Kettlewell to Grassington

Distance: 7 miles (11 km)

Time: a minimum of about 3½ hours

Terrain: One moderate ascent, but once height is gained this is a relatively easy walk

Map: Ordnance Survey Explorer Series (1:25 000) map OL2

Parking: At Grassington National Park Authority car park (BD23 5LB; SE003637)

Other transport: Bus 72 from Skipton (74 from Ilkley connects with this service at Grassington Mon – Fri)

Toilets: Kettlewell, Grassington

Refreshments: Tea rooms, shops and pubs in both Kettlewell and Grassington

Closest National Park Centre: Grassington National Park Centre, at the end of the walk.

Route description

This route follows part of the 'Dales Way', which is well signposted along its route:

- Get off the bus at the National Park car park in Kettlewell , where public toilets are available.
- Turn towards the village and take the road just before the humped back bridge (signposted 'Dales Way' and 'Scargill House'). Follow this for 150m and turn left at the maypole, following the 'Dales Way' sign.
- Walk past the Kings Head pub and continue straight on for 400m, with the beck to your left.
- Turn right, in front of the last barn on the right; through a small gate onto a grassy path heading south.
- After 100m, this path meets the 'Dales Way' again. Follow the waymarked path through a series of stiles to join the quiet lane to the east of the River Wharfe.
- Walk along the road past the Scargill House entrance, then look for a track to the left – accessed by a stile and gate – which climbs up through woods. As the track levels out above the wood, turn right onto a path following the line of Swineber Scar.
- Where the path descends into a valley, it crosses a walled track by means of a gate on each side. Once through these, continue in a similar direction up the hill and along the clear path, over a series of stiles crossing high pastures. The path then gradually descends through ancient pastures and limestone scars for around 1½ miles. As you approach Grassington the route takes a sharp left, before Town Head farm, over stiles to join an enclosed track.
- Turn right here and follow the lane to reach Chapel Street in Grassington. The village centre – where you will find cafes, shops and pubs – is left from here.
- The National Park Centre, toilets, car park and main bus stop are found by turning left at the bottom of the village main street and walking for around 200m. (Although if you arrived in Grassington on the bus, they also pick up passengers at the top of the village square.)

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