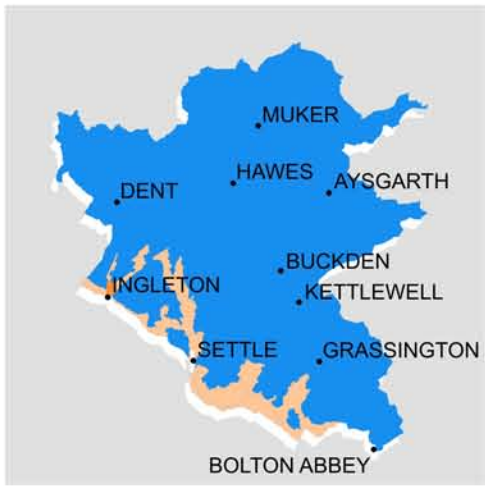


YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK



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KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Diverse, varied faultline landscape of steep wooded glens interspersed by contrasting elevated farmland and quarries, overlying limestone and Ingletonian bedrock.
- Two rivers follow winding courses through steeply incised wooded valleys and gorges and over a series of spectacular waterfalls, only visible on foot, the valleys increasingly steep and narrow above Ingleton.
- Ancient woodland lines the deep glens, species variation reflecting varied geology, and are supplemented by coniferous and mixed plantations.
- Open elevated pasture farmland, divided into medium sized irregularly shaped fields with scattered trees and hay meadows, enclosed by steeper slopes of banded limestone scars. The summit of Ingleborough projects above valley side scars.
- Large working quarry below Skirwith Bridge detracts significantly from elevated areas; the landscape is also peppered with the remains of many smaller disused quarries.
- Settlement and roads occur within elevated areas; settlement limited to a hamlet, a farm and a manor house.



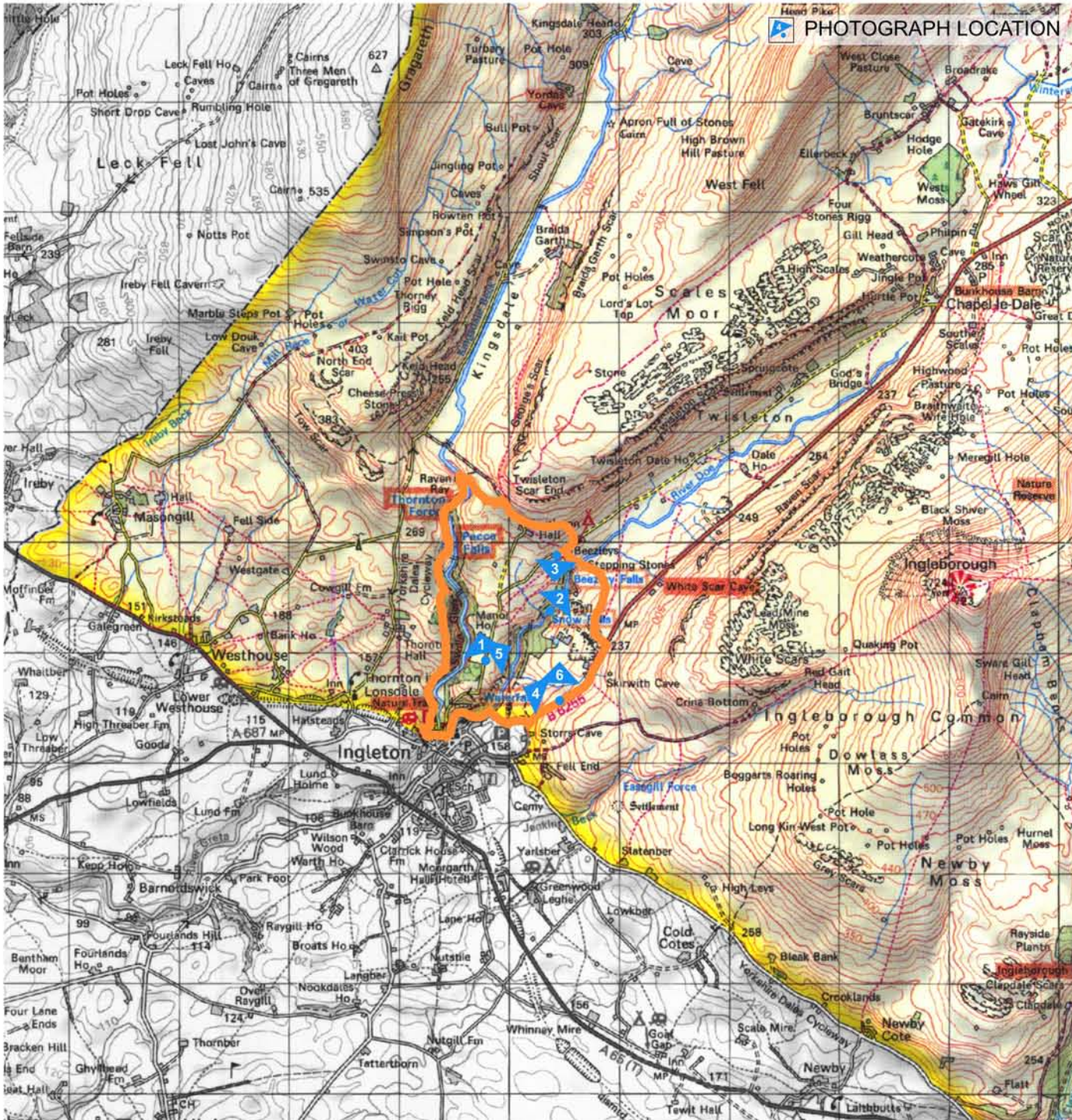
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