

# Ingleborough Walks

## Walk 2 Over Moughton Scar



A walk around the south west slopes of Ingleborough, crossing the spectacular limestone pavements of Moughton Scar *famous for rare wild juniper* before descending into Crummackdale before taking the old pre-turnpike highway, now part of the Pennine Bridleway, into Clapham village.



### The Walk

Leave the northbound platform of Horton Station up a short flight of steps opposite the foot crossing to a gate. Continue uphill through another gate then diagonally right between the telegraph poles to cross a farm track to a bridlegate. Continue forward on a clear path which dips then climbs steadily to another gate giving access to the Ingleborough National Nature Reserve by an information board. Fine views from here back to

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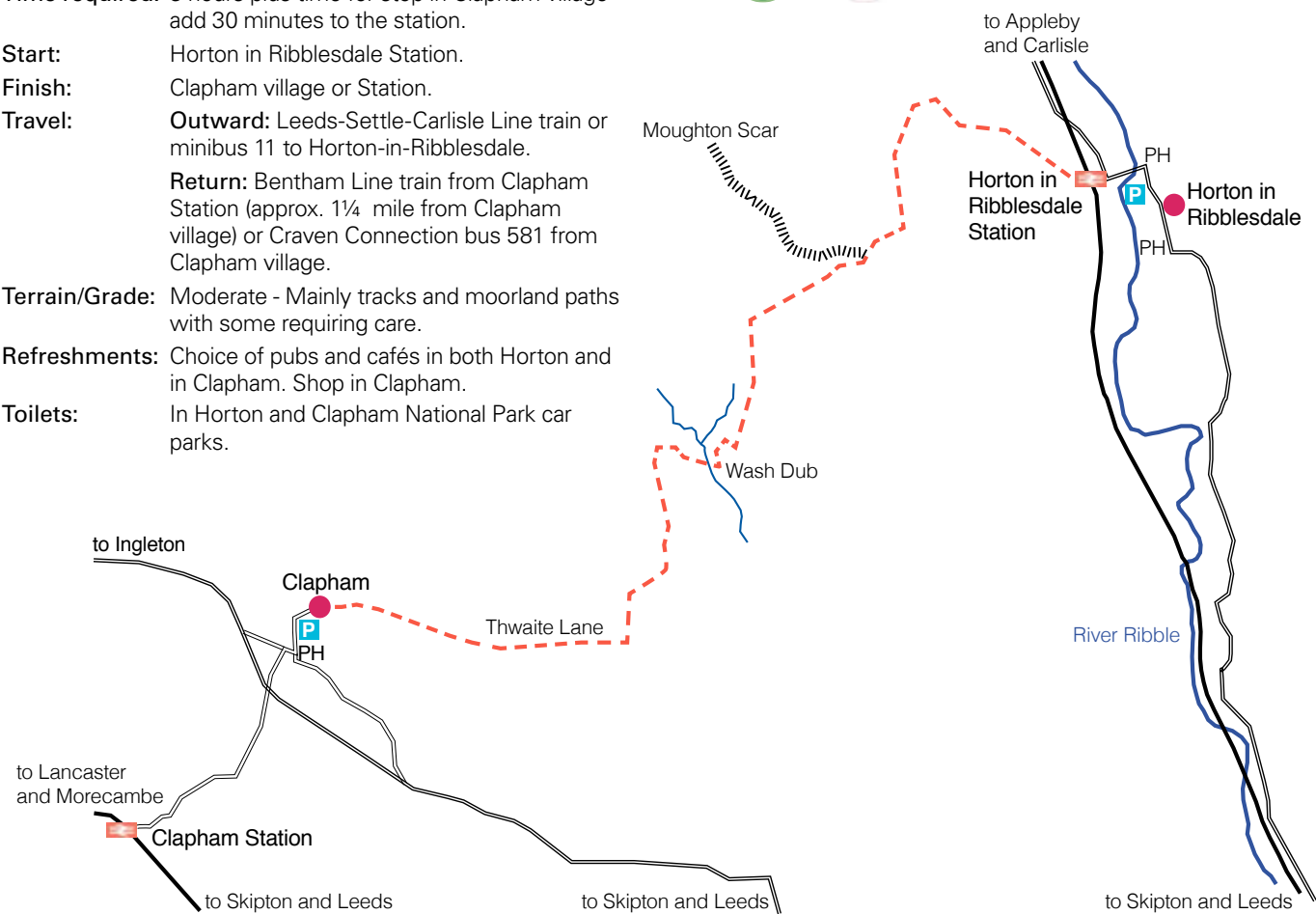
Continue uphill bearing slightly right on a wide stony path to a small cairn then bear left following waymarks uphill through fragmented limestone pavement. After passing through a wide gap in the wall you will arrive at a cairn and a 3-way signpost. Turn left following the sign to Austwick on a grassy path aiming for a gate and sign in the corner of the wall ahead, enjoying fine views of Ingleborough to your right.

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### Travel Information

- Distance:** 6 miles.
- Time required:** 3 hours plus time for stop in Clapham village - add 30 minutes to the station.
- Start:** Horton in Ribblesdale Station.
- Finish:** Clapham village or Station.
- Travel:** **Outward:** Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line train or minibus 11 to Horton-in-Ribblesdale.  
**Return:** Bentham Line train from Clapham Station (approx. 1¼ mile from Clapham village) or Craven Connection bus 581 from Clapham village.
- Terrain/Grade:** Moderate - Mainly tracks and moorland paths with some requiring care.
- Refreshments:** Choice of pubs and cafés in both Horton and in Clapham. Shop in Clapham.
- Toilets:** In Horton and Clapham National Park car parks.



The path now crosses a stretch of heather moorland, following the wall on your right until reaching a ladder stile in it. Cross this and follow the sign to Austwick 2¾m straight ahead past the old grouse butts then veering left to the top edge of Moughton Scar. Take the broad track descending (starting about 100 metres before a small cairn) to a gate and walled track. Moughton Scar is a fine escarpment with limestone pavement dotted with juniper bushes.

You now follow this walled track for about a mile crossing two small streams and going through two large gates ignoring all paths off it until you reach a T junction with another path. Turn right here to the stone clapper bridge at Wash Dub.

Wash Dub pool is where sheep were traditionally washed in the fast flowing beck. Cross the bridge and continue along the track turning left at the next junction along Crummack Lane which becomes a narrow metalled lane. Descend to a cross roads.

Turn right into Thwaite Lane. This is part of the old pre-turnpike highway between Leeds and Kendal, now part of the 205 mile Pennine Bridleway, a route for horseriders, cyclists and walkers between the Peak District and Northumberland. There are fine views across towards Bowland, left and to Robin Proctor's Scar straight ahead.

Follow Thwaite Lane for over a mile, initially a well surfaced track that becomes rougher as it descends by the grounds of Ingleborough Hall (ignore all turn offs) passing through two short tunnels to emerge in Clapham by St James Church. Ingleborough Hall was the home of Reginald Farrer the notable botanist who introduced many alpine species from the far east. St James Church dates from Norman times, but was restored in the 19th century. Turn left at Clapham's Millennium Stone along Church Avenue past playground, cafes and toilets (in the car park) to the New Inn from where Bus 581 departs.

If you are going to Clapham station (allow half an hour for the 1¼ miles), with the New Inn on your left continue straight on down the No Through Road known as The Green past the school and houses. Turn right over Mafeking Bridge to cross the beck. An underpass by the beck takes you safely under the A65 to follow the lane to the station.