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North Yorkshire walks

Leeds—Liverpool canal short walk

About the walk

A pleasant circular walk starting at the village of Gargrave along both the Pennine Way and the Leeds – Liverpool canal tow path.



Walk overview

Distance: 3.5 miles (5.5km)

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Stiles: 2

Gates: 9

Terrain: Mostly flat with some uneven surfaces

Map: OS Map No.OL2
Yorkshire dales (south)

Local facilities: Toilets, cafes and pubs in Gargrave.

Points of interest

Gargrave is a picturesque village on the River Aire with the Leeds-Liverpool canal running through it. The canal was built to carry limestone from Skipton and woollen goods from Leeds and Bradford. It took more than 45 years to build.

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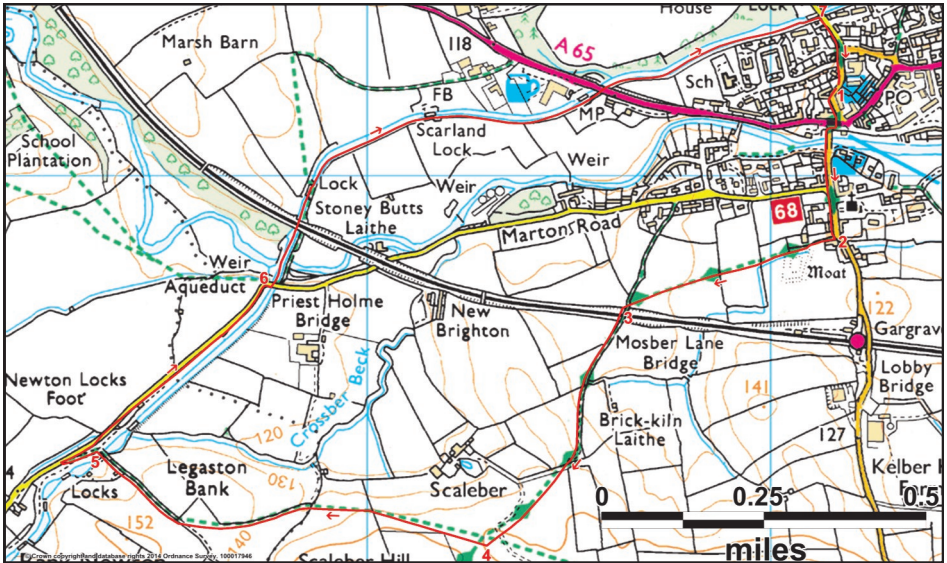
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Route description

1. From West Street car park, walk south down West Street to the crossroad of the A65. Cross the A65 onto Church Street ahead and follow the road south across the river and past the church on your left. After the church, look out for a Pennine Way sign on the right.
2. Turn right here and follow the Pennine Way footpath along the wall and then over the stone stile. Follow the short paved section and then cross the field to a hand gate. Cross the next field to another hand gate, go through the gate and head uphill towards the top left corner of the field and a gate leading onto Mosber Lane.
3. Go down the steps onto Mosber Lane, turn left and walk over the railway bridge. Follow the track up the hill to the cattle grid. The track heads to the right at this point, but our route goes over a stile towards the signpost on the brow of the hill.
4. At the signpost, turn right and walk across the field with the wire fence on your left. Go through a gate then across a field (which may be muddy), then through another gate. Follow a fence and old hedge on your right until you reach the field gate at Legaston Bank.
5. Follow the walled lane downhill towards the bridge over the Leeds-Liverpool canal at the Bank Newton Locks. From the bridge and locks follow the lane first to the left and then to the right, down to the road. Turn right and follow the road towards another bridge over the canal.
6. Cross over the bridge and turn right onto the canal towpath that spirals back under the bridge. Follow the towpath over the aqueduct and under the railway bridge.





Route description continued

6. Continued. Continue along the towpath past more locks, under the A65 and on to another lock (Higherland Lock). Just beyond this lock you will emerge on to West Street.

7. On West Street, turn right and follow this road back into Gargrave, past the Village Hall and the car park where you started.

Points of interest

The locks and bridges on the Leeds-Liverpool canal at Gargrave were built by the engineer Robert Whitworth and date back to 1790.

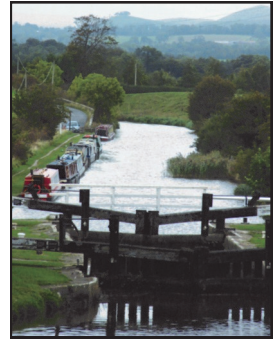
Gargrave was an important industrial centre: not only does the canal pass through but also the North Western Railway and the Keighley and Kendal turnpike (now the A65), which enabled the town to thrive on passing trade and to export goods from its own mills. The mills can still be seen but have now been converted to residential properties.


How to get there...


By Car: Gargrave lies on the A65 trunk road, 4 miles north west of Skipton.


Parking: Free car park on West Street. The post code is BD23 3RD. Grid Reference SD 9315 5422


Public transport: There are buses from Skipton to Malham. Visit www.dalesbus.org for more information. There is also a Northern Rail service from Leeds.



 **Public footpath** can be used by walkers. Waymarked with a yellow arrow.

 **Public bridleway** can be used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists. Waymarked with a blue arrow.

 **Restricted byway** can be used by walkers, horseriders, cyclists and non motorised vehicles. Waymarked with a purple arrow.

 **Byway open to all traffic (BOAT)** can be used by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and motor vehicles. Waymarked with a red arrow.

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- Prevent uncontrolled moorland fires
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Leave gates and property as you find them

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Walking one mile burns virtually the same number of calories as jogging a mile, it just takes a little longer!

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