



Walking Holidays in Britain's most Beautiful Landscapes

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## Herriot Way

The Herriot Way is a 52 mile circular route running through some of the most beautiful scenery in the Yorkshire Dales. It is based upon a walk taken by the well-known veterinarian and writer James Herriot. It visits his favourite locations and places where he lived and worked for many years, made famous in his books "James Herriot's Yorkshire" and "All Creatures Great and Small". It starts and ends in Aysgarth in the heart of Wensleydale, famous for its cheese as well as its waterfalls, and passes through fabulous Swaledale with its wildflower meadows and landscape of limestone dry stone walls and barns.

The path leads you through valleys, over high fells and heather-clad moorland visiting traditional villages and the market town of Hawes along the way.



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## Summary

### Why do this walk?

- See the stunning parts of the Yorkshire Dales described by James Herriot in his books 'All Creatures Great and Small' and 'James Herriot's Yorkshire.'
- Visit Hardraw Force, the highest single-drop waterfall in England, and Aysgarth Falls, the impressive triple-drop waterfall.
- Explore beautiful Dales villages and towns such as Thwaite, Reeth, Askrigg and Hawes.
- Visit the home of Wensleydale Cheese in the market town of Hawes.

### Essential Info

Length	5 - 6 nights
Full Route Length	52 miles / 83 km

### Grade



### Moderate

The individual day walks themselves are not particularly strenuous, but the fact that you will be walking on consecutive days (unless including a rest day) does mean you need to be adequately prepared.

The walk should be well within the limitations of those with a good level of

fitness or who are regular walkers. There are some climbs. A variety of terrain - riverside paths, meadows, open fells and moorland.

**What's it like underfoot?** Varied! Much of the route is on well-defined paths, tracks, and country lanes, but there are sections that can be muddy, wet, rough, and steep (although not often all at the same time!)

**How Much Up & Down?** An overall height gain of around 7,700 feet (2,350 m) and an equal amount of descent. The most difficult section is likely to be the day that includes the ascent of Great Shunner Fell, between Hawes & Keld. This involves a long climb but it is not steep and has a good path.

**Signposting:** Although the route itself is not signposted it follows established Rights of Way along its whole length, for example parts of the Pennine Way, footpaths or bridleways and these are nearly always signposted clearly. Follow your map and guidebook.

**Navigation:** With the map and guidebook navigation should be quite straightforward.

## Route

### Aysgarth to Hawes

From Aysgarth the route heads north out of the village, down to the River Ure, which it follows closely along wide meadows divided up by limestone walls and barns and a disused railway track until turning into Askrigg. This is the village that was used as the location for the James Herriot TV series. From Askrigg the route travels down the Wensleydale valley, through lush green fields, down narrow, secluded lanes to the village of Hardraw with its famous waterfall. Access to the waterfall is through the Green Dragon Inn for a small fee. From here the walk continues on the well-signposted Pennine Way into Hawes, the highest market town in Yorkshire.

### Hawes to Keld

From Hawes the Herriot Way takes you up the side of Great Shunner Fell, the third highest summit in Yorkshire. The ascent is not too steep and the views from the summit are rewarding across the surrounding dales and hills. From here it is downhill into Thwaite, a pretty village with plenty of tearooms. The path climbs the lower slopes of Kisdon and then drops down again into Keld, tonight's destination.



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### Keld to Reeth

Beyond Keld you walk in the footsteps of the lead miners who used to work in the bleak landscape of Gunnerside Moor, likened to a moonscape since being changed forever by the lead mining industry. There are two route options – the high route past the ruin of Crackpot Hall or the alternative lower level route along the River Swale which is better in bad weather or if you want to stop for a pub lunch. The Way returns to the valley and the River Swale at Healaugh, before the short walk through fields into Reeth.

### Reeth to Aysgarth

From Reeth the path climbs an old mine track into the heather and open moorland around Gibbon Hill and then reaches the highest point of the day at Apedale Head. The path drops down to the village of Castle Bolton and the remains of the medieval castle which you have time to look around before descending into Wensleydale again. More fields and back lanes lead to the impressive triple-drop waterfall at Aysgarth and then back to the village itself.

