

## FOR A SAFE, ENJOYABLE WALK

☺ Walk clothing should be a synthetic “breathable” material, it is likely to be more comfortable when wet and quick drying. To minimise blisters/ankle injuries, 2 pairs of socks and properly broken-in walking boots are recommended.

☺ Your day sack should contain essential items and anything else you wish to take. Essential items include spare gloves, hat, jumper, breathable waterproofs, filled unbreakable flask/water bottle of at least 2 litres capacity, *(You may need every drop, If you have a dog with you, remember the extra water and collapsible/unbreakable bowl)* first aid kit and any medication you may need. Finally take a torch with spare bulb/batteries in case of a delay that results in you finishing after dark and a sun hat & sunscreen for those bright sunny days.

☺ Remember the map and compass you never know when they may be needed.

☺ To help preserve the countryside and maintain good relations with landowners follow paths as closely as possible.

☺ If a gate can't be opened, make sure you're on the correct route. Then carefully climb over it at the hinged end to avoid unnecessary damage.

☺ Always follow the country code.

☺ When using un-pathed roads, keep in single file on the right hand side except when approaching right hand bends when you should walk on the left.

☺ If using un-pathed roads at night there should be a torch at the front and back of your group and you should wear a reflective strip/outer clothing. Shine the torch towards the ground a few metres ahead of, or behind you. to avoid blinding drivers of approaching vehicles.

☺ If you have a dog with you, make sure he/she is under your full control and wearing an identity tag *(a legal requirement)*. Never allow your dog to run off, bark or annoy other people/animals

*(farmers can legally shoot dogs that worry their animals)*. He/she should always be close to you on a short lead when crossing fields containing animals/ livestock. From 1<sup>st</sup> March - 31<sup>st</sup> July, this also applies to open country to minimise disturbance to ground nesting birds and other wildlife.

☺ If livestock blocks your path, walk round them slowly. ALWAYS give their hindquarters a wide berth; a kick can be fatal. NEVER make sudden movements that could startle or frighten them. NEVER walk between an adult and its young. If you feel threatened, particularly if you have a dog with you, DON'T RUN it will encourage them to chase. If necessary let your dog off the lead to make his/her own escape *(DON'T just let go of the lead, it could catch preventing your dog from escaping)*. The herd probably sees your dog rather than you as the threat

☺ Always heed any local warnings/restrictions that may be in force.

☺ Make sure every item of kit can be used properly by at least one member of your group. In an emergency your life may depend on it.

### The Countryside Code

- Be safe plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Leave livestock, crops & machinery alone
- Use gates and styles to cross fences, hedges and walls
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Keep dogs under close control Consider other people

### Please remember

Leave only footprints  
Take only photographs  
Kill only time

## GRIMWITH & BURNSALL A WALK IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES

**Distance Walked:** 16 Km (10 miles)    **Height Climbed:** 210 mtrs (690 feet)

**Grade:** Moderate    **Map:** Explorer OL2

**Summary:** A great walk for all seasons visiting one of the prettiest villages in the Dales and an area of special interest that will be appreciated by nature lovers and bird watchers.

**Terrain:** An easily followed route with gentle climbs and descents and one short steep ascent out of Burnsall.

**Start:** Grimwith Reservoir car park NGR: SE062640    Sat Nav: N54:04:20 W01:54:19



## THE ROUTE

From the car park you head in the direction the access road and go sharp left past the toilet block to pass the water authority worker's cottages on your right. This leads you through a gate and along a track that crosses over the moor to meet the B6265.

Head straight across the road to a green lane which is walled on either side. When you reach a stile keep the wall on your right to a second stile where you continue straight ahead along the public road for just over 100 metres before turning right along the footpath signed BR to Hartlington.

Follow this well-defined path through a gate and then a further stile as the stony path goes downhill. *In the valley ahead of you is the village of Burnsall.*

When the track branches, follow the right hand fork towards Burnsall. This takes you down to a gate with footpath signs indicating Appletreewick, Dibble's Bridge and Hartlington.

Take the path to Hartlington and pass through another gate leading onto a walled lane which you follow downhill past some farm buildings on your left to eventually join the public road.

