## **Settle and Attermire Scar**

**Distance:** 6km (4 miles)

Time: a minimum of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours

**Accessibility:** a strenuous walk with a long steep climb to start, parts of the route are rocky and can get muddy and slippy.

**Parking:** several car parks in Settle (street car parks; SD 81911 63829. Settle station road car park; SD 81861 63540)

## Other transport:

 direct trains from Leeds and Skipton

Toilets: Settle car park

**Refreshments:** shops, cafés and pubs in Settle

**Closest National Park Centre:** Malham National Park Centre BD23 4DA (call 01729 833200)

## **Route description**

- 1. From the centre of Settle market square go up to the left of the arches of the Shambles, past the Co-operative and take the steep climb up Constitution Hill. The road bears left in between small cottages, before levelling out.
- 2. Take the gravel track to the right signed Pennine Bridleway. Continue up Banks Lane, climbing steadily above Settle and Langcliffe, across open fields, passing through a series of gates. As you walk up, look north taking in fine views of Ribblesdale, with the flat-topped Ingleborough in the distance and Pen-y-ghent off to the right.
- 3. At the tarmac road turn right, still signed Pennine Bridleway, and follow a well made stone track through a gate.
- 4. Follow the stone track to a second gate, go through the gate and turn immediately right to take the narrow wallside path to the right signed Victoria Cave.
- 5. Pass through a kissing gate and follow the wall to Victoria Cave. Collections of bronze artefacts have been discovered over the years in the cave, with animal bones such as hyenas and brown bears. The path skirts under the rocky limestone outcrop of Attermire Scar. To the right views of Warrendale Knotts limestone outcrops can be enjoyed.
- 6. When you reach a footpath crossroads, turn right to follow the obvious grassy path. This climbs steadily across open fields.
- 7. The route begins to drop down to rejoin the route at the top of Banks Lane. Views across Settle and left towards the Bowland valley can be enjoyed. Retrace your steps down Banks Lane and into Settle market square.



