

WALK 4 – MODERATE: 10 ½ miles and 1,442 feet of climbing (approx.)

Starting point: Litton

Litton - Arncliffe – Hawkswick – Ridge

Refreshments: Falcon Inn, Arncliffe; Queens Arms, Litton

Directions: Go down the road past the Queens Arms for approx.200 metres take the turning on your right through the small wooden gate and head over the fields. (If the river is not passable, please see map of alternative routes)



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 on your left, signposting Litton and Halton Gill 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. Cross over the road in front of the church and follow the footpath sign heading towards the river bank again. Follow the path as it winds its way through fields, it meets the river again at Sandbanks.



The path continues to go through fields, always with the river on your left hand side until reaching the village of Hawkswick. At Hawkswick cross over the river via the footbridge and turn right and head through Hawkswick. Just before leaving Hawkswick take the bridleway signposted Kettlewell on your left hand side and start to climb up gradually.



Continue to climb up to the ridge and go over the ladder stile. Turn immediately left and start to follow the ridge with the wall on your left hand side. After ¼ mile or so the trig point at 434 metres is on your right hand side just off the path.



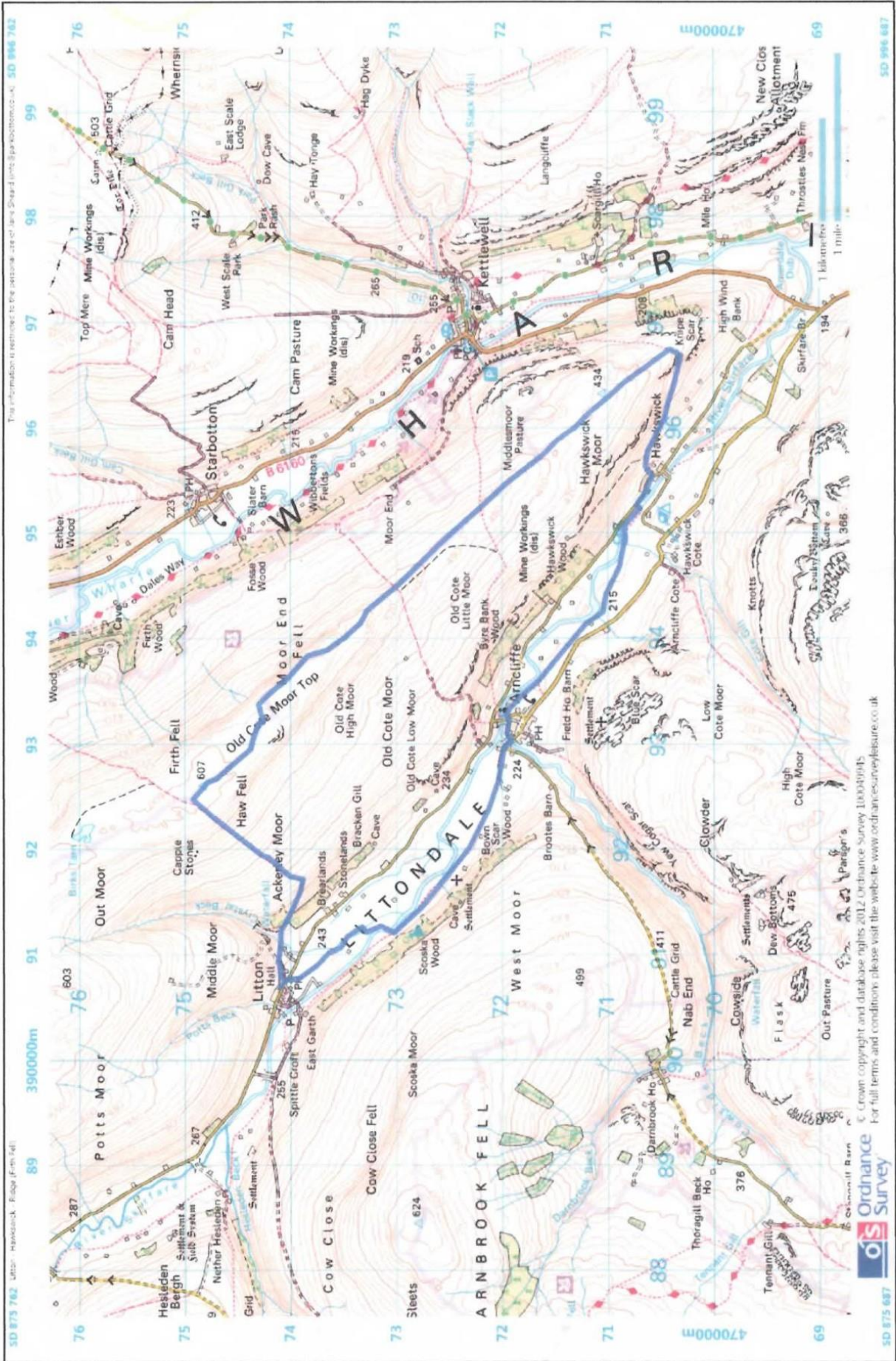
Continue walking along the ridge keeping the wall on your left; with splendid views to your left of Littondale and to your right of Wharfedale. After approximately a mile you will meet the path from Arncliffe to Kettlewell; continue straight on. After another ½ mile you will meet the bridleway from Arncliffe to Starbotton; still continue following the wall, the path will now begin to climb a little more steeply for around ¼ mile before dropping slightly and then levelling out. On reaching the 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 Queen's Arms.



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