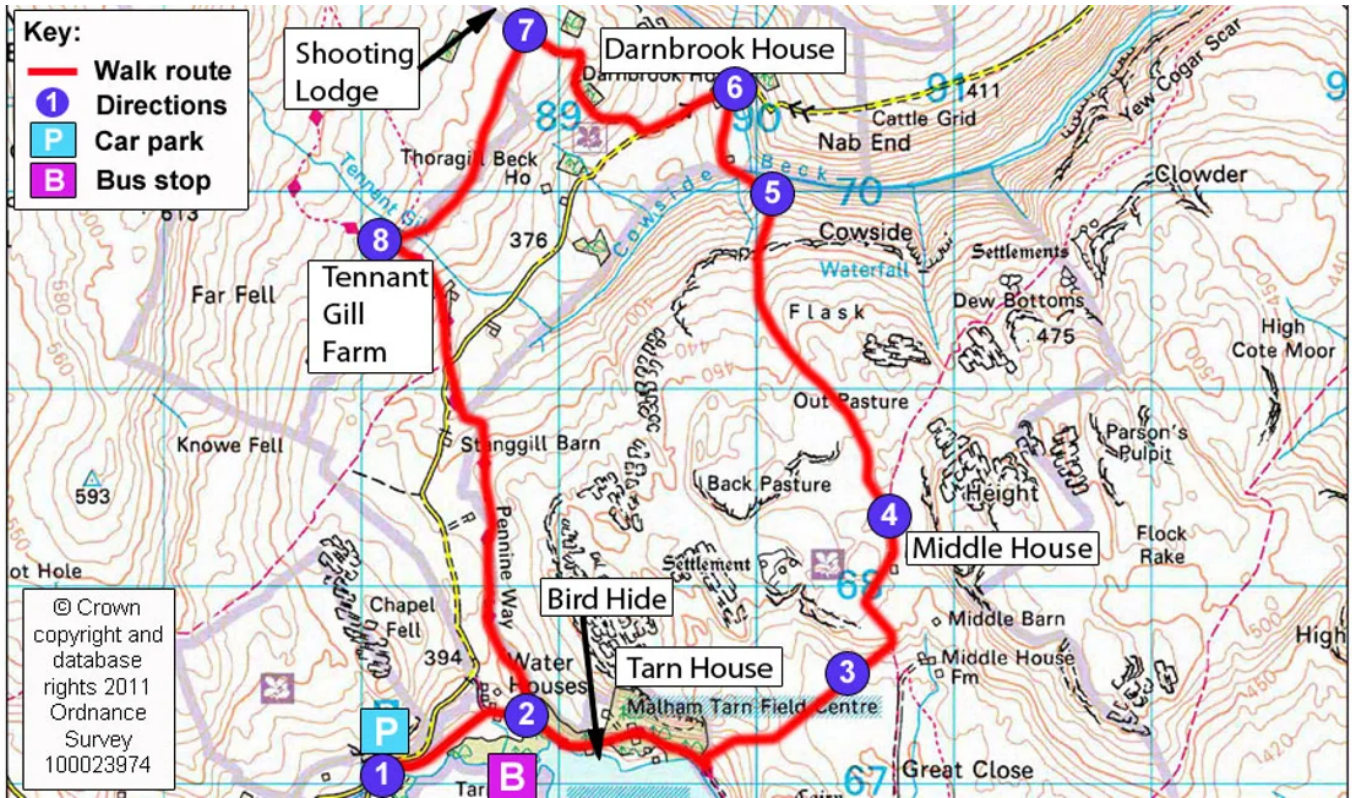


YORKSHIRE

Malham Moor historical walk

Discover the history of an ancient glacial lake, Tudor farms, and a Victorian benefactor on this walk through Malham Moor. This circular trail passes a 19th-century home that welcomed Charles Darwin as a guest, walks in medieval footsteps along the Old Monks Road, and explores a traditional farmstead from the 16th century. It also takes in sweeping views of the Yorkshire Dales and wildlife enthusiasts can keep an eye out for birds of prey and longhorn cattle.



Information

Address: Roadside parking, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 9PT

OS map: Explorer OL02

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Hilly route across unmade tracks. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Well-behaved, controlled dogs are welcome. However, they're not allowed in the National Nature Reserve. Be vigilant near livestock, especially those with young. Keep dogs on leads and under control. If approached by cows, move away carefully and, if necessary, let go of your dog's lead – the dog will outrun the cows. Watch out for local notices for seasonal restrictions in woodland or farmland, such as lambing season or when ground-nesting birds are raising their young, March–July.

Full trail: Miles: 7 (km: 11.2)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours 20 mins

Terrain

This is a fairly hilly route, across fields and unmade tracks with a short stretch of road. The trail can be muddy after wet weather.

Total steps: 8

Start point: Roadside parking, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 9PT. Grid ref: SD881671

1. Turn right out of the car park and then left though a gate onto a track. Continue on the track until you reach the road and a post box in the wall, then turn right here.
2. Continue on the paved track for almost a mile through the woodland, passing a bird hide and Malham Tarn House. Leave the woodland behind as you pass through a gate and then turn left uphill, towards Middle House, following the Old Monks Road.
3. A little before Middle House Farm, cross a stile and bear diagonally left over the side of the hill, heading north-east. At the top of the hill, pass through a gate and follow the track as it bears around to the right continuing to Middle House (not to be confused with Middle House Farm).
4. From Middle House, continue north, bearing left to Darnbrook at the next waymark. Go over a wall stile and follow a well-worn track as it descends steeply towards Cowside Beck and Darnbrook Farm, crossing stiles and gateways where necessary.
5. At the bottom of the valley, cross Cowside Beck before heading towards the nearest field barn and heading uphill to Darnbrook House and a road.
6. At the road, turn left and continue for about 550yd (500m), then turn right onto a well-trodden track. Follow it into the next field, passing to the left of a small wood, and then up as it rises to an old shooting lodge.
7. At the lodge turn left to follow the wall on your right. At the corner of the field, go through the gate and turn left, keeping the fellside wall on your left. At the next wall cross a stile and the path eventually meets the Pennine Way, above Tennant Gill Farm.
8. Follow the Pennine Way all the way downhill past Tennant Gill Farm to the road. Cross the cattle grid and head diagonally across the road, to follow the Pennine Way in a south-east direction across the open field. Continue on this path until you reach the

unmade road. From here, retrace your steps by turning right, passing some cottages and turning right at the post box onto a track. At the end of the track turn right to reach the car park and end of this trail.

End point: Roadside parking, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 9PT. Grid ref: SD881671