### Additional Days

#### Hawes

Hawes is a bustling market town, lying in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and surrounded by spectacular scenery.

With many craft workshops, antique and speciality shops and restaurants on offer, it's the perfect place to spend a well-earned rest day.

This picturesque town is home to the famous Wensleydale Cheese and the renowned Dales country side museum.

### Getting There and Away

Detailed instructions on getting to your first night's accommodation by car, or on foot from the nearest train or bus station, will also be included in the holiday pack on individual accommodation maps.

#### Getting There:

**By Air:** The nearest airports are Manchester International (MAN) and Leeds Bradford (LBA).

**By Public Transport:** The most convenient stations would be Northallerton on the London to Edinburgh line or Garsdale on the Leeds – Settle – Carlisle Railway line.

From Northallerton Railway Station there are buses to Aysgarth but you would need to change twice. A taxi would be around 50 minutes.

From Garsdale Railway Station you can take a bus to Aysgarth, changing at Hawes, or a taxi taking around 35 minutes.

### How our holidays work

We specialise in self guided walks because we think it's the best way to really experience local landscapes, cultures & history. You walk under your own steam, at your own pace, safe in the knowledge that we have organised everything, and help is only a phone call away. We book all your accommodation, move your luggage between overnight stops, provide you with maps and guidebooks, and all the details you need for a successful holiday. You just turn up and walk!

#### Inbuilt flexibility

Our holidays are designed to be flexible and can therefore be tailored to suit your requirements. If you're looking for something different, or extra, from the holidays described here, give us a ring and we'll do our best to please!

You can start on any day you like. We can arrange extra nights at any of the overnight stops, allowing for rest days or giving you more time to explore the locality. Or you can book part of a walk if you don't have the time to complete the entire distance.



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## How to Book

Once you have decided which holiday you wish to book, please fill in the form at the back of this brochure and either post or email it to us. We will get in touch with you shortly afterwards to confirm your holiday details.

Alternatively you can book on our website [mickledore.co.uk](http://mickledore.co.uk), or telephone us in office hours.

## Accommodation

Good accommodation and friendly hosts are an essential part of any holiday. We make a special effort to find the hidden gems, as well as keeping a close eye on the quality of the more mainstream accommodation. Occasionally we may use a chain hotel.

As well as visiting the accommodation ourselves, we ask all our customers to complete a short evaluation on each night's accommodation, which then gives us an insight in to the day-to-day operation, and lets us spot any potential issues before they become a problem.

### Single Rooms

We are happy to book single rooms on this walk at a supplement, but can't normally book more than two single rooms for any one group.

## What We Provide

### All Holidays

**Accommodation** Overnight Bed and Breakfast accommodation in selected hotels, farmhouses, village inns, guest houses and family B&Bs. Full English or Continental breakfast.

**Guidebook** A guidebook with route information, maps, photos and background information.

### Information of Services Along the Route

A comprehensive Service Info sheet, including services such as cash points, banks, post offices, village shops, inns, cafes and taxis.

**Maps** One waterproof 1:25000 OS map covering the whole route.

**Personal Itinerary** A personal itinerary setting out each overnight stop, including large scale maps of each accommodation, to ensure you find it easily.

**Emergency Telephone Support** If you get in to difficulties during your holiday, we are always available to help, even out of office hours.

**12.5% discount at Cotswold Outdoors** We will issue you with a 12.5% Discount Card valid at all Cotswold Outdoor stores, and online, for the whole year on confirmation of your booking.

## Options

**Luggage Transport** We will transfer your luggage between each overnight stop – leave your luggage at the accommodation when you set off in the morning, it will be moved on to your next B&B. You only need to carry a small day sack with the clothes and provisions you require during the day's walk. We ask you to limit your luggage to one bag per person, up to 18kg.

**Packed Lunches** Provided for each day's walking and recommended on this holiday as there will not always be a handy shop or cafe on the route.

