

# HAWES MOSAIC TRAIL

## Section Two With Twelve Mosaics in Seven Miles

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### Introduction to the Walk

I'm often asked whether the 11-mile Hawes Mosaic Trail can be split into two more manageable sections. The good news is that it can, and quite easily. This seven-mile circular walk starts from Gayle Lane car park in Hawes and takes in twelve of the twenty mosaics, beginning at the Pink Flower. It should take around three and a half hours and is a fairly easy walk.

The twelve mosaics are the Pink Flower, Sunset, Kestrel, Yellow Flower, Steam Train, Lime Kiln, Monk, Purple Flower, Goose, Red Squirrel, Kingfisher, and Brown Trout.

### About the Hawes Mosaic Trail

The Hawes Mosaic Trail is a circular route through Upper Wensleydale in the Yorkshire Dales. Created by the local community in 2000 to celebrate the millennium, it features a collection of mosaics depicting an element of the dale's rich culture, history, landscape, flora, and fauna.

The mosaics along the trail reflect many of the themes captured in the millennium window inside St Margaret's Church. Together, they form a visual narrative of Upper Wensleydale's heritage, linking past and present through art, nature, and faith.

The millennium window is located in the south aisle of St Margaret's Church. To mark both the Christian second millennium and the tricentenary of the granting of Hawes Market Charter, the Parochial Church Council chose to replace one of the most severely damaged windows. In its place, they commissioned a new commemorative civic window depicting themes meaningful to the dale.

### Additional Information

- **Distance:** 7 miles (11¼ kilometres).
- **Duration:** Approximately 3½ hours (excluding stops and breaks).
- **Difficulty:** Easy to moderate. Just a few fairly gentle ups and downs. The route is centred around Hawes and remains almost entirely on lower ground within the Upper Wensleydale area of the Yorkshire Dales.
- **Trail Conditions:** A mix of roadside footpaths, grassy paths and bridleways, stone countryside tracks, and some walking along minor roads.
- **Recommended Map:** OS Explorer OL30 – Yorkshire Dales Northern & Central Area.
- **Parking:** Gayle Lane car park in Hawes.
  - **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/k4jfAxvb6o5EYgUP6>
  - **What3Words:** ///skirt.boasted.enrolling

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## Step-by-Step Directions

Begin this section of the Hawes Mosaic Trail at Gayle Lane car park in Hawes. Exit the car park and turn left onto Gayle Lane. Follow Gayle Lane south, passing Wensleydale Creamery on your left-hand side. After about a third of a mile, take the road on your right called Garris, straight after the house called Gayle Laithe and just before the bridge which crosses over Gayle Beck.

Continue following this road all the way through the village. It is the route of the Pennine Way and it will bend around to the left and then right to eventually meet another road called Gaits. When you reach Gaits, turn right and follow the road to a junction. This track is called Mossy Lane. Here, turn left, then soon afterwards turn right into Bands Lane, signposted to High Bands. The **'Pink Flower' mosaic (1)** is set into the wall on your left.

Walk along Bands Lane past Low Bands Farm, then past another large farmhouse on your right. Continue uphill along a stone track signposted to Cam Road. After a third of a mile, you'll come to a T-junction. Directly ahead, you'll find the **'Sunset' mosaic (2)** in the wall.

Turn right and follow the stony track to the B6255 main road. Turn right again and walk briefly downhill. The **'Kestrel' mosaic (3)** is set into the wall on your left.

Turn left and follow the bridleway signposted to Thorney Mire House. Walk along this well-defined grassy public bridleway for over half a mile. You'll see Thorney Mire House and other cottages across the field on your right. Continue until you reach a large wooden gate leading onto Lanacar Lane. On the left-hand side of this gate, you'll spot the **'Yellow Flower' mosaic (4)**.

