

Norber Erratics

We start the walk by finding roadside parking in Austwick – the road down to the Traddock is often a good choice, but as ever please park with consideration for residents and local businesses. Satnav users will find that postcode LA2 8BY, or road name Graystonber Lane, finds the Traddock. What-3-Words tag **chromatic.gathers.scrolled** also works, and if you prefer a paper map, then grid reference SD76856833 is our starting point.

We start by heading uphill back to the centre of the village, and at the triangle in front of the Church of the Epiphany we take a right onto main street, passing the primary school on the left, and then take a left turn into Townhead Lane. This soon climbs – quite steeply in places - to take us out of the village past Austwick Hall.

A little further on, we meet a crossroad, with Thwaite Lane crossing Townhead Lane, which continues on the far side as Crummack Lane. Thwaite Lane is part of the Pennine Bridleway, and we take the bridleway left for a short distance heading in the direction of Clapham (West). Keep a look out on the right for a gate where a footpath heads North through the fields toward the Norber Erratics.

We cross the field – the track heads over to a wide gate in the drystone wall to our left, but the path comes off the track slightly to the right heading for the far corner where we find a smaller gate giving access to the path up to the Erratics.

Our path up to the Erratics is quite steep from here. Start by following the drystone wall next to the small gate - this bears left a little, and as we approach the end of it we see another path crossing and a fingerpost indicating the route up to Norber.

We take the Norber path, which leads us into a rocky clamber up the eastern edge of the Scar. This can be slippery when wet, so take care. This section is quite short, and we soon find ourselves on gentler ground and start to see the Erratics ahead of us.

Our route from the Erratics over to The Wash Dubs takes us along the top of Nappa Scars. Finding the path from the Erratics takes a little bit of concentration, as there are so many routes through the boulders – so look for the drystone wall on the East of the Erratics and head downhill until you find the stile – this takes us onto the path across the scar.

The path continues along the front of the scar and is quite narrow – so take care especially if the limestone is wet.

We now head East and gently downhill to a stile which takes us onto Crummack Lane – the continuation of Townhead Lane.

Here we turn left and cross into the opposite field either via the stile or the gate which is just slightly further uphill.

We now head North – in the same general direction as the road but moving steadily further away from it, crossing a couple of fields and a farm track until we start to head downhill to Austwick Beck at the Wash Dubs.

The Wash Dubs are a great place to take a break, and suitably refreshed we cross the stone flag bridge to the North side of Austwick Beck and pick up the bridleway taking us right and downhill into Wharfe, a small and very attractive hamlet of about a dozen houses.

As the bridleway comes down into Wharfe we find ourselves at a crossroads. We carry on straight ahead onto a lane which takes us down through fields known as the Quaker fields to the road from Austwick to Horton in Ribblesdale.

At the road we turn right and walk on the road for a short while looking for a finger post on the left taking us to the bridleway to Feizor.

We follow this, initially up a farm access track before taking a sharp right to head toward Austwick.

This track is Wood Lane, and we follow this all the way back to Austwick where we meet Graystonber Lane at Austwick Bridge.

Here we turn right to head back up to the village and the end of the walk.

- Total distance 9.5 km (5.9 miles)
- Total ascent 348m
- Easy walk