

Safety in the hills

Whilst none of these walks are dangerous, walkers are responsible for their own safety and are reminded of the importance of being fully prepared for walking on the fells. Appropriate footwear is essential. The weather can change quickly and it is advisable to carry warm clothing and wet weather gear, along with adequate food and drink. Rivers and becks can flood rapidly after heavy rain. A mobile phone can be extremely useful, should an emergency arise, and it is a good idea to let someone know where you are intending to walk. Dogs should be kept under proper control particularly during lambing time and during the late spring and early summer mating season of ground-nesting birds. Please follow the countryside code and take your litter home.

Weathercall: To obtain the latest weather report for this walk call 09068 500 419 and enter the code 1903 when prompted. Calls cost 60p/min from a UK landline, mobile charges may vary.

Directions

From the M6, leave at J37 signposted Sedbergh A684. Dent is a further 5 miles from Sedbergh.

From West Yorkshire, leave the A65 at Kirkby Lonsdale, heading north on the A683 towards Sedbergh. At Barbon Village look for signs to Dent.

From the A1, exit at Northallerton and head west on A684 towards Leyburn and Hawes. At Hawes take the B6255 towards Ingleton, looking out for the junction to Dent.

By Rail: Trains from Leeds and Carlisle to Dent Station. Please note Dent Station is 4 miles from Dent Village.

By Bus: Service 564A, Kendal-Sedbergh-Dent (limited service).

Walking in Dentdale

Great Knoutberry Hill

Moderate



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Great Knoutberry Hill - Quick Guide

START

1 From the car park take a right turn and head up the hill towards the railway bridge.

2 Continue up the road towards a forest of conifers.

3 At the top of the hill turn right, through a gate on to a bridleway.

4 At the first gate turn left through a wooden gate with an open access signboard on it. Continue through several gates until you reach the open fell side.

5 Keep close to the fence on the left as you climb the hill.

6 The shoulder of Knoutberry.

7 Great Knoutberry Hill summit.

8 Don't cross over the stiles, instead continue to follow the fence.

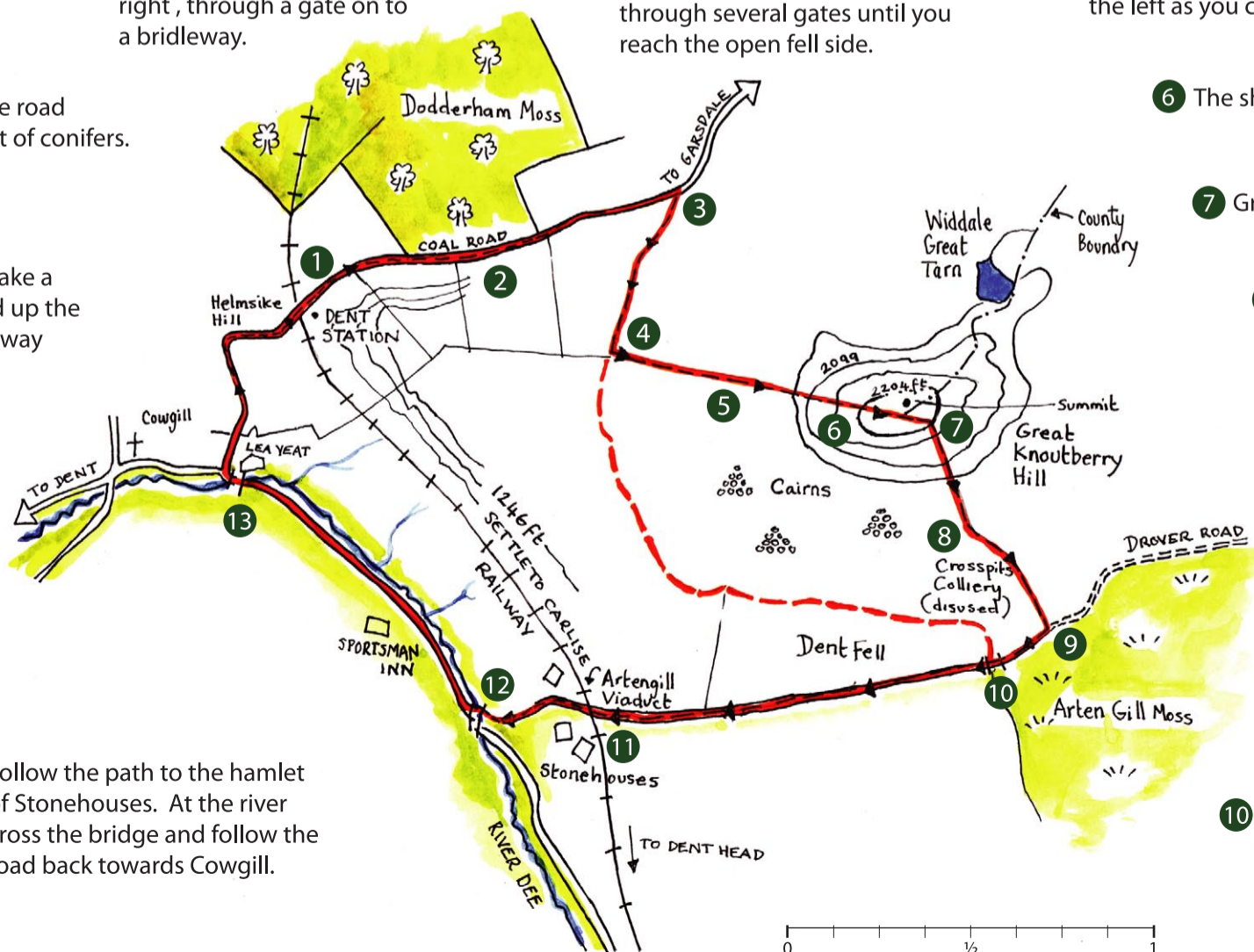
9 At the bottom of the slope, cross a substantial stile onto a bridleway and turn right.

