

**WALK 20 – HARD:** 10 miles and 2,293 feet of climbing (approx)

Starting point: Litton

**Litton - Arncliffe – Kettlewell – Old Cote Moor - Litton**

**Refreshments:** Falcon Inn & Littondale Larder's pop-up shop, Arncliffe; Pubs & cafes in Kettlewell; Queens Arms, Litton

**Directions:** On leaving Park Bottom turn right and go down the road for approx 200metres take the turning on your right through the small wooden gate and head over the fields (if the river is impassable see map for alternative route).

The Queens Arms will now be behind you. Follow the footpath signs as the path weaves its way through fields and gates towards the River Skirfare. On reaching the River Skirfare cross the river via the stepping stones and turn left and head through the small wooden gate. Sticking initially close to the river follow the path, which can be a bit boggy and stony in places until it leaves the river and goes across wide fields. The path goes diagonally through the fields and through gates until reaching the small stepping stones which take you across a boggy spring and through a wooden gate and onto a track. This track can be very wet following heavy rainfall.



Follow the track until coming to the footpath sign, signposting Litton and Halton Gill on your left hand side and the road to your right climbs steeply to Malham. Head over the hump back bridge and immediately turn left, follow the path as it bends round along the side of the river until it meets the road. At the road turn left and cross the bridge. Immediately over the bridge take the public footpath on your right signposted Kettlewell 2½ miles. Follow the path along the river and climb the stone steps, cross the road and take the path immediately in front of you signposted Kettlewell 2 ¼ miles.



The path starts to climb steeply through the grass fields and over a stone stile. Go through the small wooden gate and the path climbs steeply through a small wood and becomes rocky as it climbs Park Scar. This section only lasts around ¼ mile. At the top, once through the gate turn right and start to head up the grassy path



The path climbs diagonally and less steeply now. Be careful not to go too far over to the right, particularly at the point in the photo on the left; if you reach the wall keep following it upwards until you reach the gate. Go through the gate and continue to climb to the ridge. The climb is only around ¾ mile in total from Park Scar until reaching the ridge. Climb the stile and begin to descend towards Kettlewell



The path descends to the right and steeply at times but is mainly grassy apart from a small area of limestone scar (see photo on the right); a narrow scramble is required and can be slippery especially when wet. Continue to head downwards towards Kettlewell and the road. When the path meets the stony track (before the road) turn left and follow this track. Continue to follow the track as it climbs up to Moor End Farm (now derelict).



At the farm, take the path to the left of the buildings as it now becomes grassy, follow the public bridleway/path signs for about ½ mile, through broken walls and gates until the path meets the bridleway coming up from Starbotton to Arncliffe, take this path as it starts to head up to the ridge.



On reaching the ridge do not go through the gate instead turn right and start to follow the ridge path, keeping the wall on your left. After about a mile you will reach a t-junction of walls head towards the ladder stile and climb over the stile. Head directly in front of you until reaching the wall and then turn right and follow the wall passing the trig point of Firth Fell (607 metres) on your right.



On reaching the paving slabs of the bridleway from Litton to Buckden turn left and go through the gate and head down into Litton. The majority of the path is grassy but can become boggy in places. The path follows the wall for around ¾ miles before going slightly left and then right and then the path becomes slightly stony as it heads down through a gap in the wall. Continue down the bridleway through 2 gates and onto a grassy descent, before crossing Crystal Beck. Go through the gate and along the path between the 2 walls until it reaches the farmyard. Go through the farmyard and onto the road by the Queens Arms. Turn right and walk the few metres back to Park Bottom.



