Devil's Bridge wander

Distance: 2.5km (1.5 miles)

Time: a minimum of 1 hour

This super short route takes includes the stunning Devil's Bridge and River Lune. A visit to Ruskin's View and a wander through the historic heart of Kirkby Lonsdale.

Barriers: the whole route is well surfaced or tarmac. There is one flight of steps which can be avoided.

Parking: Devil's Bridge, Kirkby Lonsdale (LA6 2SE)

Other transport:

- Buses from Lancaster and Settle

Toilets: Devil's Bridge

Refreshments: tea wagon on Devil's Bridge, lots in Kirkby Lonsdale

Closest National Park Centre: Malham National Park Centre

BD23 4DA (call 01729 833200)

Route description

1. There is plenty of parking on both sides of Devil's Bridge as well as the ever popular tea wagon and toilets. There are large grassy areas to have a picnic by the river.

2. From the town side of the bridge, take the well surfaced footpath signed to Radical Steps. Follow this broad easy path alongside the river until the first houses come into view.

3. You can turn up to town here using Mill Brow road. Otherwise continue on by the river until the path turns and climbs up Radical Steps.

4. At the top of the steps turn right for a short distance to admire Ruskin's View. Then go in the opposite direction and through St. Mary's churchyard.

5. At the far end of the churchyard an alley takes through into the Swine Market with the old market cross in the centre. This was where pigs were sold at one time.

6. Go straight over and continue down Horse Market street. To visit the main part of town just take one of the turns on the right.

7. To return to Devil's Bridge follow Horse Market to the end and then the tarmac footpath back to the bridge.

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