

Kettlewell to Starbotton return

Distance: 7.25km (4.5 miles).

Time: a minimum of 2 hours

Accessibility: a very challenging walk with a steep climb to begin and a rocky descent into Starbotton. The valley bottom path back to Kettlewell can get wet and muddy.

Parking: Kettlewell car park
(BD23 5QZ.

SD 96780 72270)

Other transport:

- bus 72 from Skipton
- cycle stands in car park

Toilets : Kettlewell

Refreshments: pubs at Kettlewell and Starbotton, plus shop and cafés in Kettlewell

Closest National Park

Centre: Grassington National Park Centre

BD23 5LB (call 01756 751690)

Route description

- Turn right out of the car park and cross the road bridge over the River Wharfe leading away from the village.
- Ignore the first footpath to the right and take the next signed bridleway through the gate.
- Continue along the obvious stone track, climbing steadily. Ignore the farm track branching off to the left.
- Carry on and through a gate into Moor End farmyard. Moor End enjoys a spectacular location above the classic U-shaped valley of Wharfedale, where you can see up towards Starbotton and back towards Kettlewell.
- Follow the bridleway signs around the left of the house, through a gate and immediately turn right.
- Follow the signs through another gate and carry on across the open fields through two more gates.
- During spring and summer these upland fields come alive with the sounds of nesting birds such as plover, lapwings and curlews.
- At the bridleway sign, start heading down the rocky limestone path through pleasant woodland.
- The path levels out as you approach the riverside. At the footbridge turn right signposted FP Kettlewell. This section follows part of the Dales Way footpath.
- From here, follow the obvious footpath along the riverside, through the meadows back to the road bridge at Kettlewell.



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