

Getting Around the Yorkshire Dales



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You don't need to use a car to travel around most parts of the Yorkshire Dales. There are lots of alternative, greener ways to get about including walking, cycling, and taking the train or bus.

This leaflet gives a brief overview of public transport services in the Dales and how to find out more about the many services available. Overleaf you'll find a handy map showing the main bus and train routes in the Dales, which you can use to plan days out.

When it comes to discovering the special landscape of the Yorkshire Dales, slower travel is usually the most enjoyable and rewarding. There are better views from the higher seats of a bus or train, and no worries about navigating narrow country roads or finding suitable safe parking places. On a local bus you are part of the community, supporting transport services which are a local lifeline, and going through villages and to places easily bypassed in the car. You can enjoy a pint (or two!) of locally-brewed ale at one of many excellent inns without endangering your own life or that of others, but above all you are reducing your carbon footprint by travelling more sustainably.

Buses



The excellent DalesBus network through the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty offers wonderful opportunities for sightseeing and walking.

DalesBus gives you true freedom to plan a huge range of linear walks - for example, along the Pennine Way or Dales Way long distance paths, as well as many other cross-dale walks. If you are using a car, it often makes sense to park it in an official car park, catch the bus on the outward journey and walk back along a choice of superb routes.

You'll find that there are several regular bus services running along many dales on weekdays, with extra longer-distance buses on summer Sundays. Bus routes link up at several hubs in the Dales - including Settle, Grassington and Leyburn, providing a wide range of travel opportunities.

Trains



There are a number of useful railway services in the Dales. A day out on the famous Settle-Carlisle Railway is something not to be missed, and there's no better way of discovering the western Dales than by leaving the train at one of several intermediate stations, perhaps for a station-to-station walk through some of Britain's most dramatic scenery.

Other scenic rail lines are equally worth discovering. The Skipton-Lancaster line along the southern edge of the Dales, and the restored Wensleydale Railway between Leeming Bar, Bedale, Leyburn and Redmire, offer fine scenery and walking opportunities, whilst the Embsay to Bolton Abbey Railway in the south links these two stations with a weekend steam heritage service.

To find out more about public transport in the area:

- Call into any National Park or Tourist Information Centre
- Call Traveline on 0871 200 22 33
- Visit the Dales Bus website at www.dalesbus.org

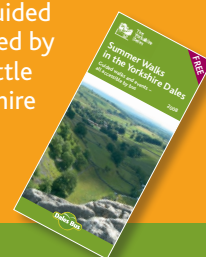


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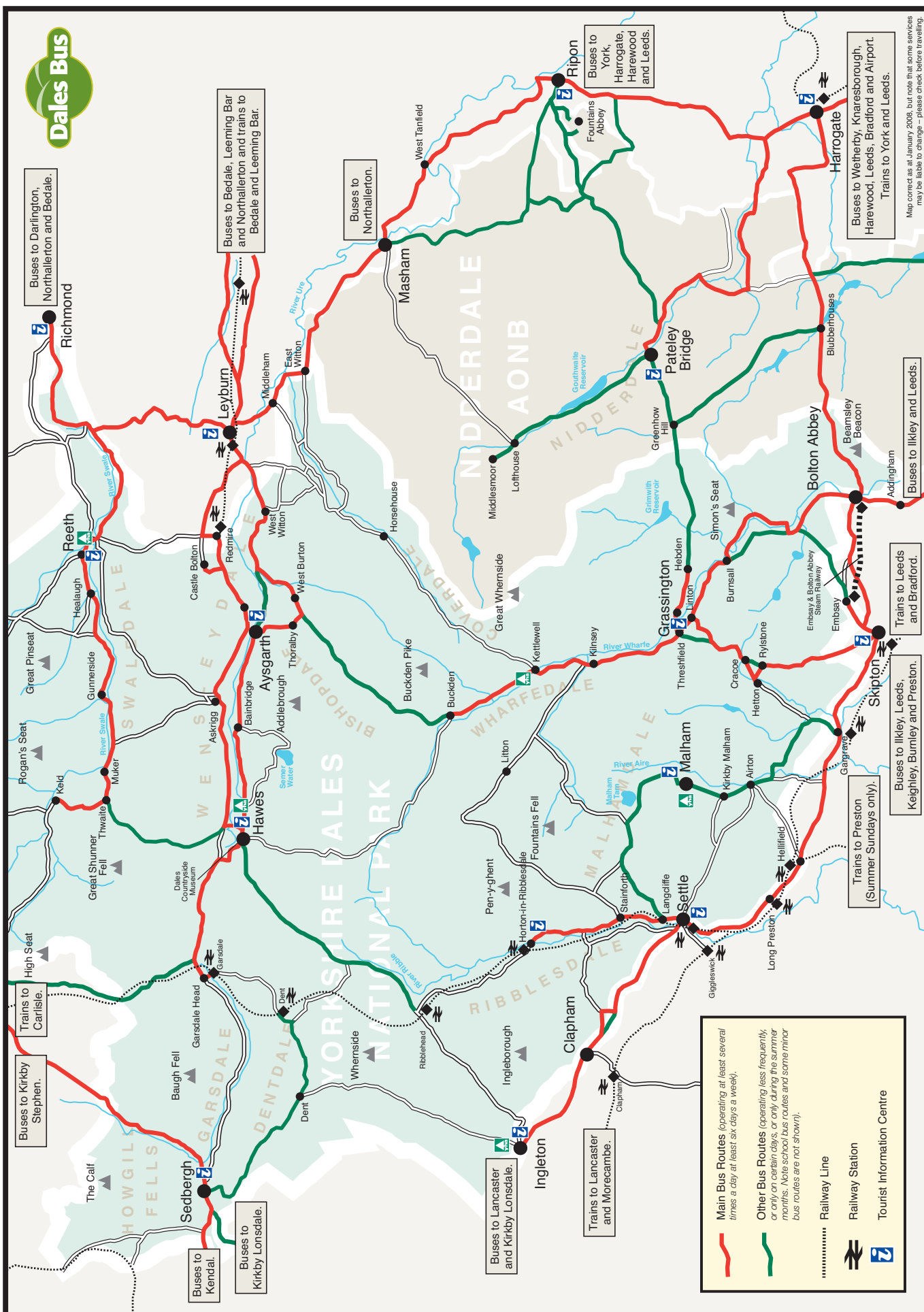
National Park and Tourist Information Centres can tell you about the many opportunities for walking and cycling in the Dales, ranging from a short riverside stroll or ride to more challenging expeditions across the moors.

You can also explore the Dales on the many guided walks accessible from public transport organised by the Friends of Dales Rail, the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line, Dalesbus Ramblers and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. They are all led by experienced, knowledgeable local guides.



Dales Bus

Main Bus and Train Routes



Map correct as at January 2008, but note that some services may be liable to change – please check before travelling

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