

SHORTER WALKS GROUP

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Bowlees to Holwick Scar loop

Thankfully, the weather was perfect for our September walk after the previous weekend's deluge. We set off from the car park at Bowlees and walked over the beck, up the steps and past Bowlees café. We immediately turned left on the road behind the row of houses and crossed a rather broken-down stone stile into the wood. Here a path led to a gate opening onto the main road.

Across the B6277 road we walked down a long farm track, through the farmyard and on into fields heading towards the river and Scoberry footbridge constructed in 1971 (an older bridge was damaged in the floods of 1942).

Interesting fossils here at the edge of the river.

Over the bridge and climbing up steps to the riverside walk we went through a gate on our left into the fields and made our way up towards Holwick Scar.

Cattle and sheep seemed untroubled by our passage and apart from muddy gateways there were no obstacles and only one easy stile out of the field onto the minor road. We paused to admire the magnificent views and noted the remnants of an old settlement at the top of the field.

Turning right, we continued along the road passed farms and well-placed holiday cottages on our right. The next right took us on a long downhill stretch of road back towards the river with 360 degree panoramic views all the way. The road leads to a farm on the left but we continued straight on down through fields following the path which leads to Low Force and a photo stop to capture the very familiar falls. Over the Wynch bridge and back to Bowlees where some of us visited the painting exhibition upstairs before returning to the car park. The walk was nearly 3 miles long.



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