

# Buckden to Cray to Hubberholme circuit

**Distance:** 7km (4 miles)

**Time:** a minimum of 1½ hours

**Ascent/descent:** strenuous climb at the start

**Accessibility:** the steep climb out of Buckden is rough and rocky in places. The riverside path can get muddy in places.

**Parking:** Buckden car park  
(BD23 5JA  
SD 94239 77374)

**Other transport:**

- bus 72 from Skipton
- Cycle stands in the car park

**Toilets:** Buckden car park

**Refreshments:** pubs at Buckden, Cray and Hubberholme plus shop and cafés in Buckden

**Closest National Park**

**Centre:** Aysgarth Falls  
National Park Centre  
DL8 3TH (call 01969  
662910)

## Route description

1. Start in the car park at Buckden and leave through the gate at the top end signposted to 'Buckden Pike and Cray'. The stone track climbs steeply at first and can be slippery when wet. The bridleway then levels out and is flat for approximately 1km, passing through a number of gates, to a point above the small hamlet of Cray.
2. Take the footpath that drops down the hill towards the White Lion pub, and then cross the stream via the stepping stones onto the road. The route continues around the back of the pub and follows a lovely high level traverse above the woods through to Scar House Farm. This part of the route offers rewarding views down Wharfedale. The classic u-shaped valley can be seen, with the exposed moorland tops, down to the wooded valley sides and the lush valley bottom meadows.
3. At Scar House Farm, turn left at the signpost for Hubberholme, down past the house and onto the concrete track to join the Dales Way into Hubberholme.
4. Pass the 12th Century Norman church, cross the stone arch bridge over the River Wharfe, turn left and follow the road for 700 metres to a gate on the left.
5. Take this footpath, signed to 'Buckden Bridge', along the pleasant riverside and meadows. Keep a lookout for kingfishers and oystercatchers who favour this stretch of river. Turn left when you rejoin the road to return to the village.



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