

An interesting walk in Coverdale.

The walk starts from the Car park at Carlton Village Hall. (no charge but an honesty box for donations) approx 10 miles from Kettlewell.

The walk is circular taking in the hamlet of West Scafton, along the bridleway to Swineside with magnificent views of the Moor on one side and Coverdale on the other before dropping down to the footbridge over the River Cover at Hinilethwaite Hall and returning along the river/valley to Carlton via Gammersgill. A bit longer than originally anticipated but crossing the river by the stepping stones - when we found them! - proved to be a hands and knees job, they were so slippery. Providing it doesn't rain too much it is possible to wade across the river a little further down without getting your feet wet so proper walking boots are to be recommended if the consensus is to cut down the overall time for the walk - about 4 hours including lunch stop.

Notes:-

Paths are not always that clearly defined and as of yesterday a number of fields were uncut meadowland, so single file may be necessary.

Dog owners may have to exercise control over their dogs as there are 2 or 3 herds of very lively cattle with calves. Also there are quite a few nesting curlews, oyster catchers and lapwings which 'buzzed' our dog

Picnic lunch and mossie deterrent required!

Meet at the Buck Inn - 10.30 a.m.

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