

10km/6¼ miles

## HAWES

This walk takes you through Hardraw, where you will find Hardraw Force, England's highest single-drop waterfall. To see this privately owned waterfall you have to go through the Green Dragon Inn beer garden! By Mark Reid.

### The walk

1 Turn R along lane to side of Littlefairs ironmongers. At houses, turn L to small gate beside garage. Head across field through wall-gate, then R down across two fields and through railway tunnel. Go on to River Ure. Turn R and follow riverside path, curving L, over metal ladder-stiles. Path turns R over footbridge across Gayle Beck to join road at Haylands Bridge.

2 Turn L over bridge. In 200m take path R (signpost 'Sedbusk') and follow up across fields to road. Take footpath opposite ('Sedbusk Lane') and head up hillside over wall-stiles, passing barn, and on to lane. Turn R, then, at fork, L into village.

3 At 'phone box, turn L across green between houses ('Simonstone'). Follow path across fields through a dozen squeeze-stiles for 900m to join track beside barns. Follow straight on to reach road at Simonstone.

4 Turn R, (pass Simonstone Hall Hotel). Take lane, R, up to Low Shaw. Follow track, R, to Low Shaw Farmhouse. Head L between barns through wooden gate. A few paces after, head R to gate in field corner. Walk up next field to

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ladder-stile. Head R up across field to reach stile in corner of small 'extension'. Bear R up through bracken, then across spoil heaps to track. Turn L and follow to gate. Go down to join road.

5 Turn R for 50m then L over stile beside gate ('High Shaw'). Go across field to ladder-stile behind barn. Turn L down alongside wall to stile in bottom corner. Head down through woodland to join Hearne Beck. Cross ladder-stile, L. Go straight on across fields through small wall-gates to small gate beside larger one. Follow path ahead, passing R of wall, to join lane. Turn R then L, opposite caravan park ('Shaw Gill'). A path leads down alongside stream through woodland then up to road.

6 Turn R along road. Take first track R over ladder-stile beside cattle grid ('Hardraw'). Follow track to West House Farm. Head through gate R of house, then follow path to Hardraw beside Green Dragon.

7 Take lane opposite pub ('Pennine Way, Brunt Acres Road') and follow to gate to side of house. Follow path to L then straight across several fields. Where flagged path ends after gate, head R down over wall-stile. Turn L alongside wall, then below limestone scars to ladder-stile. Go across field to gate on to road. Turn R, over Haylands Bridge, and follow road round to L. Take path straight on which joins road back into Hawes.

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### DETAILS

Country Walking ID 2672  
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Region North  
Area North Yorkshire  
Length of walk 10km/6¼ miles  
Time needed 3hrs  
Difficulty Moderate

### IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?

**Terrain** Clear field paths with numerous squeeze-stiles. Several short but steep climbs. Level tracks and roads  
**Stiles** 40

### PLANNING

**Parking** Hawes market place, grid ref SD874898  
**Start grid ref** SD874898

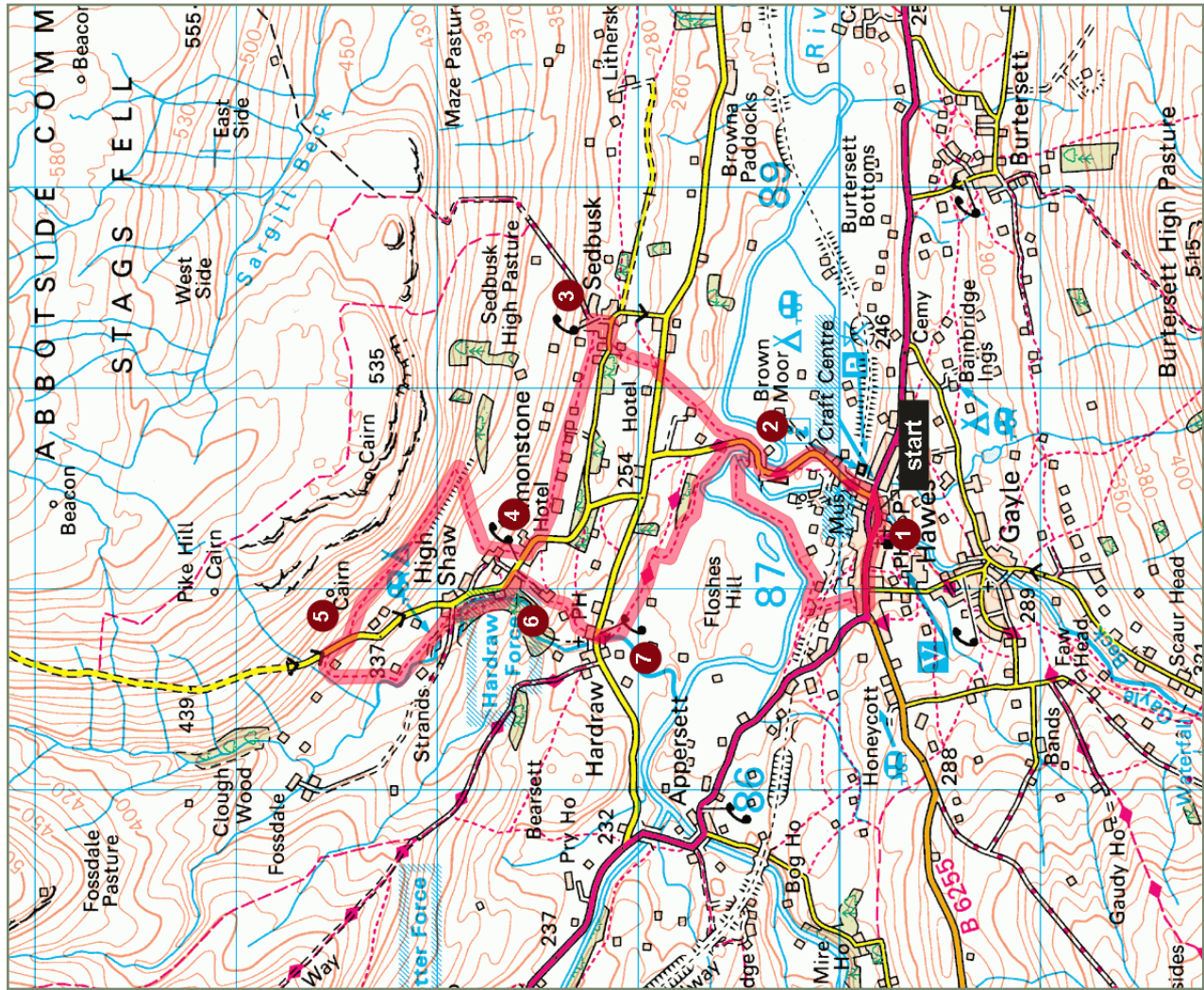
**Nearest town** Hawes  
**Refreshments** Pubs, shops and/or cafés at Hawes, Simonstone and Hardraw

**Public toilets** Hawes  
**Hawes** is served by a regular bus service from Leyburn. The nearest train station is at Garsdale, five miles to the west of Hawes

### MAPS

Ordnance Survey Explorer OL30

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