

# Ingleborough Walks

## Walk 1 Along Giggleswick Scar



A walk from two attractive villages on the edge of Ingleborough that follows enclosed medieval packhorse ways to the hamlet of Feizor. It then takes winding paths above and along the dramatic limestone crags of Giggleswick Scar, offering extensive views across Ribblesdale to the Bowland Fells, passing spectacular disused Giggleswick Quarry to Settle.



### The Walk

From the stone bridge in Clapham village centre, walk on the right hand side of the stream northwards towards the National Park Car Park and toilets. Turn right and immediately in front of the toilet block join a narrow, enclosed path marked by gates alongside farm. Keep the same direction through parkland, the way marked by pedestrian gates and stiles, climbing slightly, before curving left up the hillside, then descending, past a bench, to stile in the wall corner. Turn left into Austwick village centre.

Continue along the Helwith Bridge road due east,

but just past the village shop and hall (toilet) take the narrow lane that forks right. After 50 metres take narrow enclosed path right by wooden footpath sign, leading between gardens to a stile and paved way across a field to the main road north of Austwick Bridge. Cross the bridge and turn left into Wood Lane. Follow this lane for 300 metres to where the lane bends north. Take the stile by the gate in the corner, follow the path across the field, bearing slightly right but below the low green hillock to the right. Keep ahead below the hillock to a stile into Hale Lane, to the south of Wood House farm. Turn right into this narrow, winding bridlepath, now carrying the Pennine

Bridleway. Continue along Hale Lane past Meldings Barn. Bear left at junction of ways to the hamlet of Feizor (refreshments).

From Feizor turn right along the track north of Old Hall Farm, through a field gate, signed Stackhouse. This climbs steeply with a field wall to your left. Keep the same direction uphill for 600 metres up to a wooden footpath sign on the brow of the hill.

Bear right here, signed Buckhaw Brow. The path goes through a gate past a sheepfold then heads due south across fields, climbing slightly through more gates. After half a mile you reach the edge of Buckhaw Brow with the old road in the gorge below. Do not descend but turn left over a stile to a footpath, heading south-east.

Cross and descend limestone pavement with care - easy to twist ankles here. The path is well defined across a shallow valley and up to a stile. Follow the narrow shelf between the limestone cliff face and scar. Keep directly ahead above woodland, ascending towards a large cairn ahead, the ruined School Boys' Tower. As you approach the tower take a narrow path to the right leading to this cairn and viewpoint.

Return to the main track, turn right, heading across tricky limestone pavement to where the path now follows the fence along the edge of the old Giggleswick Quarry. Note the remarkable exposed Carboniferous limestone strata visible from the path.

Continue to where the path leaves the quarry edge and drops steeply over loose stones east (great care needed here). Head for track into the woodland below. Go through the gate and follow this track through the woods which curves right and enters The Mains a suburban road. Follow this down to the main road, turning left to pass Settle College, but turn right at Settle Bridge to follow the path along the riverside.

Continue to the footbridge. For Giggleswick Station turn right through the alleyway to the lane, turning left. Keep straight ahead at the crossroads along Brackenber Lane to the A65 (cross with care). For Settle Station and buses turn left across the bridge, keeping ahead past King's Mill Lane to emerge behind Booth's Supermarket. Keep directly ahead, before bearing left under the railway bridge and along Kirkgate to Settle Market Place, but for Settle Station turn right through the car park soon after the railway bridge.

