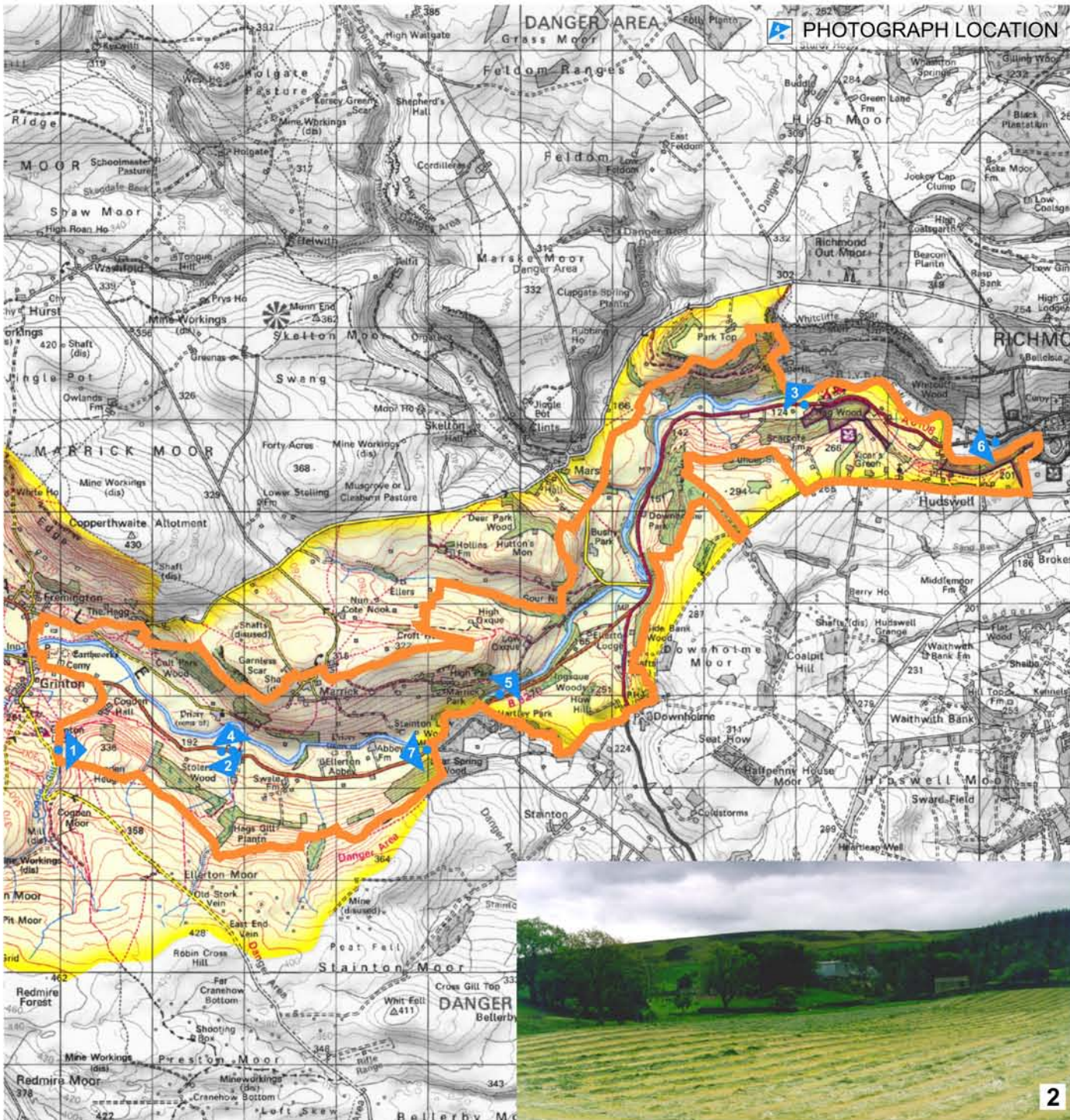
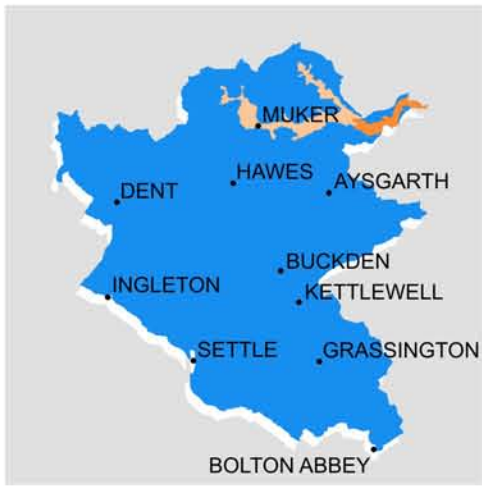


YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK



KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Relatively broad, winding, u-shaped valley within Yoredale series, narrowing in places, particularly above Richmond.
- A terraced appearance to the valley sides, steeper slopes and scars wooded and gentler slopes and valley floor farmed.
- Upland edges are visible but there are few views to distant moortops, except in long views up the valley.
- Valley side scars are frequent but sometimes hidden with woodland. Yew trees cling to the scars in places.
- Floodplain alters between flat and broad to very narrow and almost v-shaped, with steep wooded slopes extending down to the river often hiding it from view.
- Well wooded, with deciduous, mixed and coniferous woodland following the line of the valley side contours. Steep banks of ancient woodland are a particular feature above Richmond.
- Significant tree cover in association with settlements along riverside, on field boundaries, roadsides and within hedgerows.
- Generally medium sized regularly shaped fields of improved pasture and silage, walls intermixed with hedges and fences such that the wall pattern is diluted. Hay meadows infrequent.
- Strong estate and monastic influences, including parklands, farms, deer parks, halls and abbeys. Hutton's Monument forms a feature on the hilltop near Marske.
- Lush and green with a strong sense of enclosure.
- Settlements few and limited in extent, situated on river bends or on elevated positions on valley sides. Farmsteads relatively dispersed.



3 MID SWALEDALE