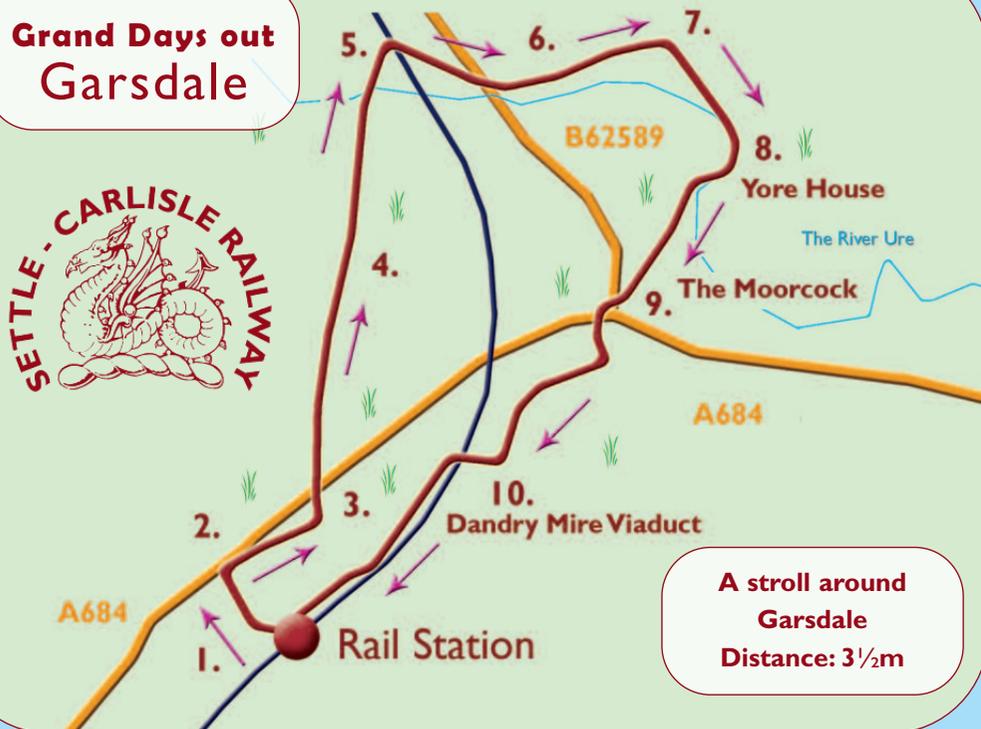


Grand Days Out on the Settle - Carlisle Line

Dandry Mire Viaduct, just by the station



Grand Days out Garsdale



A stroll around Garsdale
Distance: 3½m

Garsdale

The Settle-Carlisle Railway line came near to closure in the 1980s. In response 32,000 people and one dog objected. The dog was Ruswarp (pronounced 'Russup'), a Border Collie owned by Graham Nuttall, co-founder of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line. After years of campaigning, the line was reprieved.

Graham Nuttall and Ruswarp were inseparable and in January 1990 they went walking in the hills. They failed to return. Graham's body was found 11 weeks later, Ruswarp had stayed alongside him alone, throughout. The case attracted nationwide attention. The RSPCA honoured Ruswarp and were inundated with offers to care for him.

A bronze statue of Ruswarp was unveiled in 2009 marking the 20th Anniversary of the line's reprieve, its subsequent success and the loyalty of 'man's best friend'. Ruswarp sits on the southbound platform and looks towards the hills. His statue is dedicated to the memory of Graham Nuttall. Garsdale was their favourite place.

Ruswarp waits at Garsdale Station



A circular walk from Garsdale Station across rough moorland with excellent views of Mallerstang Edge (This walk is **not recommended in misty weather) Distance: 3½m Allow: 2 to 2½hrs Paths can be muddy, wear suitable footwear and take warm clothing and a waterproof.**

