

## Kingsdale via the Turbary Road

We start from a lay-by at the side of Thornton Lane in Kingsdale. From the A65, drive into Thornton in Lonsdale and then at the junction where St Oswald's church and The Marton Arms sit, head uphill (north) toward Dent. Continue for 1km and note a lane on the left leading to a very visible communications tower, and then continue for another 400m. The layby is on the left. The What-3-Words tag for the location is **internet.package.intervene** and the OS Grid reference is SD69117566. If you are using Satnav to get there, then the postcode is LA6 3PJ – but that obviously covers a large area so try adding "Thornton Lane" if your device allows that.

From the layby, look for the gate and an obvious track uphill past a derelict building to the west of the road. We are heading generally northwest for the first part of the walk, but the terrain is such that the track takes a zig zag route to avoid the steeper terrain. We are heading for a point where the track passes through another gate just 400m from our start. Once you come to the gate, you will see a clear track ahead heading northwest – we are following a dip between the limestone plain on our right and a scar on the left called Tow Scar.

The track soon bears round to the right and climbs to the top of Low Plain, and about 100m after we start to head north, we need to look for a smaller (unsigned) path on the right which heads over the flat top of the plain to the Cheese Press stones. If the route is unclear – aim for Ingleborough and you will soon see the stones. Having paused at this rather magical place, we retrace the route back to the top of Low Plain, where we continue North for a further 250m, until we approach a drystone wall with a clear track in front of it – this is the Turbary Road, that the walk is named for.

We follow the Turbary Road to the right, heading northeast now, and soon arrive at a gate – just beyond this on our right is another pothole – this one, Kail pot is quite large and very visible. We return to the Turbary Road and continue northeast with Gragareth starting to loom over to our left and walk a further 1000m to find our next large pothole of the day – this is Rowten pot.

We now need to keep an eye open for the ladder stile to the right of the Turbary Road which takes us down to the valley bottom via Yordas Cave. From here the path is clear and follows Yordas Gill downhill until it disappears into Yordas Wood. At this point the path continues down the side of the woodland and then bears left to approach the gate at the entrance to Yordas cave from below.

From the cave – a great spot to have lunch by the way – we continue down to the road and head right walking on the road for a little while – we cross the Kingsdale beck a good 1000m down the road at a bridge and follow a clear path up to a farm at Braida Garth, where we follow the footpath signs through the farm to take a stile in front of the large house where we pick up a path across the fields still following the contours of the valley.

The rest of our route is mostly clear, but there is one place where it would be easy to go wrong – there is a tempting gate in the wire fence that suggests that the path goes uphill and onto the scar at one point. Stay below the fence until you arrive at a stone stile where we connect with a larger path (The Pennine Journey) at Twistleton scar. From here we follow the path downhill to meet the larger track which forms part of the Ingleton waterfalls walk – we are still on a right of way though. When we arrive at the lane at the base of the scar we turn hard right, before continuing along to the footbridge over the beck. We re-cross the Kingsdale Beck and climb up the lane on the far side to the road, where we walk a short way uphill and to the left to return to our starting point.