

WALK 6 – HARD: 8 miles and 2,100 feet of climbing (approx)

Starting point: Halton Gill

Halton Gill – Horse Head Pass – Yockenthwaite – Beckermonds – Eller Carr – Halton Gill

Refreshments: Katie's Cuppas, Halton Gill

Directions: From Halton Gill follow the road through the tiny hamlet passing the Reading Room and Katie's Cuppas



Continue to follow the road as it goes around the bend, as the road begins to straighten up take the bridleway on the right hand side signposted Yockenthwaite 3 miles & Beckermonds 2 ½ miles. The grassy path starts to climb steeply and zig-zag slightly. In front are lovely views of Foxup and Cosh Moor. Ignore the path that goes off to the left to Beckermonds, continue climbing upwards (you will be returning via this path).



Make sure to look back down to see a great view of Littondale. The path continues for around a mile winding upwards to Horse Head pass. On reaching the gate at the top of Horse Head pass, Horse Head trig point can be seen on your left. At the top on a clear day, looking in a south westerly direction you should be able to make out all the Yorkshire 3 Peaks. Continue to follow the main bridleway as it starts to drop downwards towards Raisgill and Yockenthwaite.



Now you should start to see views of Buckden Pike to your right and Yockenthwaite Moor directly in front of you. After crossing the small beck the path levels out for a while before dropping sharply to the road. Follow any of the tracks down to the road. Once on the road turn left and walk along the road. At the post box turn right over the hump back bridge and left by the farm house, follow the footpath for the Dales Way signposted Beckermonds 2 ¼ miles.



The Dales Way path runs along the side of the River Wharfe for ¾ mile until leaving the river to head towards Deepdale farm. It then drops back to the road and crosses the river via the road. Once over the river turn sharp right to take the wide track still following the Dales Way and now with the river on your right hand side. The track soon runs out and becomes grassy with limestone pavements.



Follow the path until reaching the confluence of the Wharfe and Green Field. Here you leave the Dales Way path by the metal gate, before the footbridge and start the steep climb up to Eller Carr (sign-posted Halton Gill). Follow the grassy and often boggy path keeping the small stream (often dry) on your left. Follow the wooden posts with pink on their tops.

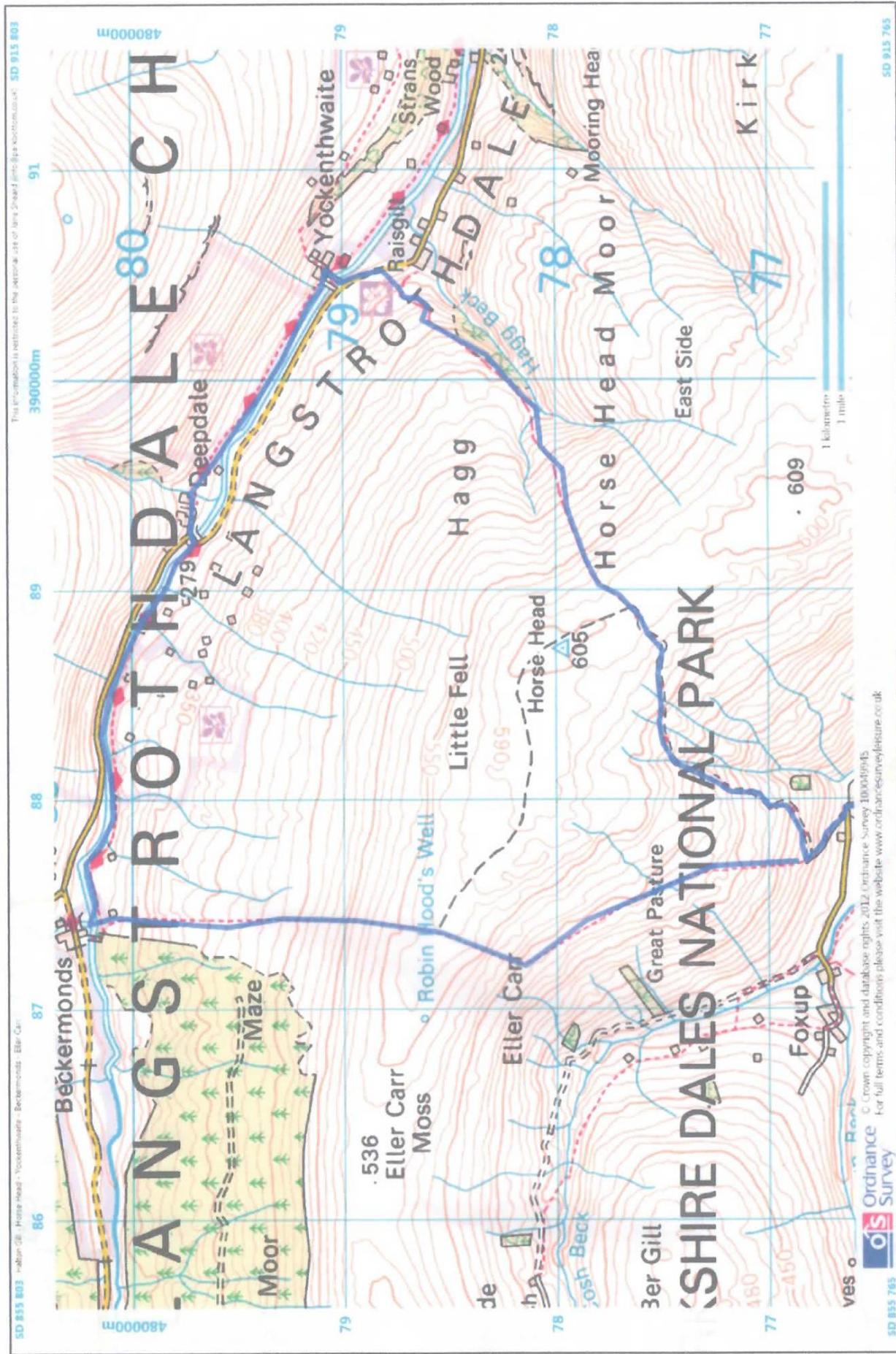


The climb is just over a mile. On nearing the top a few small cairns can be followed. Finally you reach the gate at the top of the climb and start to drop down into Eller Carr with views of Foxup in front of you and Cosh to your right. Drop down to the broken wall and then follow the path to the left.



The well-trodden path then winds its way down the fell over a couple of ladder stiles before going through a gate. If you meet the wall above the gate just walk down the side of the wall to the gate in the corner of the field. Soon you will reach the track you climbed to Horse Head Pass. Turn right and head down the track back to Halton Gill. On meeting the road turn left and head back through Halton Gill, passing Katie's Cuppas to your starting point.





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