

ADDINGHAM TO ILKLEY

Distance approx: 3 miles

Time approx: 1 hour

Difficulty: Easy

Parking: The Swan Inn, Addingham

Suggested Footwear: Walking Boots.

Turning left out of The Swan walk down Main Street and turn first left onto Sugar Hill. Walking up Sugar Hill passing Croft Cottage and Crakye Cottage continue along until you join Back Beck Lane. Turn right and walk down Back Beck Lane going under the old railway bridge until the lane joins Bolton Road.

Turn left onto Bolton Road and cross the road, walk along Bolton Road past The Acres and up a slight incline. Cross over the road at Bark Lane and head down the hill towards the Addingham border stone Beamsley Beacon can be clearly be seen in front of you, continue on and turn right into High Mill Lane.



Proceed down the hill to High Mill cottages at the bottom. Turn right to join the Dales Way.

Follow the Dales Way sign across Cross Dawson Crossley field and along the banks of the River Wharfe. The Dales Way meanders along the side of the river and soon on your left hand side a suspension bridge will come into sight.



Proceed up the steps and a Dales Way sign will direct you down Bark Lane into North Street. Turn left at the Dales Way sign and pass Bridge Cottage, a gate will lead you through into St Peters church and the surrounding fields.



Walk across the field and turn right by the beck and proceed up the stone steps. Turn left onto Low Mill Lane and walk down the road past The Old Rectory (Built 1809) you are now on The Dales Way. Carry on down the road passing Holme House on your right hand side whilst the River Wharfe can be seen on your left hand side continue down until the road ends and there is a path leading into Low Mill village.

Follow the road through Low Mill and as you leave the village the Weir can clearly be seen behind you on your left hand side. Continue down the road looking across the river Wharfe on your left hand side you will see Ilkley Golf course. At the road junction turn left and walk along the old Addingham/Ilkley road for approx 500 metres and on your left you will see a footpath sign for the Dales Way. Go through the kissing gate and follow path alongside the River Wharfe.

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On your left hand side Ilkley golf course (1898) can be seen with the hole of the 3rd being situated pretty close to the Wharfe. Follow path across the field and go through the kissing gate the path now heads uphill for approx 100metres and divides.



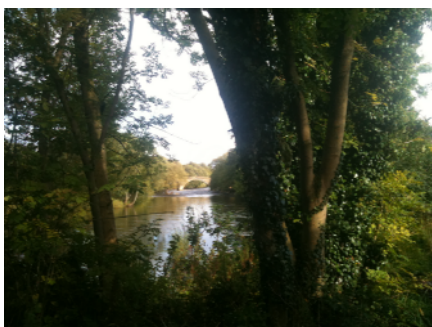
Take the left hand path down the steps and over the wooden bridge a Dales Way badge is present on the bridges left railing. Follow the path down and past a pumping station on your right hand side. As you leave the trees the path forks follow the right hand path marked Dales Way and pass through the wooden kissing gate.



The path now crosses open fields with views of Hadfield Farm, the A59 running parallel with the Dales Way and Ilkley Town on your right hand side.

At the next kissing gate turns left and then right and follow the track between the fencing. Continue on the Dales Way through the next kissing gate heading onwards through a series of 3 further kissing gates until you are at the back of Ilkley lawn tennis club which was founded in 1890.

Turn right and follow the road away from the Tennis club, when the road turns right follow the path straight in front of you and rejoin the River Wharfe. On your left hand side you will see the Old Bridge built in 1675 and the path leads you past Old Bridge Nurseries to the official start of the Dales Way.



Ilkley town centre can be reached by continuing straight on through Riverside Gardens and ascending the steps on to Old Brook Street. Turn right and walk up a slight hill into the town centre.

To return to Addingham either walk the route in reverse or alternatively the 762, 765, or X84 buses from Ilkley Station pass through the Addingham village.