



Suggested itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival day

Plan to arrive at Newfield Hall in the afternoon. There is a train station at Skipton, about 8 miles away with connections from London or Manchester Leeds - ask about cost and times for transfers if required.

Day 2: Ilkley to Burnsall

walk @ 13 miles (21km) ascent 1100 feet (340m)

We begin our journey on the Dales Way at the 17th Century bridge in Ilkley, then follow the River Wharfe and enter Yorkshire Dales National Park to view the ruins of the 12th Century priory at Bolton Abbey. We continue into the Strid woods, where the river becomes a torrent at Strid Gorge. The path opens up as we reach the bridge at Barden and travel to Howgill, below Appletreewick and on to the delightful village of Burnsall.

Day 3: Burnsall to Buckden

walk @ 14 miles (23km) ascent 1400 feet (430m)

Passing a limestone escarpment at Loup Scar, the path stays close to the river to the market town of Grassington, with its cobblestone streets. We leave the river as the pathway ascends above the valley floor. Scenic Wharfedale stretches before us as we continue towards the quaint village of Kettlewell. Keeping close to the floor of the valley once more, the Way continues past Starbotton to Buckden.

Day 4: Buckden to Gearstones

walk @ 13 miles (21km) ascent 1400 feet (430m)

A tougher day, the start is easy as we follow the river along Langstrothdale to Hubberholme, Yockenthwaite and Deepdale before we join the moorland path which climbs to join the Pennine Way beyond Cam Houses, the last farm on the Dales. At over 1600 feet, this wild moorland is the highest point of the walk, with views across to the three peaks of Pen-y-ghent, Ingleborough and Whernside. We then descend to the road above Gearstones.

Day 5: Gearstones to Sedbergh

walk @ 14 miles (23km) ascent 1100 feet (340m)

On this stage we sample the delights of Dentdale, gaining access by passing through a viaduct on the Carlisle to Settle railway line. Largely following paths besides the Dee, we reach the unspoilt village of Dent. We continue along the Way to Dillicar and join an ancient bridleway with magnificent views over Sedbergh to the fells beyond.

Day 6: Sedbergh to the A6

walk @ 14 miles (23km) ascent 1400 feet (430m)

Beyond Sedbergh the Dales Way joins the River Lune, which we follow to Crook of Lune. Leaving the Yorkshire Dales National Park, we meander through pastoral countryside to Patton Bridge, passing Black Moss and Skelsmergh Tarns, and emerge on the A6 just south of Garth Row.

Day 7: A6 to Bowness

walk @ 11 miles (18km) ascent 1150 feet (340m)

For the final stage we reach the village of Burneside and trace the River Kent to Cowan Head and Hagg Foot. After some craggy embankments we reach Staveley and the Lake District National Park. Continuing via tracks and lanes to Fell Plain we climb to Crag House and Outrun Nook for the panorama of Windermere and the Lakeland Fells. We finish in the stone village of Bowness and transfer by coach back to Newfield Hall.

Day 8: Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast at Newfield Hall.

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