**Off Road Parking** If you are travelling by car we can usually arrange off road parking for the duration of your trip. (There may be a small charge for this).

**Arrangement of return transport** We can also arrange your transfer back to your car, (or advise you when public transport is a better option)!

## What's not Included

**Evening Meals** Your evening meal isn't included in the package, but we include full details and recommendations for each evening meal in your itinerary. You will normally be within walking distance of a pub and/ or restaurant, or where there is good food available at the



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accommodation, we'll book that for you. Allow about £30.00 per night.

**Transport to the Start & Away from the Finish or Taxi or Bus transport if you need to miss a stage** (but we'll help you organise it if you need help)

**Travel Insurance** Even if you are based in the UK travel insurance is worth having.

### Prices

Detailed prices for all our holidays are available on the website [mickledore.co.uk](http://mickledore.co.uk).

## About Mickledore

Mickledore Travel is based in Keswick at the heart of the English Lake District. We are one of the leading specialists in self guided walking and cycling holidays in the UK, and provide a friendly, professional and flexible service.

We are walkers and cyclists ourselves, so it really matters to us that you have a good holiday. We are still a small business, with a lot of local knowledge, and personal enthusiasm for the outdoors. If you've got any queries, we're always happy to help, so don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop us an email, or call in and see us if you're in Keswick.

We specialise in UK holidays, and by concentrating on what we consider the best routes, we get to know the trails, accommodation, and local area intimately.

All your accommodation has been carefully selected and is regularly monitored.

- We listen to you and tailor each holiday to meet your requirements.
- We have an excellent level of customer service.
- We have 15 years experience, and very high levels of customer satisfaction.
- Peace of mind – help is only ever a telephone call away.
- We're all outdoor enthusiasts – we know what makes a good holiday, and we want you to have one!
- 15% discount card for all your outdoor equipment purchases from Cotswold Outdoors.
- 100% financial protection – in the very unlikely event of Mickledore's financial failure, you receive a full refund.

### Book With Confidence

#### Financial Protection

Your payments are fully protected against our financial failure. We are members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO), and the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA). We have arranged bonding through ABTA. This means that in the unlikely event of our financial failure, any monies you have paid to us will be refunded. This bonding is

fully compliant with the Package Travel Regulations and provides 100% financial protection.

#### AITO Quality Statement

Mickledore Travel is a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators. The Association represents Britain's leading independent tour operators. It promotes high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

Mickledore Travel abides by AITO's Code of Conduct and adheres to the Quality Charter which can be viewed at [aito.com](http://aito.com). Visit the website to find out more about the Association or call 020 8744 9280.



