

A Day in the Dales

Skipton and the Yorkshire Dales



Walk 5.5hrs (18km)



Total Ascent 380 m



Highest Point 354 m

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Getting There



Train

If coming by train from the south, change at Leeds for the Airedale Line which has regular services to Skipton and takes approximately 50 minutes.



By Car

Parking in Skipton town centre can be busy in peak periods. The largest car parks are in Cavendish Street (BD23 2AB) and Skipton High Street Car Park (BD23 1ED)

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Hike Summary

This walk combines many of the characteristic landscapes of the southern Dales:

An initial gradual climb through moorland, with superb views back down the valley over the town, followed by a gentle descent through rolling pasture. The Dales are perched between the mill towns of Yorkshire and Lancashire, two powerhouses of the Industrial Revolution. The last section of the walk takes you from Gargrave, a peaceful village, back to Skipton along the Leeds-Liverpool canal, one of the oldest canals in the world still in operation – once a bustling commercial waterway, and now a blissfully peaceful backdrop.



Points of interest

[Tap here](#) and find the waypoints in the OS map app.



SKIPTON STATION

Built in 1876, Skipton railway station is a Grade II listed and serves 1 million passengers per year.



BEAN LOVED

The perfect pre-walk spot for a coffee or some food. We recommend the truffle mushrooms on sourdough with poached eggs!



SKIPTON CASTLE



One of the most complete and best preserved medieval castles in England and is well worth a visit!

SKIPTON CASTLE WOODS



If you have the time (and energy!), there is idilic circular path around these gardens that takes about an hour.



SHARP HAW

You'll find a trig point once you've reached the summit - 354 metres. Spectacular views in all directions!



FLASBY

This picturesque hamlet was the home to Fred Trueman, the great fast bowler.



ESHTON HALL

Just outside Flasby, you'll glimpse Eshton Hall, a Victorian manor house.



THE OLD SWAN, GARGAVE

If you fancy a stop half-way for some food or a drink take a 5km detour to The Old Swan in Gargave.



LEEDS-LIVERPOOL CANAL

Work began on building this canal in 1770, and it opened four years later. It boasts a impressive ninety-one locks.



FINISH IN SKIPTON

There are lots of shops selling high-quality local produce, a brilliant second-hand bookshop, and an array of excellent pubs and cafes.

Plan B
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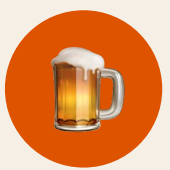
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Skipton & Gargrave



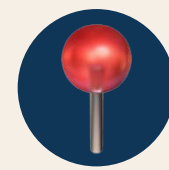
EAT

- X Wildwood
- X Le Bistrot des Amis
- X Le Caveau
- X Alexander's Bar & Kitchen



DRINK

- X The Albion, Skipton
- X The Royal Shepherd Inn, Skipton
- X The Masons' Arms, Gargrave
- X The Old Swan, Gargrave



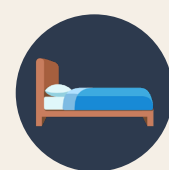
DO

- X Skipton Castle
- X Skipton Castle Woods
- X Skipton Market
- X Craven Court



SEE

- X Leeds and Liverpool Canal
- X Holy Trinity Church



SLEEP

- X Herriots Hotel
- X The Curious Fox
- X Skipton Woods Cottages

TAKING IT ALL IN

Sometimes, we can get so caught up in reaching our destination that we forget to take in our surroundings. When in fact, some of the best moments on a walk are the ones spent not walking. It is not until you stop and look a little closer, that you truly see the magic of where you are.

Our hikes are not about how fast you walk, but about how much you take in. We share these beautiful trails with an abundance of wildlife and there's always something to marvel at – so long as you take the time to look around.

Here are a few of our favourite bits of wildlife to look out for on this walk:



Bird's-eye Primrose

An endangered wildflower known for its healing powers.

Little Owl

This bird lives up to its name, standing at only 20cm tall!



Northern Brown Argus

A small, rare butterfly with a silvery appearance. Spot flying low on flowery grasslands.

Plan B

CALLING IT A DAY?

If you've decided that's quite enough for you, there's absolutely no shame in calling it a day.

After Sharp Haw, walk into Gargrave and get a taxi back to Skipton, or you can get a bus from the bus stop near The Dalesman Café Tea Rooms.

Skipton & Craven Taxis:

01756 701122

Star Taxis:

01756 700505



Thank you

**WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR WALK.
CREATED BY OUR LOCAL CURATOR, ARCHIE.**



What's next?

We hope you enjoyed your walk as much as we've enjoyed bringing it to you. And we've got plenty more where that came from!

Check out the full range of walk available to you on:
[link to their portal](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

We love hearing about your adventures, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have from your walk.

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