A Ramble on Malham Moor

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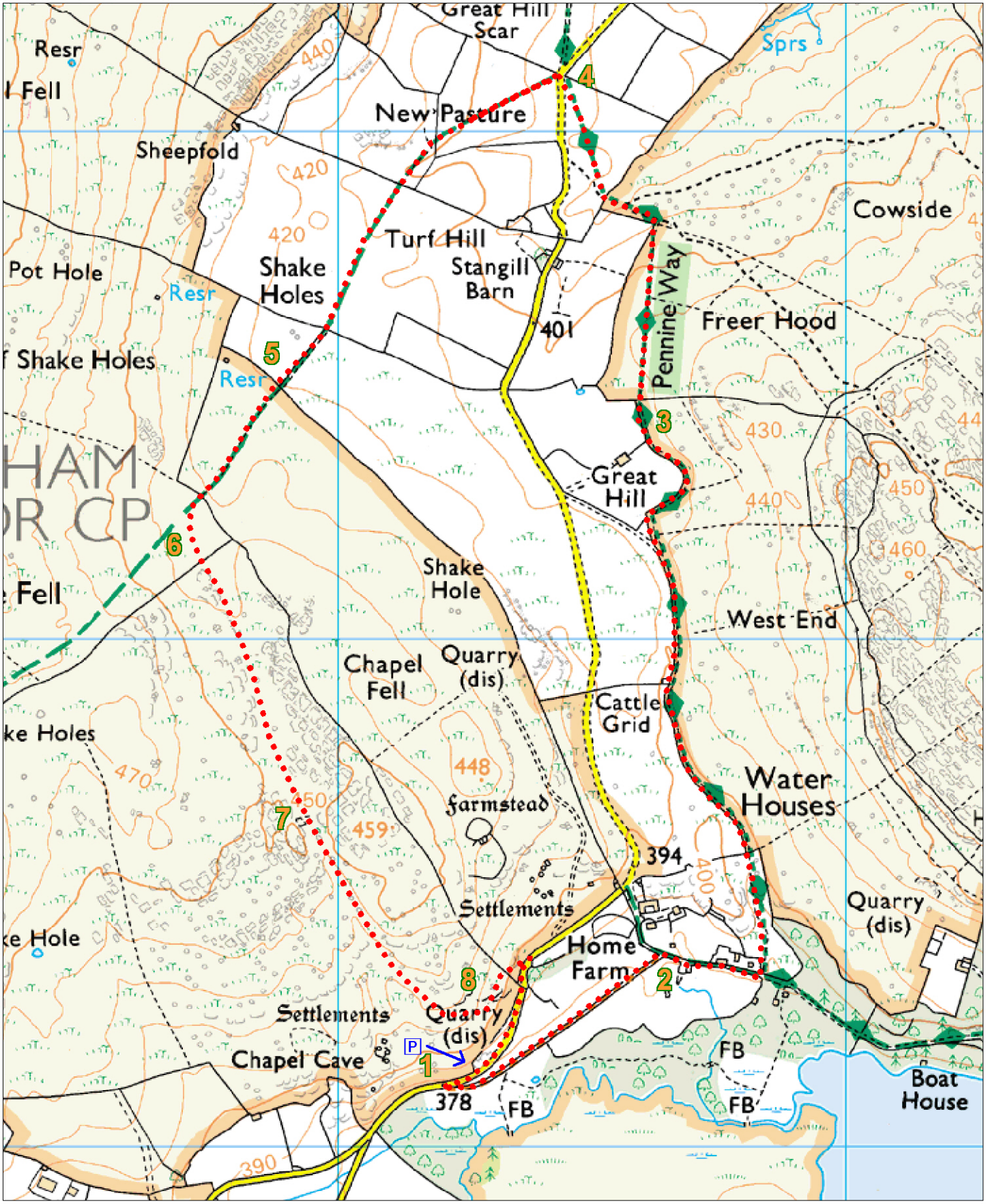

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A Ramble on Malham Moor A circular walk on the Pennine Way and lower fell side, with rewarding views of Malham Tarn.

Start: Malham Tarn car park (GPS: SD 882 671)
Distance: 5.5km (3.5 miles)
Highest point: 440m
Time: Allow 1 to 1½ hours
Grade: Easy to moderate
Notes: This route has sections on open moorland with no obvious path, so a map and navigational skills are required. There are short sections on quiet roads where care should be taken. The nearest facilities are in Malham, including toilets, pubs and a National Park Centre (SD 900 626).

1. (GPS: SD 882 671) From the car park turn right and follow the road for 100m. Go through the gate on your left onto the unmade road. On your right is Tarn Moss - an important conservation area of fen and raised bog.

2. (GPS: SD 886 673) At the road junction turn right. After continuing past the National Trust Estate buildings, take the gate on your left, signposted ‘Pennine Way’.

3. (GPS: SD 885 684) Follow the Pennine Way, continuing past Great Hill. Look out for the variety of meadow flowers along this stretch in early summer.

4. (GPS: SD 884 691) When the Pennine Way meets the tarmac road, cross to the other side. Do not continue on the Pennine Way, but go through the gate on your left onto the way marked bridleway and follow this over three wall crossings.

5. (GPS: SD 878 684) At the fourth wall crossing look for little brown walker on a circular sign, which tells you that you are now entering Open Access land. Continue along the bridleway to the next wall crossing and go through the gate.

6. (GPS: SD 877 682) From the gate leave the bridleway and swing round to your left in a southerly direction, following the way-marked post in the direction of the wall. Go over the timber step stile in the fence and a step stone stile in the wall.

7. (GPS: SD 879 676) Continue downhill across the rough open pasture, on the well marked path, in a south easterly direction. Directly in front of you, as you continue on this route, is a rewarding view of Malham Tarn and the Nature reserve.

8. (GPS: SD 883 673) At the foot of the pasture, follow the path round to your left and through the gate. At the road turn right and continue until you arrive back at the car park.

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