Go through the gate, turn right, and follow Lanacar Lane past Thorney Mire House, Thorneymire Cottage, and Thorneymire Woodland Retreat. Stay on this minor road for about half a mile until you reach Appersett Viaduct. Directly beneath the viaduct, you'll find the **'Steam Train' mosaic (5)** set into the wall.

After passing beneath the viaduct, continue along the road to reach the A684 in Appersett. Turn left and walk across the bridge over Widdale Beck. Ignore the first left turn, a bridleway to Widdale, and take the second left, a public footpath signposted to Mossdale Head. Follow this path alongside the A684 until you reach another road bridge. Leave the path and cross the bridge over the River Ure. Walk along the road until you reach the junction leading to Hardraw. Look to your right and you'll see the **'Lime Kiln' mosaic (6)** in the wall.

Cross the road to Hardraw and walk through the gate in the dry stone wall. Follow the footpath signposted to Bluebell Hill. Cross a field, then a footbridge over Broad Carr Sike, and continue following the waymarkers uphill. After about a third of a mile, you'll see a wooden signpost in the middle of a large field where the path splits. Take the right-hand path and continue across several fields for about half a mile. You'll eventually reach the Pennine Way just outside Hardraw. Turn right and follow it downhill to the main road, then turn left into Hardraw.

Cross the road bridge over Hardraw Beck and pass St Mary's and St John's Church, followed by the Green Dragon Inn. Immediately after the pub, turn left as though heading to Hardraw Force. You'll spot a small signposted path to Simonstone on your right. Follow it through the back yard of a house and along a flagged stone path up a grassy slope to an ornate wooden bench in front of a dry stone wall. The **'Monk' mosaic (7)** is set into the wall beside the bench.

Follow the footpath uphill, past the gable end of a house on your right. Go through a gate and continue along the path signposted to Simonstone. Cross a field to reach Simonstone Country Hotel, then walk along its driveway to the road. Turn left, and you'll quickly see a signpost for Sedbusk on your right. Beside this signpost, set into the wall, is the **'Purple Flower' mosaic (8)**.

Follow the footpath to Sedbusk through a farm, then continue for nearly two-thirds of a mile. You'll cross several fields, pass old stone barns, and walk through gaps in the dry stone walls. As you near Sedbusk, the path splits. Keep straight on rather than turning right. Head between two houses and pass through a gap in the wall to reach the village green. Look over your left shoulder to find the **'Goose' mosaic (9)** in the wall near the wooden benches.

Cross the village green and turn right onto Shutt Lane. Then turn right again onto Sedbusk Lane. Walk past the Coach House on your right. As you leave the village, you'll see the **'Red Squirrel' mosaic (10)** in the wall on your right.

Turn left and follow the footpath signposted to Haylands Bridge. Walk down the grassy slope to reach a road named Bellow Hill. Cross the road and spot the **'Kingfisher' mosaic (11)** set in the wall next to a small gate and wooden signpost.

Go through the gate signposted to Haylands Bridge and follow the stone-paved path downhill across the fields. Cross a narrow old packhorse bridge to reach Brunt Acres Road. Turn left, then cross the River Ure via the road bridge. Continue walking along the road until it curves around to the left. On your right, you'll see a gate and the final mosaic on the Hawes Mosaic Trail. It's the **'Brown Trout' mosaic (12)**, set into the wall.

Go through the gate and follow the path, signposted to Hawes and the Pennine Way National Trail. Follow the flagged stone path across the field to rejoin Brunt Acres Road. Continue along the road into Hawes. You will be on the eastern side of the town.

At the junction, cross over and turn right onto the cobbled A684. Walk into the town centre, crossing the road bridge over Gayle Beck and passing shops on both sides. When the cobbles end, turn left to visit St Margaret's Church. Inside, you'll find the millennium window, created in the year 2000, which inspired the mosaics featured along this scenic and rewarding route. After visiting the church, continue heading west through the town, then turn left onto Gayle Lane where you parked at the beginning of the Hawes Mosaic Trail.

# Map of the Walk