10 After a short distance, go through a gate into Arten Gill proper and continue down the hill.

13 Continue along the road, crossing another bridge at Lea Yeat and turn right at the T-junction towards the station.

12 Follow the path to the hamlet of Stonehouses. At the river cross the bridge and follow the road back towards Cowgill.

11 Follow the path under Arten Gill Viaduct.



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26'

24'

22'

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Route: 7 miles / 4 hours / Moderate

Start/Finish: Dent Station Car Park at SD 764875 on OS Explorer OL2 map.

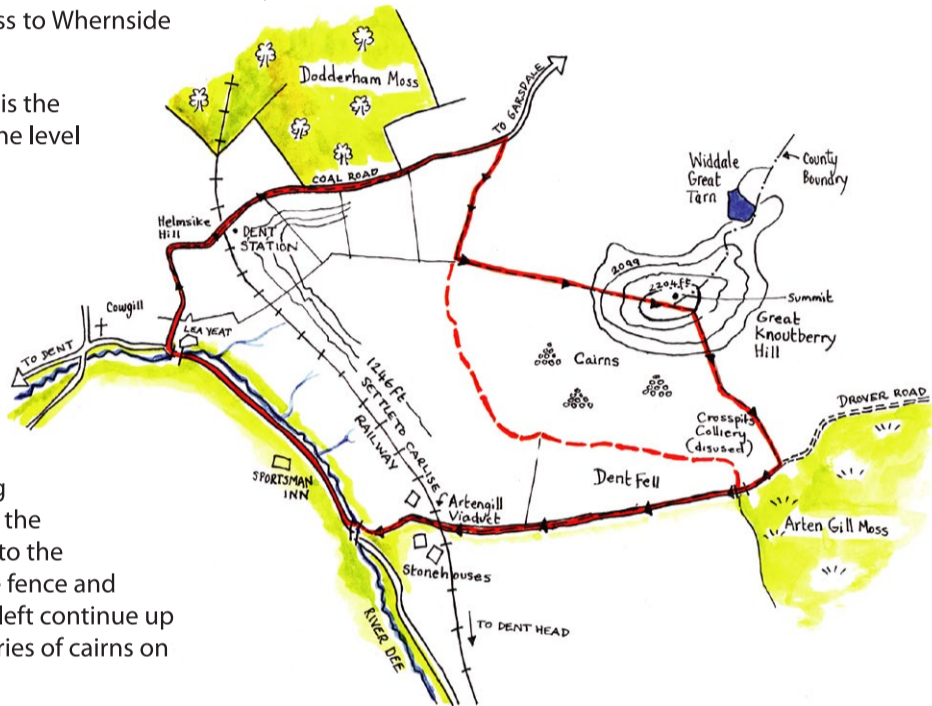
This classic walk in Upper Dentdale will take you up over the top of Great Knoutberry Hill earning you terrific panoramic views of the Dentdale and Widdale valleys, and the Howgill Fells. On a clear day you'll be able to see the magnificent Three Peaks with Pendle Hill in the distance, and the mountains of the Lake District in the west. Returning via the magnificent viaduct at Arten Gill and the pretty hamlet of Stonehouses.

