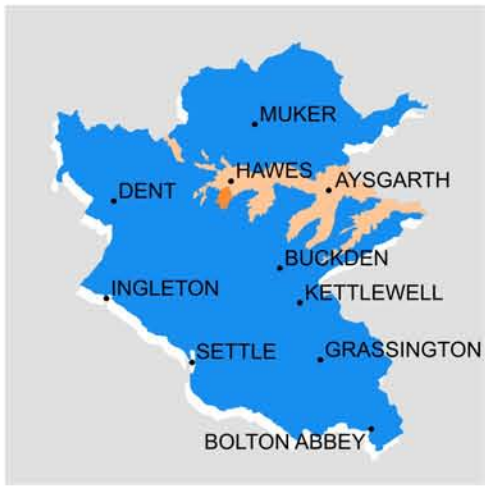


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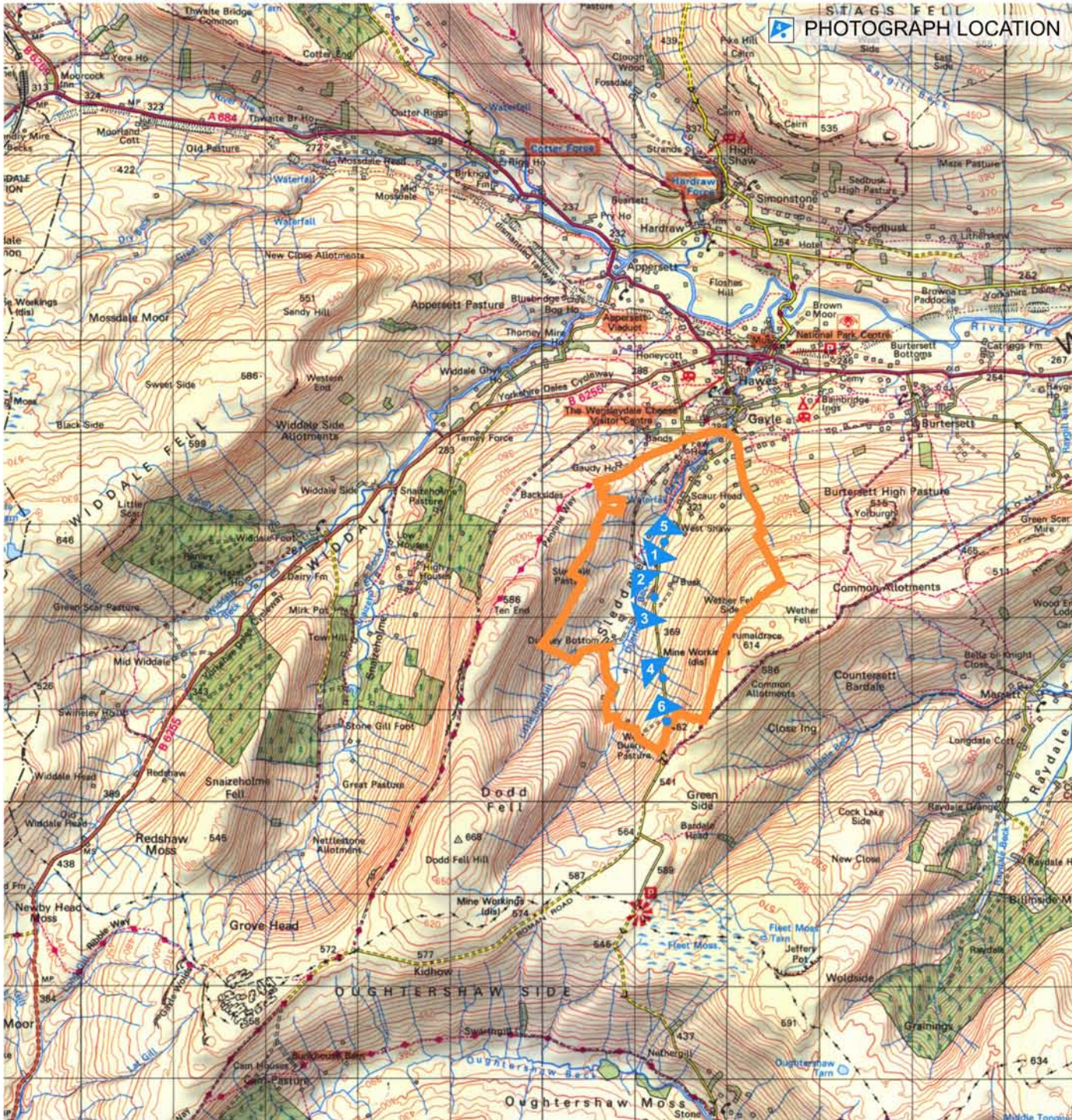
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KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Broad elevated open and relatively shallow-sided u-shaped glacial tributary valley of Mid Wensleydale, overlying rocks of the Yoredale series.
- Narrow flat valley floor with gently undulating lower valley slopes, the valley form a key visual feature due to open character.
- Strongly influenced by the moorland which surrounds the dale.
- Meandering, shallow, stony beck notched into the valley floor and therefore only visible from higher up the valley sides. Many unwooded gills, particularly on the eastern side of the valley.
- Almost entirely unwooded with the exception of a few isolated woodland blocks.
- Very few buildings located within the valley. Two farmsteads are a focal point at the head of the valley; in the lower dale farmsteads are slightly more frequent and field barns are a prominent feature of the open, lower valley sides.
- A regular pattern of large stone walled enclosures contain mainly rough pasture in the upper dale and areas reverting to moorland vegetation. In the lower dale much of the valley floor and lower slopes are given over to improved pasture, there being very few hay meadows.
- Parallel lines of walls sweep down the valley sides forming mainly rectangular fields, the pattern reinforcing the shallow, broad, open feel of the valley.
- Detractors, including remnants of mining industry, agricultural sheds and electricity poles highly visible within open landscape.



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