*As you head downhill you will see Hartlington Hall (1) on your right. Hartlington was once worthy of mention in the Domesday Book, it consisted of the hall, a former mill and a former inn. The Hall was built in 1894 and was occupied in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War by the boys of Leeds Grammar School.*

When you reach the road follow the path and lane opposite signed footpath to

the Dales Way (2) - *An 84-mile long trail passing through the heart of the Yorkshire Dales on its way from Ilkley to the Lake District. Inaugurated in 1968 it is less demanding than many long distance routes and is very much a riverside walk. This has led to its popularity as a first ever long distance walk for many.*

Just before the farm buildings a footpath sign indicates Burnsall to your right. Follow this over a bridge and through a further stile in the wall ahead, which leads you along a riverside path to Burnsall (3)

*The village was an early centre of Christianity as the fragments of Danish-Anglo crosses preserved in the Church bear witness. The font itself dates from 1150. Sir William Craven, although born in Appletreewick, restored the church in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, rebuilt the bridge and endowed the grammar school, now a primary school, but still of architectural interest. He later became an Alderman and a Lord Mayor of London.*

You pass toilets on your right just before you reach the road and there are further toilets, and an excellent café and public house across the bridge in the village.

The walk however does not cross the bridge, but leaves the parapet via the steps and path to your right signed Skuff Road, which leads over a stile to the riverbank.

You then come to another stile in the wall ahead of you, where you should take the path straight ahead up to a gate in another wall and then cross the road to a further uphill path signed Hartlington.

You will now see two stiles ahead of you – one leading right, the other straight ahead, take the latter one. Your route heads diagonally left across the field but if it is cultivated, please follow the left hand wall around the field to the stile; where you should again head diagonally across the field towards the next stile by a tree in the corner.

Keep going in the same general direction to join the public road by a further stile where you turn left along the road (Hartlington Raikes) to its junction with the B6265.

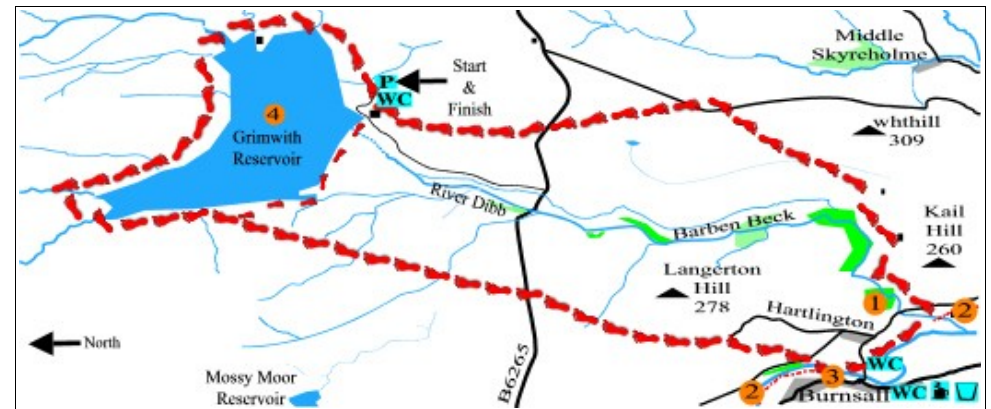
Continue straight across to a stony track (Hartlington Moor Lane) which you follow through a gate and keep straight ahead as the path comes down to meet the shore of Grimwith Reservoir (4).

*On your way you will pass a number of*

*signed wildlife areas, the first of these will lead you onto a track which crosses the dam parapet and thence back to the car park by a shorter route.*

*Grimwith is Yorkshire Water Authority's largest reservoir and holds 4800 million gallons of water. A reservoir has existed on this site since Bradford Corporation first constructed one in 1864. The present reservoir however was increased sevenfold before being completed in 1983. It is home to many wildfowl and there are protected wetland areas. You will find an interpretation board in the car park and picnic area.*

The full route follows the northern and then eastern lakeshore as it passes the remains of two lonely farmsteads before you arrive back at the car park.



## MAP INDEX

Your route	Woodland	Cafe/Tea Room
National Trail	Town/Village	Car Park
Public/Access Road	Lake/Reservoir	Public Toilets
River/Stream/Canal	Named Peak	Public Phone
Prominent/Named Building	Interest Point	Pub