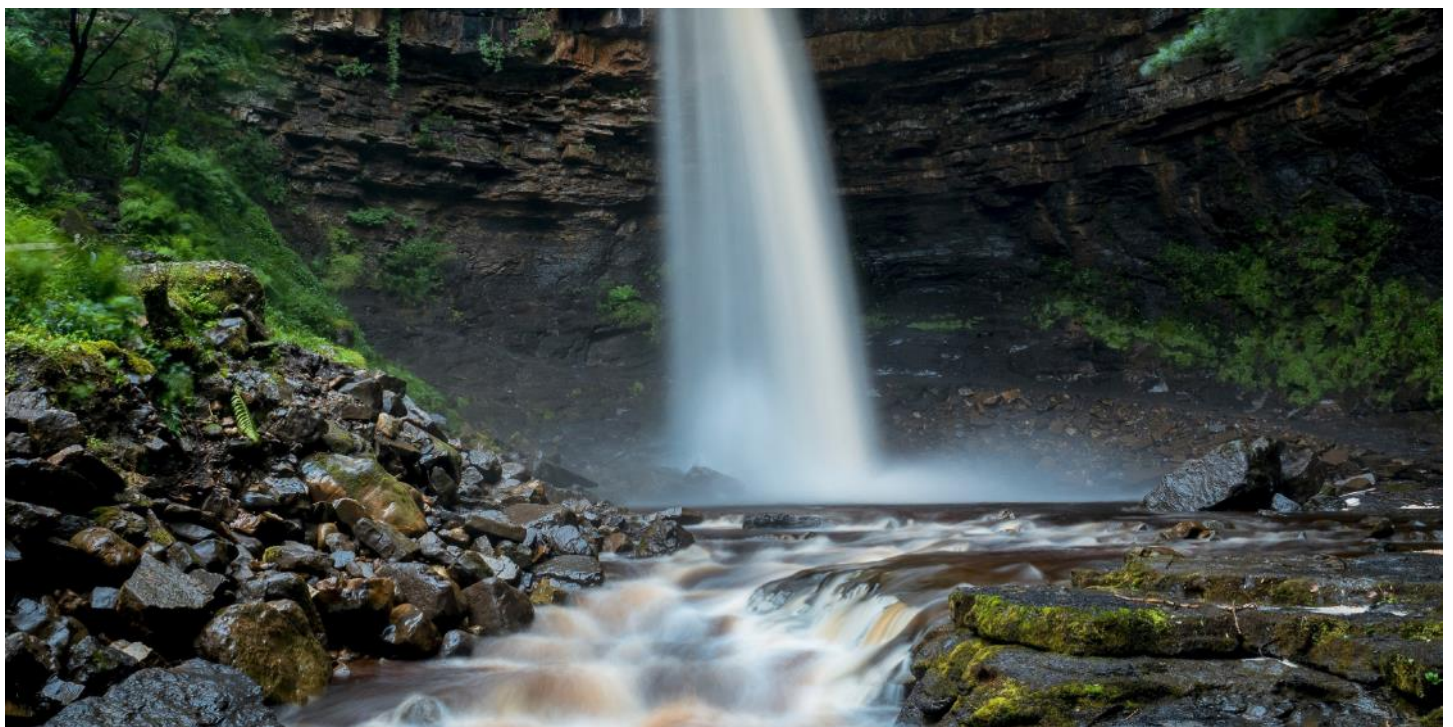
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## Herriot Way: Round Trip from Aysgarth

We have two walks covering the full route. The longer itinerary of 5 walking days splits the Aysgarth to Hawes leg at Askrigg to make two shorter days. This allows you to ease yourself into the walk gradually before the next 3 longer days, and also gives you time to explore the market town of Hawes.

Round Trip from Aysgarth in 4 Days Walking Code: HE5				Round Trip from Aysgarth in 5 Days Walking Code: HE6		
		miles	km		miles	km
Day 1	Travel to Aysgarth for your first night of accommodation			Travel to Aysgarth for your first night of accommodation		
Day 2	Aysgarth to Hawes	13	21	Aysgarth to Askrigg then transfer to Hawes	7	11
Day 3	Hawes to Keld	13	21	Transfer to Askrigg then walk to Hawes	6	10
Day 4	Keld to Reeth	13	21	Hawes to Keld	13	21
Day 5	Reeth to Aysgarth	13	21	Keld to Reeth	13	21
Day 6	Depart from Aysgarth after breakfast			Reeth to Aysgarth	13	21
Day 7				Depart from Aysgarth after breakfast		





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## Booking Form

### Contact Details

Address .....

Mobile Telephone..... Landline telephone.....

Email.....Emergency Contact no .....

### Your Holiday

Holiday Code.....Holiday Name.....

Date of First Night.....Date of Last Night.....

### Party Members

Title	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth

Options	Rooms Required	Rest Days (give date & location)
Luggage Transport	Y/N No. Double Rooms	
Packed Lunches	Y/N No. Twin Rooms	
Off Street Parking	Y/N No. Single Occupancy Rooms	
Return Transfer required (additional charge)	Y/N	

Comments (special diets, other requirements etc): .....

Upon receipt of your booking form Mickledore will send by email a confirmation with the full price and 20% deposit cost required. You can pay by card or cheque (GBP only for cheque).

How did you hear about Mickledore Travel? .....



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