1. Leave the station and turn right downhill, following the road to the junction with the main road.
2. Turn right and walk along the road for approx 400m (! keep an eye out for fast moving traffic).
3. Cross the road and go over the stile opposite 'East Mudbecks' cottage.
4. Bear slightly right and follow the path more or less straight uphill across rough moorland. Cross a broken down wall and fence and keep straight ahead. Follow the faint path bearing slightly right leading to the next wall with a gap stile. Go through the stile and continue to a further wall which is crossed by a ladder stile. Continue ahead with extensive views of Wensleydale opening up to the right while in front Mallerstang Edge dominates the view.
5. After a short while you should see a footbridge crossing the railway directly in front of you. Walk towards the footbridge and leave the moorland by the small gate stile in the corner of the paddock. Cross over the footbridge and turn right down the track to meet the road. This section of the line was the site in 1910 of a major derailment which cost the lives of 10 people. (See the display boards in the waiting room at Garsdale Station).
6. At the road, cross and go down the track opposite towards Blades Farm.
7. Immediately after crossing a bridge over the beck, turn right and follow the track which follows the stream round to the waterfall at Ure Force.
8. Join the track from Yore House and turn right. Cross the bridge over the stream again and just after the small camping ground turn left onto the gravel track which winds through more rough moorland towards the Moorcock Inn. This is part of the Pennine Bridleway.
9. At the road, cross over and rejoin the track which bends round the field alongside the road junction.
10. When the track meets the road again, cross carefully (!) and continue along the track which takes you under Dandry Mire Viaduct and back alongside the railway to emerge at the road just behind the row of railway cottages. Turn left to get back to the station. For trains to Carlisle and the waiting room which describes the Hawes Junction accident go up the gravel track. For trains to Leeds and the platform statue of Ruswarp continue uphill under the railway bridge and left into the station car park.

For a more detailed map see: Outdoor Leisure map OL 19 (Howgill Fells & Upper Eden Valley)

This walk is one of a series of *Days Out* for the Settle - Carlisle Line. Produced by the Settle - Carlisle Railway Development Company. For more information and rail timetables visit our website at www.settle-carlisle.co.uk



Garsdale Station

Garsdale Station

Coal Road, Garsdale Head, Cumbria LA10 5PP

Toilets superb on the Leeds side. Also waiting room - statue and story of Ruswarp, the dog who signed the petition and more. There is also a staffed signal box.

Garsdale Head

No facilities but the Pennine Bridleway has a new route that crosses Dandry Mire and takes you to the Moorcock Inn. The walk south along the Coal Road gives some spectacular views of the Dales and west towards the Lake District.

Garsdale Station Shuttle Bus

Garsdale was originally known as Hawes Junction and connections by bus to Hawes can still be made. (Please see below).

The Little White Bus operates a Garsdale Station Shuttle covering the Moorcock Inn. Appersett, Hardraw, Hawes and Gayle. There are plenty of things to explore in Hawes. www.littlewhitebus.co.uk/timetables.php
It does not meet every train at Garsdale but if there is a train people would like to meet a demand responsive booking can be made. This on demand responsive service also covers other villages in Upper Wensleydale and Upper Swaledale. Tel. **01969 667 400** or email uwco@btconnect.com

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For more walks see www.foscl.org.uk/guided-walks

Things to see and do

Garsdale Strolls

The **Moorcock Inn** at Garsdale Head is well worth a visit. Leave the station going down hill down hill past the row of Midland Railway cottages. Turn right and follow the footpath behind cottages and on to **Dandy Mire Viaduct**. Continue on until you reach the Moorcock on the road junction. You can return the same way or walk along the main road, under the railway bridge and past the old chapel. Take the next turn left back up to the station. Food is served up to 7.50pm. Tel: **01969 667 488** www.moorcockinn.com/

You can also walk the stunning **Coal Road** to Dent Station, the highest in England, around 3.4 miles away. Commanding spectacular views of the Dales and towards the Lakes. Dent also has regular timetabled trains, but the station is 4 miles from the village itself. Please look at the train timetable before setting off.

A visit to Hawes

Taking the Little White Bus to Hawes makes a great day trip out. The bustling market town of Hawes has much to offer including the Wensleydale Railway and the Wensleydale Creamery. To find out more visit www.wensleydalerrailway.com/ and www.visithawes.co.uk

The Settle & Carlisle Railway Trust has three holiday cottages, two within the main station building at Kirkby Stephen and also the Station Master's House at Ribbleshead, for details call Rachel on 01768 800 208 or visit: www.sandctrust.org.uk/stayatastation



The landscape surrounding Garsdale

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