

Reeth Low Common

Distance: 4km (2.5 miles)

Time: a minimum of 1 hour

Accessibility: the path can be muddy in places, with slippery rock and tree roots. There are a number of narrow stiles and gates.

Parking: Reeth Village Centre on the cobbles (SD 03825 99254)

Other transport:

- bus 30 from Richmond

Toilets: Reeth

Refreshments: shops, pubs and cafés in Reeth

Closest National Park Centre: Reeth National Park Centre in Hudson House DL11 6SZ (call 01748 884059)

Route description

1. Starting from the village green take the road down to Reeth Road Bridge, crossing with care.
2. Then take a footpath on your left across open fields towards High Fremington.
3. Bear left up a tarmac road for a short distance before turning left up by the first house you reach, onto a steep unmarked rocky walled lane.
4. Turn left at the top and take the bridleway signed to Arkengarthdale 4. Follow this pleasant grassy lane for approximately 800 metres (0.5 miles). Fine views here of Reeth and the patchwork of stone walls and field barns which make Swaledale famous. The moorland tops display carpets of purple heather in August time; a wonderful sight. Along this path traces can be seen of an old stone paved way; this dates back to the lead mining era and was used by miners on their way to and from work. After a while pass through a fieldgate onto the open common and continue ahead to a wallside where four routes join.
5. Take the left hand footpath through the narrow stone stile and head down towards the field barn along the obvious well-trodden path.
6. Continue ahead on the footpath through a series of narrow stiles and gates, crossing valley bottom meadows. To the left Fremington Edge towers above you. Traces of the old quarry workings can be seen from here. Upon reaching Reeth Bridge, bear right along the road and retrace your steps back to the village green.



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