



North

Yorkshire County Council

North Yorkshire walks

Made in Nidderdale - a walk from Pateley Bridge

About the walk

This walk follows fields and tracks in the heart of Nidderdale, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and returns to the lovely town of Pateley Bridge along the riverside.



Walk overview

Distance: 5.5 miles (8.8 km)

Time: Allow 4 hours

Stiles: 16 **Gates:** 20

Terrain: Field paths and tracks with some steep inclines and uneven surfaces

Map: OS Explorer Map No. 298

Local facilities: Shops, cafes and pubs in Pateley Bridge

Points of interest

The inspiration for this walk is Nidderdale's Industrial history: the single track railway to Pateley Bridge opened in 1862, allowing products made in Nidderdale, such as high quality stone, and linen, to be exported to a world market.

At the same time, a fledgling tourism industry used the railway to encourage visitors to Pateley Bridge.

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Route description

1. From the High Street, go uphill and bear right at the top. Turn left up some steps signed 'Panorama Walk'. At the cemetery gates, go left uphill, and immediately turn left up a walled path, to the ruins of St. Mary's Church.

2. Leave the graveyard and church via a kissing gate into a field near the front of the church. Go to the left of a barn and through a field gate. Go straight on, over two stiles to a lane. Turn left up the lane and visit the viewpoint on your right. Continue up the lane, past some houses. When the lane turns right, go straight on - signed 'Blazefield'. At a waymarked junction, turn right and follow the walled lane to the road.

3. Turn left up the road - note the milestone on your right - and at the terraced houses turn right and follow the track signed 'Sandy Lane'. At the lane turn right, then left at the first footpath sign. Go through three metal gates, then bear left to the top of the field, and follow the wall to the lane.

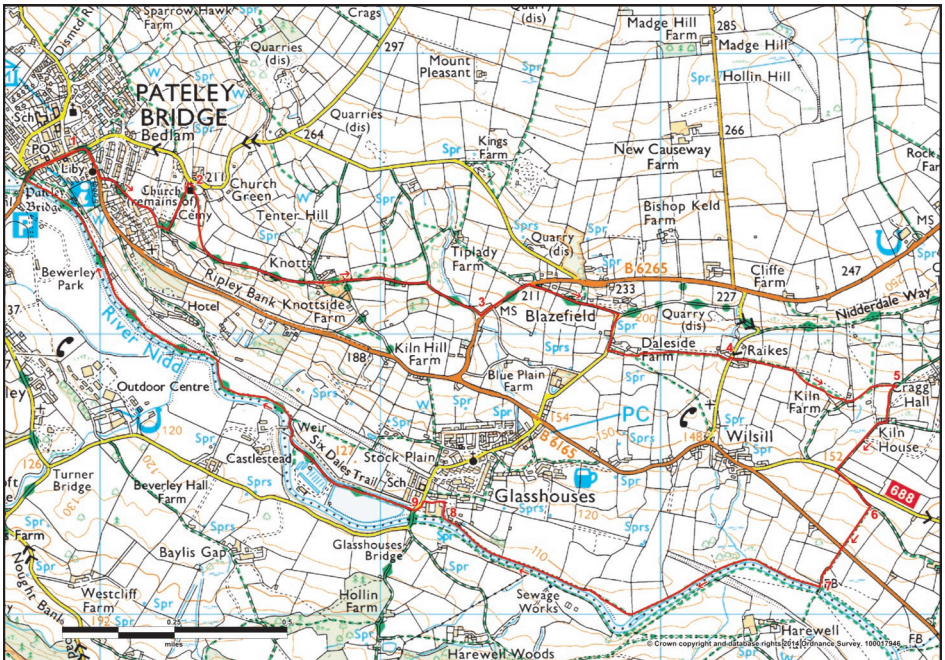
4. Cross the lane and over a stone stile into a snicket, then into a field. Follow the wall on your right, until crossing a stone stile in the wall, down to a cluster of houses. Go through the field gate to the right of the conservatory. Turn immediately right and pass around the front garden (private land) to the stile by a green gate. Follow the wall on your left and through another green gate onto a track.

5. Turn right and follow the track to the road. Turn left and take the signed path on your right. Turn right at the first stone stile.

6. Go straight across the field and cross the road and continue straight on until you get to the river.

7. Do not cross the bridge. Turn right over a stile and follow the riverside path, crossing some stepping stones. Pass under the Gothic remains of an arched bridge: this carried the Nidd Valley Branch of the North Eastern Railway, and the products of Nidderdale out to a global market.





Route description continued

8. At a mill, bear right, then left, through the mill complex. Bear left after the mill clock and exit onto the road via a small archway. This is the Grade II listed Glasshouses Mill: it was originally powered by a water wheel, and later by coal powered turbines: the railway was constructed at the back of the mill, so coal could be delivered by train.

9. Turn left and immediately right onto a wide track signed 'Pateley Bridge'. Pass the mill's reservoir on your left: note the mill race on your right. Pass a weir and a grand Victorian property on your left, then follow the riverside path all the way back to Pateley Bridge High Street.


How to get there...


By Car: From Harrogate take the A61 to Ripley. At the second roundabout take the second exit on to the B6165 to Pateley Bridge.


Parking: Long stay car park in Pateley Bridge. Grid Reference: SE15796557.


Bus: Traveline 0871 2002233.



 **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.

Always follow

The Countryside Code

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Keep dogs under close control
- Prevent uncontrolled moorland fires
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Leave gates and property as you find them

Walk your way to a healthier lifestyle.

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

Walking is FREE and requires no special equipment or clothing.

Regular walking helps reduce the risk of heart disease, strokes, diabetes and high blood pressure.

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