

One Foot in the Gargrave Challenge Walk route description.

Saturday 10th September 2022

Thank you for your entering the One Foot In The Gargrave challenge walk.
Parking is available at the Village Hall and in the nearby free car park.
The start point is Gargrave Village Hall, grid ref. SD 932543.
In case of emergency please ring 07780 369474 or 07957 308102

Special note - please note the description below may not be sufficient on its own to follow the full route. Please use this with map OL2 to see all the turns to be taken (and avoided!).
If any entrant needs to retire please do so only at a checkpoint. Transport to the Village Hall will be arranged.

Description

- 1 Leave the Village Hall and turn right (signs for Pennine Way), across the canal, and keep left into Mark House Lane. This starts as a metalled road but becomes a stony track enclosed by hedges and fences. Follow to its end, emerging onto a metalled road at a sign for "Aireburn Herd – Holstein Friesian". Turn right and go to the end of the road. Turn left to cross bridges over the Aire and Otterburn beck, and go up to the signpost at SD 904564. Turn right onto the little used minor road, with Otterburn beck on your right, pass through Bell Busk and walk up to Otterburn Village.
At Otterburn Village go straight across the crossroads and along the minor road, with beck close on your left, to Grove Farm. Go into the farmyard, keeping close to the beck, then straight ahead to exit the farm via a gate onto a track by the stream and follow as far until the first metal gate at SD 884585.
- 2 Turn right through a gate with a yellow waymark and head left across the field as directed by a footpath sign. Head for the right hand end of a broken down white stone wall. Head up the hill, just to the right of the edge of the wood, and cross two fields, leading down to the road.
- 3 **Checkpoint 1. Scosthrop Lane SD 886596 – 5.25 Miles**
- 4 Climb the next field, initially following the wall, and then bear left to skirt round the side of a wood. Follow the footpath as far as Kirkby Malham, which is entered by a steep footpath down the side of the first wood and through a second wood opposite the church. Turn right at the road in front of the church. Cross the road, walk up to Hanlith, and join the Pennine Way towards Malham. At a barn with two oversized wooden goalposts (SD 902624) turn right off the Pennine Way onto the path for Janet's Foss. Pass this to reach the road and turn right to reach Gordale Bridge.
- 5 Just to the right of the catering van, pass through a gate on a path signed for Malham Cove. Exit the first field at SD 90986353 (8 fig ref) and then turn immediately right uphill (heading for a gap in the far wall) on a clear path which is NOT shown on the 1:25000 map. At the top of the hill turn right onto a second path not shown on maps (take a short diversion to the right for views of Gordale Scar then return to path). This follows the shoulder of the hill swinging from an Easterly direction to North East, and joins the marked public right of way as it crosses a wall by a stile at SD 913643. Follow the path North West to the road and turn right towards Street Gate.

6 **Checkpoint 2. Street Gate SD 904656 – 10.4 Miles**

7 Head East along Mastiles Lane. Note the traffic prohibited sign. Follow the lane for 3 km, finally passing through a gate at SD 937657. As you pass through there is a second traffic prohibited sign. Bear right here, towards Threshfield, soon with a single stone wall on your right, to join the metalled Malham Moor Lane and follow this to SD 960650, almost certainly distinctive due to a large tractor tyre tied to a signpost. Turn right on a bridleway signed Boss Moor, pass stone barn, forward 150 metres, through two gates, and turn right to continue to follow the same bridleway signposted Boss Moor Lane. This always has a distinctive gravel surface and crosses open moor, passes down a walled lane, exits from this to cross a small stream, continues straight ahead with a stone wall to your right, and then splits. At this point turn right through a gate and cross moorland towards the disused quarries.

8 **Checkpoint 3. Boss Lane SD 955619 – 16.25 Miles**

9 On leaving the checkpoint turn left down the tarmac road. Head towards Hetton for 150 metres then turn right into a walled lane, and follow the marked bridleway to the top of Moor Lane at SD 950607. From here follow the signpost in the direction of Hills Lane to pass Aquila House at SD 947599. At the fingerpost signed Hills Lane swing left, over the brow of a low hill and straight ahead to a gate. Continue straight ahead, with a stone wall close by on your left, to Hills Lane.

10 **Checkpoint 4. Hills Lane SD 945585 – 18.65 Miles**

11 Cross the road at Hills Lane and follow the signed bridleway to Friars Head, where you exit onto Winterburn Lane and turn left.

12 After 250 metres, as the road swings to the right, go straight ahead on a footpath signed for Gargrave. 250 metres ahead is a wood: pass this clockwise to pass Brockabank House and exit along their access road. Leave this along a footpath to the left to reach the road at SD 934563. Cross the road and take the last remaining footpath into Gargrave via two fields, a small wood (Gambers Wood) and two more fields to the road at the 30mph limit sign.

13 Turn right along the road as far as the canal, then follow the towpath to join the outward route at the next canal bridge. Turn left for the Village Hall – **22.5 Miles.**

WELL DONE!