

The Kettlewell Kanter for St. Gemma's

Route Description:

Please carry and use for reference OS Map 2 and a small section of 30

From the main car park go over the road bridge towards the Blue Bell but turn right along the road to pass the village hall on the left. Follow the road and turn right over the beck at the village store and left on the road with the beck now on your left. After Ghyll cottage take the steep track up (PB) climbing on the rough track, ignore the track off right and head up to the visible Intake gate/fingerpost at 978725.

Go through the gate and bear right keeping the wall 50 yards to your right. Continue and eventually pick up a track leading to a ladder stile. Over and continue on the grassy track now getting narrower and drifting away from the original wall. Go over 2 step stiles onto a narrow grassy track towards another ladder stile/fingerpost aiming diagonally left. After 2 more ladder stiles, the last partly hidden by the wall, walk parallel with the valley upwards on a diagonal line ignore the obvious gate on the skyline and drift right. Another ladder stile with a little gate goes onto more marshy terrain and follow track to gate. Use the Lady Anne Way arrow directing you towards a large cairn. Ignore the fingerpost up to your left and walk through the mine debris (take care) keeping the wall about 15/20 yards on your right. You will reach Capplestone Gate (002700). Confirmation of where you should be, look right through the gate to see trig pt.

Go through the gate and down the Conistone Turf road to its junction with Bycliffe Road.(997687) Cross and take the track climbing towards Kelber Gate noting the old mineral line track at your feet. This shooters vehicle track can be seen going on and on towards Nidderdale. At grid reference 005686 turn right at a small cairn and follow a broken wall initially. The track goes in a southerly direction, through a narrow walled section and a slight turn right then left keeps you on the very obvious track to reach Old Moor Lane at 015660 and the hamlet of Yarnbury. Note the information boards on lead mining in the area. Walk down the road into Grassington (tearooms & pubs) through the square to reach the B6265. Turn left and walk along the road to the HQ of the YDNP with shop and toilets. At the far end of the car park turn down Sedber Lane to view Linton Falls.

Cross the bridge and pick up the minor road to the X roads. Cross over with care to pass Linton Institute (997629) on the right. Cross the beck and turn right immediately and over a footbridge over the old railway to meet the B6265 at a very busy and fast junction. Go straight across onto Moor Lane then right onto Grysdale Lane and then Wood Lane. Take the driveway into Wood Nook caravan site at 976641.

Follow the footpath through to the back of the site to pass Cow Close Wood, Height House to Height Laithe 957646. Take the f/p towards Bordley. Go through the farmyard to a gate and bear right uphill with Kealcup plantation on your left to meet Mastiles Lane at 934656. Turn left and continue on this ancient but very damaged green lane to its junction with a minor road at Street Gate (905657)

Take the permissive path to a ford/footbridge and boggy area and continue up to Lee Gate High Mark (925680). Continue on this and descend gradually down into Littondale at Arncliffe Cote. Turn right at the road then left on Outgang Lane looking for the footbridge on your left.

Cross the bridge, turn right through Hawkswick (953707) taking the f/p opposite the road bridge. Climb out of the valley to a gate. Continue to Knipe Wood to meet the B6160 at 967718. Look for the new permissive path alongside the busy road, go across the river bridge and into Kettlewell.

Well Done!

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