

HEBDEN CIRCULAR WALK

Grassington, Linton Falls and the River Wharfe

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Introduction to the Walk

This Hebden circular walk begins in the peaceful Yorkshire Dales village of Hebden and follows a varied route through wildflower-rich meadows, open fields, Grassington, Linton Falls and the River Wharfe. With dry stone walls, riverside paths, village streets and gentle dale views, it offers a rewarding short walk through classic Wharfedale countryside.

Highlights of the Walk

One of the early highlights is the route through Grassington Park Estate Meadows, where flagged paths cross flower-rich grassland and hawthorn blossom frames the way. High Lane then leads towards Grassington, with wide views across dry stone walls, stone barns and distant moorland, before the walk enters the village's cobbled streets.

From Grassington, the walk continues down to Linton Falls, where the River Wharfe tumbles through limestone channels beside the old hydroelectric station. The return follows a beautiful stretch of the Dales Way beside the river, passing quiet meadows and Hebden Suspension Bridge before climbing gently back to Hebden.

Additional Information

Distance: 4¾ miles (7½ kilometres)

Duration: Approximately 2¼ hours (excluding stops and breaks)

Difficulty: A fairly easy circular walk with gentle gradients, field paths, village lanes and riverside sections. There are some stiles, uneven ground and a short climb back into Hebden near the end.

Trail Conditions: The route uses grassy field paths, flagged meadow sections, stone tracks, pavements, tarmac lanes and riverside footpaths. Some sections may be muddy after wet weather, especially beside the river and through fields.

Recommended Map: OS Explorer OL2 Yorkshire Dales Southern & Western Area

Parking: Roadside parking is available on Main Street in Hebden, especially alongside the dry stone wall opposite Green Terrace or near The Old School Tea Room.

- **Google Maps Link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YHtcHcV757o9bENK6>
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STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

This Hebden circular walk begins in the village of Hebden, just off the B6265 in the Yorkshire Dales. Start from **Main Street (1)**, where you'll find plenty of roadside parking alongside the dry stone wall opposite Green Terrace, or near The Old School Tea Room.

From your parking spot, walk back to the B6265 and turn left towards Grassington and Skipton. Continue past the Clarendon Hotel to the end of the village. Just after the coach garage, you'll see two public footpaths on the right. Ignore the first, which is signposted to Tinkers' Lane, and take the second, **signposted to Grassington via High Lane (2)**.

Follow the yellow waymarker arrows across several grassy fields, passing through gated gaps in the walls, for about half a mile until you reach a patch of woodland. An interpretation board confirms that you've entered **Grassington Park Estate Meadows (3)**. At the crossroads on the edge of the woodland, continue ahead on the footpath signposted to Grassington. After leaving the woodland, keep to the flagged stone path straight ahead, then follow further yellow waymarkers through **another stretch of woodland (4)**.

Once you leave the Grassington Park Estate Meadows behind, carry straight on across more grassy fields, passing through gaps in the dry stone walls, some with stiles. The route is well marked with yellow arrows and wooden signposts. The path eventually joins a wider stone track called **High Lane (5)**, which leads down towards Grassington and marks the next stage of this Hebden circular walk.

The track brings you out onto Low Lane. Turn right here and follow the road downhill to the front of **Grassington Town Hall (6)**, which also doubles as the Devonshire Institute. Turn left onto Main Street and walk all the way down through the village, past the shops, cafés and pubs, until you reach the B6265, also known as **Hebden Road (7)**.

At Hebden Road, turn left, following signs to the national park visitor centre car park. Walk along the road, then use the pedestrian crossing to enter the Yorkshire Dales National Park car park. Head across the car park to the far left-hand corner at the bottom, where you'll find a sign for Linton Falls. Follow the path between the dry stone walls down towards the falls. Just before the bridge over the River Wharfe, turn left, following the footpath signposted as the **Dales Way to Hebden and Burnsall (8)**.

Cross the fields to a **tarmac lane (9)** and turn right, still following the signs for Hebden and Burnsall. The lane eventually narrows into a footpath running alongside the river. At the next junction, three options are signposted: Linton Church via the stepping stones, the Dales Way to Burnsall, and the public footpath to Hebden. Take the middle route, signposted as the **Dales Way to Burnsall (10)**.

The riverside section is one of the most scenic parts of this Hebden circular walk. Continue along the footpath beside the River Wharfe. After about a mile and a quarter, you'll reach **Hebden Suspension Bridge (11)**. Don't cross it. Instead, turn left, following the signpost to Hebden. Very shortly afterwards, you'll come to a narrow tarmac lane called Mill Lane. Turn right and follow Mill Lane to the bridge over Hebden Beck.

At the bridge, turn left, where a sign indicates a public footpath to Hebden and Bank Top. Walk between the two houses and follow the path up through the woodland into open meadowland, then over the **footbridge across Hebden Beck (12)** near the weir. Continue up the valley, gradually climbing on the left-hand side, until you arrive back on Main Street in Hebden. The path emerges by The Old School Tea Room and your parking area, completing this Hebden circular walk.

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MAP OF THE WALK

