



**YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK**



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**KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

- Broad, exposed and shallow sided u-shaped valley overlying limestone located north of Horton in Ribblesdale between the distinctive stepped upland forms of Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent.
- Large, expansive drumlin field forms valley floor giving it a distinctive, hummocky appearance contrasting with gently stepped, shallow valley sides. Valley sideteps become more pronounced further south.
- Significant bands of outcropping rock located on both sides of the valley, often with associated woodland, particularly evident on the western valley side.
- River Ribble is a small, insignificant stream with low, open grassy banks, winding between the drumlins in the north, becoming wider and more defined further south, with a platformed, stepped bed, stony beaches and riverside trees.
- The few tributary gills present are particularly well-defined on the eastern valley side with waterfalls and associated woodland.
- Woodland vegetation very sparse at the northern end of the valley, limited to scattered, individual trees and woodland forming part of limestone scars on the valley sides. Further south vegetation cover increases particularly adjacent to the river and near settlements.
- Sparsely settled; two hamlets; Selside (small and traditional) and New Houses (modernised) and a terrace of railway cottages forming a prominent feature within the upper dale. Many isolated farmsteads located mainly on the valley floor and lower side slopes.
- Wide range of field sizes; small around settlements, especially at dale head and Selside and very large on the western valley side. Wall pattern evident but more pronounced further south.
- Land cover a mixture of improved and rough pasture with some hay meadows. Significant areas of sedge present.
- Horton Quarry, a very large quarry in an elevated valley side location, dominates views to the south west of the character area.



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