



# 17 NORTH YORKSHIRE HARDRAW & HIGH CLINT



▶ Distance: 5½ miles/8.9km ▶ Time: 3 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



The view towards Hawes and Widdale from High Clint.



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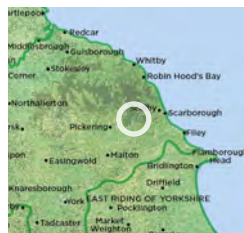
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Hardraw is a very popular spot, but on this route you soon have the countryside to yourself. The upper reaches are within open access land, which means that you can make your own way along the dramatic edge of High Clint with magnificent views over Hawes and way beyond to the Three Peaks. The ascent includes the lost in time, sleepy village of Sedbusk, an ideal place to pause. An unexpected highlight at the end is the wooded gorge of Shaw Gill with a series of small, pretty waterfalls. For something larger visit Hardraw Force, the highest single drop waterfall in

England. The adjacent Green Dragon is a cosy, authentic Dales pub with a Georgian interior of low beams and flagged floor plus beer garden. Scenes from the recent TV remake of *All Creatures Great and Small* were filmed here.

**1 Start** Opposite Green Dragon follow footpath to Hawes. Go through kissing gate then bear L onto flagged path. After fifth gate bear R heading for gate with red lid. Pass through gate then bear L keeping wall on L. Pass through fieldgate to road. Turn R and almost immediately L along footpath to Sedbusk, passing over packhorse bridge and step stile. Pass through another stile to reach and cross

## PLAN YOUR WALK



## ROUTE

**Start/parking** On-street parking in Hardraw, grid ref SE868912, DL8 3LZ  
**Is it for me?** Open access land uneven but straight forward walking particularly when dry  
**Stiles** Numerous

## PLANNING

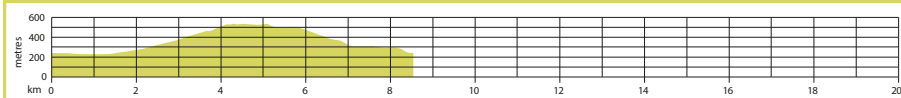
**Nearest towns** Hawes  
**Refreshments** Green Dragon, Hardraw (01969 667392), Stone House Hotel, nr Sedbusk (667571), wider choice in Hawes  
**Public toilets** None  
**Public transport** None to start. Buses serve Hawes, ½ mile to south of route (dalesbus.org)  
**Maps** OS Explorer OL30, Landranger 9

road. Go through step stile then bear R. Pass through two step stiles to road.

**2 1¼ miles/2km**  
Turn L into Sedbusk.



## GRADIENT PROFILE



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► OS Explorer map OL30 ► Buy maps at: [ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop](http://ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop)

Follow road to R of Chapel Cottage past green and continue along lane as it bears R to become a bridleway (concrete then stone) to Staggs Fell and North Rakes Hill. Just before metal gate turn sharp L through fieldgate and up grassy path initially along a cutting. As it bears sharp R leave cutting and continue on flattened grass with wall on L. Bridleway runs to L of walled copse and through two gates then bears R. At post with blue waymarker bear L and continue up.

**3 2¼ miles/3.6km**  
 Just as another post comes into view 120 yards away turn L off bridleway heading for a beanbag sized boulder. Shortly afterwards reach faint cart track. Follow it L along High Clint. From here navigate by sight. Head first for the two large cairns and then to R of sheepfold below. Soon afterwards a stony track comes into view.

**4 4 miles/6.4km**  
 At track turn L and down to road. Turn L, descend sharply then turn sharp R onto footpath to High Shaw. Walk to R of barn and through fieldgate then turn L keeping wall on L. In corner of field go through gap stile and down steps with stream on R. Go through another stile, L over ladder stile and through wall stile and gap in wall. Pass



caravan site. Go through handgate and follow path as it passes to R of Fossdale House and down steps to lane.

**5 4¾ miles/7.6km**  
 Turn R and then sharp L at fingerpost through gate to Shaw Gill. Cross footbridge and turn R to visit waterfall. Retrace steps and continue on western bank of stream past two more waterfalls. Leave gill through metal gate and turn L to cross back over stream and bear R. At road

turn R and, after 150 yards, turn R to Hardraw through bridlegate and gate. Continue down farm track to R of house and through gate stile. Complete descent to Hardraw. **CW**

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