the start of the walk and then returning from Clapham by a choice of bus direct to Settle or train to Giggleswick (1¼ mile to Settle) by train. You will also be safeguarding the environment by reducing your carbon footprint in the National Park.



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## Walk 2

## Over Moughton Scar



**A walk around the south west slopes of Ingleborough, crossing the spectacular limestone pavements of Moughton Scar famous for rare wild juniper before descending into Crummackdale before taking the old pre-turnpike highway, now part of the Pennine Bridleway, into Clapham village.**



## The Walk

Leave the northbound platform of Horton Station up a short flight of steps opposite the foot crossing to a gate. Continue uphill through another gate then diagonally right between the telegraph poles to cross a farm track to a bridlegate. Continue forward on a clear path which dips then climbs steadily to another gate giving access to the Ingleborough National Nature Reserve by an information board. Fine views from here back to Pen y Ghent.

Continue uphill bearing slightly right on a wide stony path to a small cairn then bear left following waymarks uphill through fragmented limestone pavement. After passing through a wide gap in the wall you will arrive at a cairn and a 3-way signpost. Turn left following the sign to Austwick on a grassy path aiming for a gate and sign in the corner of the wall ahead, enjoying fine views of Ingleborough to your right.

The path now crosses a stretch of heather moorland, following the wall on your right until reaching a ladder stile in it. Cross this and follow the sign to Austwick 2¾m straight ahead past the old grouse butts then veering left to the top edge of Moughton Scar. Take the broad track descending (starting about 100 metres before a small cairn) to a gate and walled track. Moughton Scar is a fine escarpment with limestone pavement dotted with juniper bushes.

You now follow this walled track for about a mile crossing two small streams and going through two large gates ignoring all paths off it until you reach a T junction with another path. Turn right here to the stone clapper bridge at Wash Dub.

Wash Dub pool is where sheep were traditionally washed in the fast flowing beck. Cross the bridge and continue along the track turning left at the next junction along Crummack Lane which becomes a narrow metalled lane. Descend to a cross roads.

Turn right into Thwaite Lane. This is part of the old pre-turnpike highway between Leeds and Kendal, now part of the 205 mile Pennine Bridleway, a route for horseriders, cyclists and walkers between the Peak District and Northumberland. There are fine views across towards Bowland, left and to Robin Proctor's Scar straight ahead.

Follow Thwaite Lane for over a mile, initially a well surfaced track that becomes rougher as it descends by

the grounds of Ingleborough Hall (ignore all turn offs) passing through two short tunnels to emerge in Clapham by St James Church. Ingleborough Hall was the home of Reginald Farrer the notable botanist who introduced many alpine species from the far east. St James Church dates from Norman times, but was restored in the 19th century. Turn left at Clapham's Millennium Stone along Church Avenue past playground, cafes and toilets (in the car park) to the New Inn from where Bus 581 departs.

If you are going to Clapham station (allow half an hour for the 1¼ miles), with the New Inn on your left continue straight on down the No Through Road known as The Green past the school and houses. Turn right over Mafeking Bridge to cross the beck. An underpass by the beck takes you safely under the A65 to follow the lane to the station.

### Travel Information

- Distance: 6 miles.  
Time required: 3 hours plus time for stop in Clapham village - add 30 minutes to the station.  
Start: Horton in Ribblesdale Station.  
Finish: Clapham village or Station.  
Travel: Outward: to Horton in Ribblesdale. Regular daily train services on Settle Carlisle line to Horton. Mondays to Saturdays number 11 bus from Settle Market Place to Horton  
Return: from Clapham Craven Connect 581 bus Mondays to Saturdays every 2 hours to Settle and Skipton. From Clapham Station (1¼ miles) trains late afternoon and early evening to Skipton and Leeds  
Terrain/Grade: Moderate - Mainly tracks and moorland paths with some requiring care.  
Refreshments: Choice of pubs and cafés in both Horton and in Clapham. Shop in Clapham.  
Toilets: In Horton and Clapham National Park car parks

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