



19 NORTH YORKSHIRE PEN-Y-GHENT & PLOVER HILL

► Distance: 8¾ miles/14km ► Time: 4½ hours ► Grade: Challenging



Early on in the walk with Pen-y-ghent ahead.

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Most walkers are familiar with the

outline of Pen-y-ghent as it rises steeply above Horton in Ribblesdale. It's a popular summit and the views from the 2,277ft/694 metre summit are magnificent. Less well known is the adjoining top of Plover Hill (2,231ft/680m) which is often ignored and left alone. This route climbs Pen-y-ghent via the scrambley south ridge path and continues to bag the outlying Plover Hill before returning over Horton Moor.

1 Start

Exit car park going R along road past café. Cross L taking track signposted 'Foxup/

Pen-y-ghent'. Follow ascending track through gate. At track junction go R descending between walls. Pass through gate/opening then farmyard to go R at track junction. Go L by cream cottage (signposted 'Pen-y-Ghent') crossing bridge. Go L on lane. Follow lane rising to curve R to reach gates/ Pen-y-Ghent sign L just before Brackenbottom Farm. Go L through gate/opening rising up concrete track. Go L at gate (arrow). Cut R through gate going R with wall L. Climb path with wall L. Rise through gate and later cross stile. Keep wall L following path over series of rocky steps. Beyond, path becomes surfaced. Rise through gate continuing up steps. Follow good path to

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Horton in Ribblesdale National Park car park, BD24 OHE, grid ref SD808725

Is it for me? Paths/tracks/ steep ascents/descents. Some boggy sections. Some lane/road walking. Rough/remote high level mountain route - avoid in mist/bad weather.

Stiles 3

PLANNING

Nearest town Settle

Refreshments

Horton in Ribblesdale

Public toilets At Start

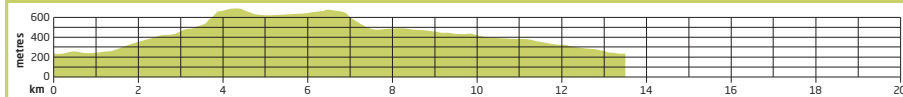
Public transport Malham National Park Centre - 01969 652380

Maps OS Explorer OL2; Landranger 98

pass through gate to path junction/Pennine Way. Go L (wall L) climbing rough/rocky path. The path leaves the wall and climbs scrambley rocky



GRADIENT PROFILE



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steps re-joining wall as angle eases. Continue to trig/summit Pen-y-Ghent.

2²/₃ miles/4.25km

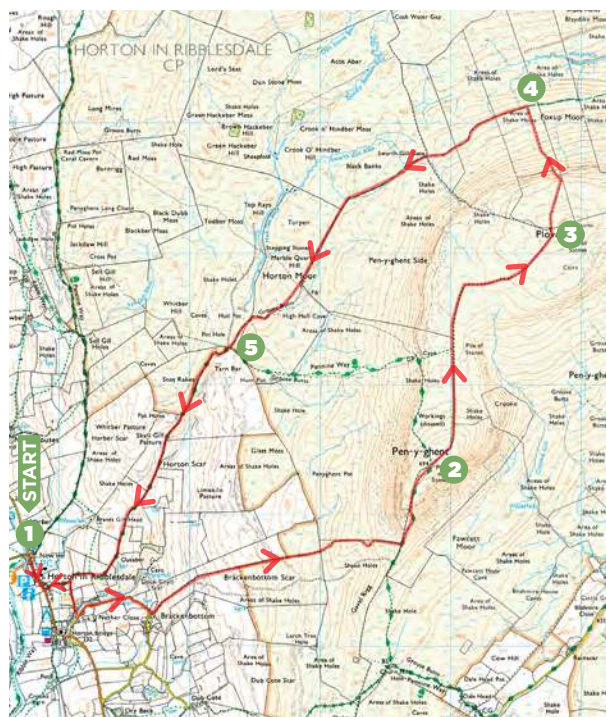
From the summit cross the stile to other side wall/path junction. Go R taking the footpath signposted 'Plover Hill'. Keep wall R descending to grassy/rocky/boggy col. Cross this rising beyond (wall R) to cross stile. Rise by the wall curving R (odd boggy sections). Continue to stile in wall corner on Plover Hill summit.

3⁴/₅ miles/6.45km

Cross the stile to the wall corner. Go L by the wall for a few paces staying ahead when it bends L. Descend grassy path past stake. Descend steeper/rougher path to continue by wall R on surfaced path. Descend to curve L on exposed path soon dropping steeply to curve R (exposed here/care required). Descend through wall gap following surfaced path then continuing on grassy one. Descend to path/track junction near gate R.

4³/₄ miles/7.65km

Go L following path/track through gate. Beyond, follow path to curve L/R through old wall. Follow path/track crossing bridge/brook, rising past wall corner and passing through old wall. Follow descending path/track crossing two bridges to



rise through gate. Rise/dip twice with wall L continuing to path crossroads as wall bends L. Go ahead descending path to curve R and follow little ravine as path improves. Descend to curve L at wall near Hull Pot. Continue with wall R passing through gate in wall to path junction. Go L following path to join track before gate. Go ahead to reach gate/track junction/Pennine Way.

5⁷/₁₀ miles/11.2km

Go ahead (signposted 'Horton in Ribblesdale/Pennine

Way') descending walled track through two gates. Continue to curve L soon curving R picking up outbound route at track junction to pass through gate. Follow outbound route to the road. Go R to car park. **CW**

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