

Snaizeholme Red Squirrel Trail

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North

Start Here
(Bus pick up/drop off)

Top Tips...

For the best chance of seeing squirrels, leave your dog behind. It might frighten them away.

Don't forget your camera though!!
Take loads of squirrel photos and tell us on Facebook @yorkshiredales
Don't forget your insect repellent.



Route Notes...

- 1 The Little White Bus will drop you at the top of the track which leads down to Mirk Pot House. Before reaching the house take the steep footpath which leads down a series of steps into the woodland.
- 2 Use the stone flags that have been laid on the muddy sections of path here – wellies can be handy!
- 3 Try to approach the viewing area quietly, otherwise you will scare the squirrels away.
- 4 On leaving the viewing area, follow the public footpath through the woodland. The route crosses a forest track and continues through an open field to reach Stone Gill Foot. Follow the track that climbs steeply to a cattle grid and single track road.
- 5 The road is quiet but watch out for cars and farm traffic. And don't forget to keep your eyes peeled – if you're lucky you might spot deer in the woods!



return road...



Top Tips...

Be aware your mobile phone will probably not work out here. Don't forget to arrange a time for the bus driver to pick you up.



Nature Spotting...

You never know when you might spot the next squirrel on the trail.

Look high and low in trees... and down on the ground for other wildlife living in the woodland.

Birds – There are lots of types of birds in the wood – including chaffinch, siskin, coal tits and robins. Try counting how many species you see.

Tracks – You might spot deer or rabbit tracks in the mud – keep those eyes peeled...

Fungi – As well as seeds from pine cones and berries, red squirrels will also eat fungi, which they find and store in trees to eat over the winter months.

coal tit



what else can we see?

Top Tips...

Be prepared – check the weather forecast before you go and make sure you have the right clothing. The paths are uneven and might be boggy. Make sure you wear appropriate footwear.



don't forget the wellies!!



Other Info...

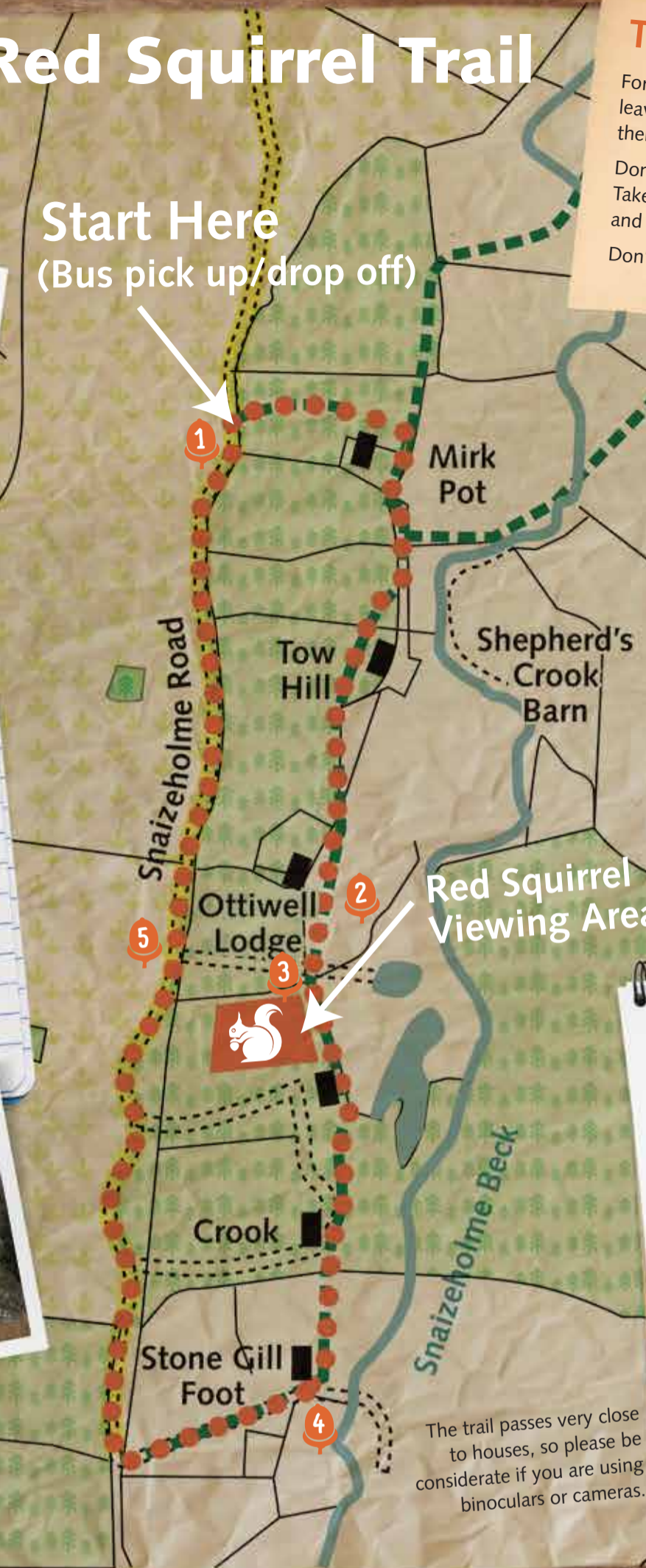
Hawes is the largest town in Upper Wensleydale. It is a thriving market town with plenty of places to stock up on provisions. Market day is held every Tuesday. The town has a good selection of pubs and cafés, and a variety of places to stay.

great place to visit



Important note:

Please don't feed the squirrels. Watch the squirrels from the path only and don't put food out to attract them or try to feed them by hand as it is important that they don't get used to human contact. Thank you.



Red Squirrel Viewing Area

The trail passes very close to houses, so please be considerate if you are using binoculars or cameras.

viewing area path

Route Stats...

Distance – Following the circular trail in a clockwise direction, it is approx. 2.5 miles/4km, from the start point at Mirk Pot House. The viewing area is approx. 1 mile/1.6km from the start point.

Time – Allow 40 mins to walk to the viewing area, from Mirk Pot House. Once at the viewing area, sit down, take the weight off your feet, and take the time to appreciate this very special place. Allow a minimum 45 mins to continue on the loop back to the start point from the viewing area.

Terrain – The route includes an initial steep descent down a series of steps, followed by an uneven footpath on the edge of the woodland. It passes over ground which can become very muddy. The return route includes a steep climb up a track to the single track road.

