

TROLLERS TROT

Route: TROLLERS TROT Distance: 27 miles 43 Km
County: North Yorkshire, Yorkshire Dales
Map: OS Outdoor Leisure No 2 Yorkshire Dales Southern Area
Start: Bolton Abbey GR. 072539 or at any point on circular route
Finish: Bolton Abbey
Way marks: None
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A **Badge and Certificate** are available on completion of a short report to the Recorder J. Sparshatt at the above address. Together with cheque for £5.00 payable to **John Sparshatt and an A5 SAE.**

Other Relevant Details

The walk is circular and may be started from any point on route. Grassington and Bolton Abbey are the favourite places with parking and toilet facilities available. This is a varied route via moorland, riverbanks, forests and fields.

NB.

1. Part of the route is over access land and on certain days during the grouse shooting season starting August 12th each year (except Sundays) the Access Land is closed to the public. Ring Bolton Abbey Estate Office for details on 01756 710227.
2. Byelaws forbid dogs on Access Land but dogs are allowed on Public Rights of Way.
3. There are stiles at both ends of the Ghyll but Trollers Ghyll is **now a permissive path**. Trollers Ghyll is very slippery in wet weather and can be a bit tricky for inexperienced walkers.
4. Information on camping and accommodation may be obtained from:
Yorkshire Dales National Park at 01756 792809 or
Information Centre Grassington 01756 752748

Brief Description

Trollers Trot was devised in 1985 as part of the West Yorkshire LDWA celebrations to mark their 10th anniversary. The route starts at Bolton Abbey and visits Simons Seat, Trollers Ghyll, Burnsall, Linton Falls (Grassington), Winterburn Reservoir and Rylestone Church. It returns to Bolton Abbey over Rylestone Fell. The route was previously run as an annual challenge event on the first Saturday in March each year and continues to be an open anytime challenge event with a badge and certificate available from the Recorder.

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2. Persons using this route and route description should abide by the country code.
3. They should be in good health and have no medical condition that would cause concern or inconvenience to others.
4. They participate at their own risk.

Route Description

This route description should be read in conjunction with the appropriate map of the area - OS Outdoor Leisure No10 Yorkshire Dales Southern Area.

From the village hall cross the main road towards the Abbey, through the archway into the field and down to the footbridge at GR. 075542. Cross the bridge and follow the woodland and riverside footpaths northwards to the bridge at the **Cavendish Pavilion** GR. 077553. From the bridge take the riverside path northwards (River on left) to the stile in the fence. Over the stile and up through the wood to the road. Turn left on the road for 300 yards to the gate at GR. 076557. Turn right through the gate and head northwards over the field to another gate to follow the track through the **Valley of Desolation**. After 400 yards go up the hill and past the landslip on the left then drop down to cross the stream by the footbridge; continue to follow the path northwards eventually reaching a stile. Over the stile and enter the forest then following the good track through the forest to exit by the gate at GR. 082574. Follow the track across Barden Fell to **Simons Seat at GR. 078598**.

From **Simons Seat** take the path to Howgill in a south-westerly direction. Follow the path downhill and after 1-mile turn right through a gate into the forestry area descending on the track to join **Howgill Lane** at GR. 064592.

Turn right on **Howgill Lane** for 400 yards, past the buildings, and turn left through a gate on a path signed Skyreholme. Follow this good path across

the fields in a northerly direction to a footbridge. Over the bridge and up through the buildings to join the road at GR. 065604. Turn right on the road and after half a mile at road junction turn left towards **Parcevall Hall**. After 400 yards turn left through a gate, just before the main gate to Parcevall Hall. Follow the path with the stream on the right up past the remains of an old dam crossing two stiles to reach a finger post at GR. 068617.

From the finger post bear **left** and take the path up through the old Quarry to reach the track. (Trollers Ghyll is just off to the right and does not connect easily with this circular route. There is a permissive path through the Ghyll. Walking through the Gyll is over a stream bed and in wet weather may be difficult). Follow the track to the footpath junction at **Hell Hole** GR 068622 Turn left and follow the path to cross the stile at GR 063622.

Turn left along the road towards **Appletreewick** for 200 yards to turn right through the gate on the track at GR. 063620 signed Hartlington. Follow the track through two gates and eventually join the walled lane at GR. 053611. Follow this lane downhill for 1 mile through two gates to cross the road at GR. 041607, then ahead on the track to **Woodhouse Farm** GR. 040606.

Turn right at the Farm and follow the path in a north-westerly direction (Dales Way with River Wharfe on left) over the footbridge reaching Burnsall after 1 mile. Join the road, cross the bridge and re-join the path, at the rear of the **Red Lion PH**, now with the river on the right. Continue to follow the path for 3 miles towards Grassington crossing the suspension bridge near Hebden eventually reaching the bridge at Linton Falls. Turn left over the bridge to reach the road. Turn right on the road and follow up the hill to the road junction at GR. 998631. Straight across (Signed Linton ¼) and after 200 yards pass the Memorial Hall on the right at **Linton**. GR. 998630.

Continue on the road through the village, across the bridge continuing straight ahead, to the track junction at GR. 995627. Straight-ahead on the track for ¾ mile, passing over a dismantled railway, to reach the road at GR. 985624. Cross this road (Grassington/Skipton Road) with care and straight ahead on track signed BW Cracoe 2¼ for 1 mile to the three gates at GR. 976618 **Linton Moor**.

Through the three gates and straight ahead on a path following the blue marker posts across the moor to the ford and copse at GR. 972616. Over

the stream and through a gate at the left-hand side of the copse. Now follow the path on bearing 175 degrees to a gap in the wall corner. Through the gap and follow the wall through three fields (wall on left) to a gate. Through this gate and a further gate to join a walled lane at GR. 971608 (Swinden Lane).

Follow this lane initially south-westerly then making a left turn to the gate at GR. 974605. Through the gate and turn right, continue to follow the lane to Cracoe passing under a railway and through a gate to join the road at GR. 974598. LEFT on the road for 200 yards and turn right through a gate (signed BW Rylestone) and up a track heading in a southerly direction. Follow the track for 3/4 mile. Where the track turns right, ahead through gate across field (wall on right) to gate by farm. Through this gate and further gate to join metalled road. Follow road 200 yards to at **Rylestone Church**. GR. 972588.

From the Church continue up the road through the gate and turn right to join a track heading southward. Follow this track, then turn right across the fields to the gate leading to an enclosed lane. Turn left on the track for 400 yards to a gate. Up the hill on a good track to pass a copse on the right to reach a gate. Through the gate (Look back at this point to see Pen-y-Ghent in the distance) and follow the bridleway across the moor (blue marker posts) to a track at GR. 997572. Continue eastwards for 3 miles on this track to the cattle grid at **Halton Height** GR. 038556.

Cross the cattle grid and immediately turn right through a gate taking the track eastwards to a further gate. Through this gate and now on bearing 120 degrees pass between two small hills, continue in the same direction now with the wall on your right for 1/2 mile to the finger post at GR. 059554. Turn right through the gate and follow the blue marker posts across the fields to the forest gate at GR. 067549. Follow the zigzag path downhill through the woods to exit through the gate at the bottom, then across the small field taking the left of two gates. Through this gate, heading Southeast, past a pond on the right then through a further gate joining a track. Turn left down the track to pass through a gate onto the road. Turn right on the road and follow to the finish at **Bolton Abbey Village Hall**. GR. 072539.

Total Mileage 27.0

Total Assent 2935 ft

