



17 NORTH YORKSHIRE ADDLEBROUGH

► Distance: 6 miles/9.7km ► Time: 3 hours ► Grade: Moderate



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Approaching Addleborough
from Carpley Green Road.



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Broad and flat-
capped, appearing

like a citadel with an ocean liner fore-end, Addleborough is a real looker of a hill. Scraping the 1578 foot/481m mark at its highest point, its beetling crest watches over Wensleydale in the Yorkshire Dales. People have been drawn to its slopes for millennia and our route up this limestone plateau makes the most of open access land to approach it head on, venturing off path up its shapeliest side. From Addleborough's crinkly edges there are magnificent views across Wensleydale and down to Semer Water in Raydale. The descent route passes the

rubble footprint of a prehistoric settlement. Two alternative paths up and down are marked on the map.

1 Start

Leave car park back to road, turn L a follow it west away from Thornton Rust for 1¼ miles. It's a largely quiet lane with narrow verges, but take care all the same. (You could alternatively take the first path R down to the A684 and back up the lane via Worton, but our route avoids this unpleasant section of main road).

2 1¼ miles/2km

Where lane hairpins R at Cubeck, turn L up farm track to L-hand side of barns, signed 'Carpley Green Road'. Follow

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Thornton Rust free car park, grid ref SD972888, postcode DL8 3AW

Is it for me? Initially follows farm tracks, but breaks out onto rough, steep, boggy open ground. Requires good navigation. Livestock in fields

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PLANNING

Nearest towns

Hawes and Leyburn

Refreshments

Wensleydale Ice Cream Parlour & Coffee Shop close to start; pubs/café in nearby villages

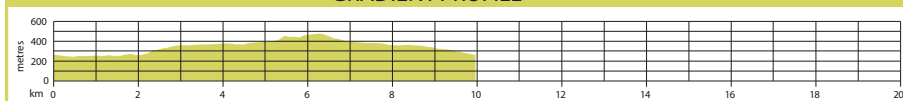
Public toilets None

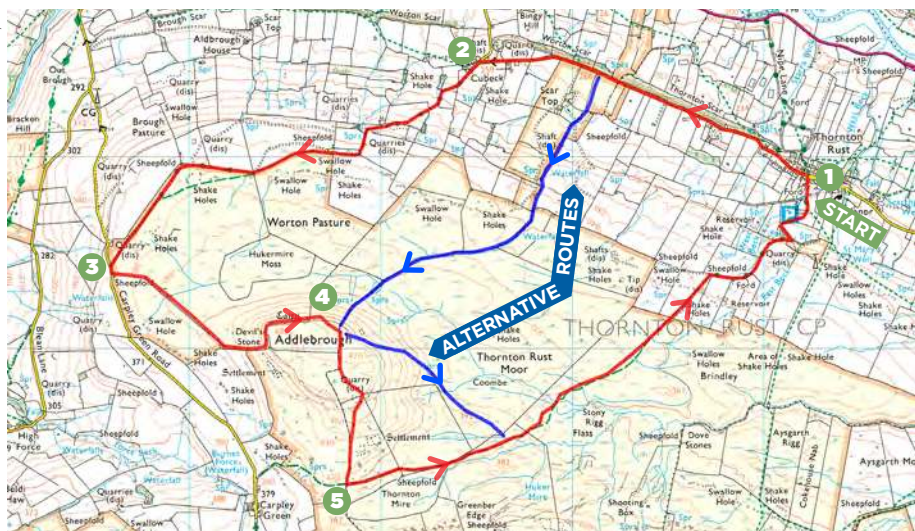
Public transport

Wensleydale Voyager 156 bus to start; book in advance (Mon-Sat). 856 'Flyer' service on Sundays to nearby Worton (dalesbus.org)

Maps OS Explorer OL30; Landranger 98

GRADIENT PROFILE



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ADDLEBROUGH► OS Explorer map OL30 ► Buy maps at: ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop

DON'T MISS...



Go off route to explore the settlement remains near point 5. Find an unusual cairn near a hidden bench.

track uphill through two gates. After second gate, the bridleway swings R to another gate and into access land. Take L fork bridleway west across pasture to go through gate. Follow permissive track with wall to your R for 1km.

3 2¼ miles/4.4km

Just before gate onto road, swing L up a faint track east along wall to go through gate. Shortly cut R to continue

following wall southeast, then east towards Addleborough and up steep slope past the Devil's Stone. Approaching crags, jink L away from wall to find easy shelf up onto plateau. Carefully clamber over low point in fence and bear L following rim of plateau around to prehistoric cairn remains at north edge.

4 3½ miles/5.6km

Bear east-southeast past a neat stone cairn to cross ladder stile at grid ref SD 947 880. From here, bear south-southeast to cross a ladder stile at a junction of walls at grid ref SD 949 877. (For alternative way down, follow rough path southeast down to stile, as shown on map). Go diagonally R of elaborate wall-end cairn,

bearing southwest to follow R-hand wall downhill, past ancient settlement remains, then down to bridleway.

5 4 miles/6.5km

Turn L away from gate and follow bridleway east through several gates and across boggy ground for about 1¼ miles to leave access land. At junction, turn R and follow walled-in track, which zig-zags down to ford and back to car park at start. **CW**

VIEW THE WALK ON OS MAPS ONLINE:

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