



YORKSHIRE DALES



Ingleborough (The Blue Hill)

The whole of Ingleborough is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its unique combination of limestone karst features and associated flora. Ingleborough is also recognised as an important wildlife site by the European Union being a Natura 2000 Site.

The Ingleborough National Nature Reserve, which extends to 1,000ha is renowned for the wildlife and geology of its limestone pavements and post glacial features.

The limestone pavements are home to a wonderful variety of wild flowers of woodland origin with rare ferns sheltered in the deep "grikes".

The whole of the Ingleborough massif is surrounded by a system of underground caves containing some of the most important deposits of post glacial sediments which tell the story of ice ages of the past 350,000 years.

The Spotlight on Ingleborough events celebrate this rare and fragile landscape.

General Information

- Please wear suitable footwear and outdoor clothing for all events.



Easy, fairly level ground and good footpath surfaces.



Moderate walk, mainly on tracks but with some rougher sections.



Strenuous walk, with some steep slopes, unstable ground surfaces and ladder stiles.

- Please ensure all children under the age of 14 are accompanied by an adult.

- Dogs need to be kept on a lead at all times. Please clean up after your dog.

For further information please visit the Natural England website page for Yorkshire and Humber on www.naturalengland.org.uk or Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust www.ydmt.org



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Ingleborough National Nature Reserve

Spotlight on Ingleborough Festival
July 7 – 12



Ingleborough NNR

Spotlight on Ingleborough Festival July 7 - 12. A week of free events celebrating this unique site and its surroundings.




Mon 7 July

Langcliffe Quarry / Craven Lime Work
An easy 1 mile (1.6km) walk exploring this fascinating site, looking at the three limekilns and learning about the varied history, as well as seeing how nature has once again taken control!

Meet at 2pm - 4pm. Starts off the B6479, 1.5 miles north of Settle between Langcliffe and Stainforth. Look out for signs directing you to the parking area.

Badger watch
Led by a local expert, you will learn about the world of badgers. An illustrated talk will be followed by (weather permitting) a walk in the area identifying signs of badger activity.

Meet 7pm Horton car park. Booking essential. Phone Angie Brewell (01904 435500) for further information.



Tue 8 July

Landscape photography workshop
Join Rod and Margaret Smith for a practical training session in the morning and an afternoon walk onto the wonderful landscapes of the nature reserve.

Meet at 10am - 4pm at Colt Park, Chapel-le-dale (Grid Ref SD773778). Please phone Angie Brewell on 01904 435500 to book a place, 15 places available. Bring camera equipment, a picnic, outdoor clothing and walking boots.

Ingleborough Summit via Park Fell
Join National Park Ranger Steve Hastie on a walk exploring access management and nature conservation on Ingleborough. Distance 7.5 miles (12km).


Meet 10.30am at the Ribblesdale Quarry (we will wait for visitors on the train). Stout footwear, waterproofs, spare layers, plenty of water and packed lunch required.



Tue 8 July

Wildlife of Ribblesdale Quarry
Join Craven Conservation Group on an evening walk looking at the wildlife of this fascinating site and exploring the Gauber Viking age farmstead.

Meet at 6pm outside the quarry entrance (just up the track parallel to the Station access track), Chapel-le-dale (Grid Ref SD 765788). Donations to the Craven Conservation Group.



Wed 9 July

Limestone cowboys
Join us for a pleasant stroll through the limestone scenery of the nature reserve. During the walk we will look at the wildflowers of the grasslands and limestone pavements, and hopefully encounter our friendly herd of native cattle. No dogs please.



Meet at the Horton-in-Ribblesdale railway station at 6.30pm.

The rocks beneath your feet
Walk exploring the geology of Crummockdale with Alex Barbour and David Tayler. 6 miles, over moderate terrain.

Meet at 10am - 4pm in the National Park car park in Clapham.

Climate change
Join us for an illustrated talk by John Adamson (Environmental Change Network) on Climate Change and its impacts in the north Pennines and find out what is already happening in the Pennine Hills.


Meet at Ingleton Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.



Thu 10 July

Painting the scene - a Landscape Art Workshop
Join Katherine Holmes for a practical day of artistic techniques and enjoyment of the landscape.

Meet at 10am - 1.30pm at Colt Park, Chapel-le-dale. Phone Angie Brewell (01904 435500) to book a place on this event, 15 places available. Bring a picnic, outdoor clothing and walking boots.



Thu 10 July

Historic routes on Ingleborough
Join David Johnson and Dave Tayler exploring ancient ways and sites around the flanks and the summit of Ingleborough. Bring outdoor kit and packed lunch.

Meet 10am at entrance to Philpin Sleights on the B6255 road (Grid Ref SD 744777). Please park in lay-bys and not in Hill Inn car park.

The wonderful world of moths
Illustrated talk by Dr Terry Whitaker on local research into moths and the basics of identification followed by a trapping session.

Meet at 7.30pm at Clapham Village Hall. Refreshments will be served.



Fri 11 Jul

High country walk
A strenuous 10.5-mile (17km) walk over the flanks of Ingleborough with exhilarating views over surrounding countryside.

Meet 10:30am at the Horton railway station (return by 4pm). Event accessible by public transport - Skipton to Carlisle train. Please use the car park in the village, as station parking is reserved for rail users.

Bats about bats
Join bat experts John Altringham / David Hodgson for an slide show on bats followed by an evening walk around Clapham.


Meet at 8pm at the Clapham Cave Rescue HQ to finish around 10.30pm.



Sat 12 July

Family walk at Southerscales
Meet on Philpin Sleights on path to Ingleborough. Try kite flying before a walk around the Southerscales Nature Reserve with Alex Barbour - it will be the same walk she will have taken many of your children on from school so this is a chance for them to show you some limestone wonders. No charge. All ages and sizes welcome. Bring a packed lunch and water please. About 3 hours.

Meet 10am. Please park in lay-bys (not in Hill Inn car park) on the B6255 road (GR SD 744777).



Sat 12 July

Come and have a go!
Here is a chance to come along and see a range of practical work which Natural England and the Yorkshire Dales National Park carry out including footpath maintenance, drystone walling, thistle control etc. Watch work in progress or if you fancy come and help out.

Staff and volunteers will be working on the Ingleborough National Nature Reserve from 10am-4pm above the Hill Inn. Call 015242 42021 for more details.