1. Turn right out of the car park and head up the hill towards the bridge over the famous Settle to Carlisle Railway, where there is a birdseye view of Dent Station - the highest in England at 1150 feet above sea level.

2. Continue up the Coal Road towards a forest of conifers, looking out for an old Royal Observer Corp bunker (now privately owned) on the left. As you climb higher look back to see the beautiful eastern end of the Dentdale valley opening up below.

3. As the road begins to level off turn right through a gate onto a bridleway. This bridleway was used by the now abandoned Cross Pit Colliery on the lower slopes of Great Knoutberry to transport coal onto the Coal Road. Walk along this path for a short distance, taking in the views across to Wherside and Crag Hill.

4. At the first gate there is the option to continue on the level bridleway to Point 10. However to enjoy spectacular panoramic views turn left through a wooden gate with an Open Access signboard on it into a sheep fold. Continue through several more gates (following the arrow signs) with the last gate opening onto the fell side. Keeping the fence and arrow signs on your left continue up the hill towards a series of cairns on Pikes Edge.



5. Keep close to the fence on the left as the climb upwards gradually reveals Ingleborough in the distance. The cairns stand on a plateau strewn with large limestone boulders. Do not follow the line of the cairns but keep close to the fence and continue up the fell avoiding the marshy ground.

6. On reaching the shoulder of Great Knoutberry, the tranquil waters of Widdale Great Tarn can be seen down to the left with a tantalising peek of Wensleydale beyond. The upland area is a haven for wildlife and an important habitat for Black Grouse, Curlews and Skylarks.

7. On reaching the trig point at 2205 feet above sea level, enjoy the spectacular views of the western half of the Yorkshire Dales and beyond. On a clear day the curvaceous line of the Dentdale valley can be seen nestling between Crag Hill on the left and Rise Hill on the right, with the Howgill Fells and the Lake District Peaks beyond. To the south is the Three Peaks and Pendle Hill, in the east is the Widdale valley, whilst to the north nestles Garsdale, Mallerstang and the North Pennine hills in the far distance.

8. Don't cross over the stiles, instead continue to follow the fence on the left which marks the county boundary between Cumbria and Yorkshire. Cross Pits Colliery used to be on the right at the lower part of the slope. All traces of the workings have long since gone.

9. There is a substantial stile at the bottom of the slope, cross over it onto a bridleway and turn immediately right. This was originally an old drover's route used by the communities of the western dales to travel to the market town of Hawes and beyond.

10. After a short distance go through a gate into Arten Gill proper. For those who took the option to walk the level path at point 4 the two bridleways meet at this point. On the left is an information board with a summary of Arten Gill's distant and most recent past. Continue down the hill.

11. As the path descends the magnificent Arten Gill Viaduct comes into view. It is 117 feet high and 220 yards long and has 11 arches spanning the gill. Steam trains can be seen passing over it twice a day on Wednesdays and Saturdays in the summer. It was built of Dent Marble between 1871 and 1875.

12. Follow the path down into the pretty hamlet of Stonehouse where evidence can be found of its industrial past. High Mill and Low Mill (remains only) once used water power for spinning and then became factories for cutting and polishing 'Dent Marble' - an ornamental limestone. There is the remains of a lime kiln on the left of the bridge clearly visible from the road. Cross over the bridge and follow the road back towards Cowgill.

13. The road follows the river for most of the way. On the left is the Sportsman's Inn which offers real ales, home-cooked meals, and bed and breakfast. Continue down the road watching out for Red Squirrels which have been seen in this area. Cross another bridge at Lea Yeat. The cottage adjoining the bridge was built in 1701 as a Quaker meeting house. Turn right at the T-junction up the hill to Dent Station where the views open up again across Dentdale.

