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Souvenir guide

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- **A MAP OF THE ROUTE OF THE GRAND DEPART** through Swaledale
- **A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** taking place
- **THINGS TO SEE AND DO** – cycling and beyond!



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BIENVENUE!



Un accueil chaleureux à Swaledale, l'un des endroits les plus beaux et les mieux préservés de l'Angleterre et cette année fiers hôtes au lever de rideau du Tour de France - le plus grand événement sportif annuel au monde. Le Grand Départ viendra par Swaledale le samedi 5 Juillet et promet d'être une fois dans un spectacle à vie comme la course aux coureurs à travers quelques-uns des paysages les plus spectaculaires et les plus spectaculaires de l'itinéraire.

Dans ce guide de souvenir unique, vous trouverez des informations sur les événements et activités qui se déroulent autour de Le Grand Départ. Nous espérons également vous donner un aperçu des nombreuses autres choses de cet endroit spécial à offrir qui vous aideront à faire de votre visite un moment inoubliable. Il ya un calendrier de choses à faire menant au grand jour et le week-end de la course, en plus de beaucoup d'informations et des idées d'activités et de lieux à visiter mais court ou long séjour sera.

Nous espérons que vous apprécierez votre temps ici et que vous reveniez à Swaledale à nouveau très bientôt.

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Merci pour l'achat d'un exemplaire de la revue - ainsi que d'aider à soutenir les entreprises locales, un minimum de 50p du prix de couverture est donné à deux organisations - L'équipe Swaledale Mountain Rescue et Air Ambulance Grand Nord - deux services essentiels dans cette région rurale.

WELCOME!



A warm welcome to Swaledale, one of England's most beautiful and unspoilt places and this year proud hosts to the curtain raiser of The Tour De France – the world's largest annual sporting event. The Grand Depart will come through Swaledale on Saturday 5th July and promises to be a once in a lifetime spectacle as the riders race through some of the route's most dramatic and spectacular landscapes.

In this unique souvenir guide, you will find information about events and activities taking place around The Grand Depart. We also hope to give you a flavour of the many other things this special place has to offer that will help to make your visit a memorable one. There's some ideas of things to do leading up to the big day and during the weekend of the race, plus lots of information and ideas for activities and places to visit however long or short your stay will be.

We do hope you'll enjoy your time here and that you'll come back to Swaledale again very soon.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

AND WHEN

Aside from the actual Grand Depart, there's lots to see and do in Swaledale and the surrounding dales. Here's just a selection of events taking place in the run up to and during the weekend of the Tour.

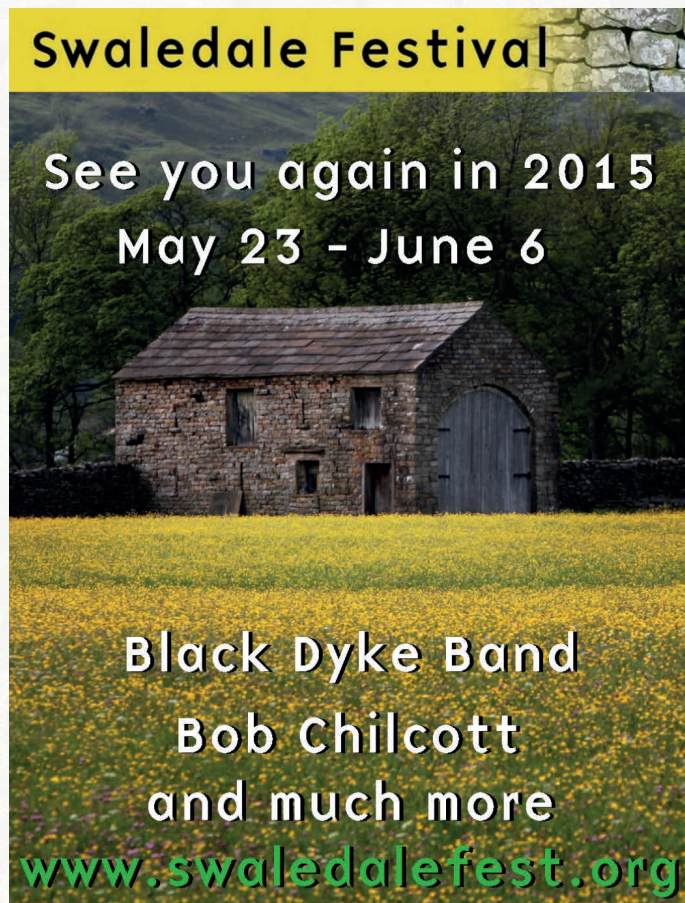
We've done our best to make sure that the details of events are accurate, however please check before you travel.

You can find out more about what's happening at www.reeth.org, www.2dales.org, www.swaledale.net, www.richmondshire.gov.uk and www.yorkshire.com

Alternatively, visit Hudson House, Reeth where you can find more information about timings and other events.

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JUNE

11	Special day on lead mining <i>Swaledale Museum Reeth</i>	
13	Talbot House <i>The Georgian Theatre Richmond</i>	7.30pm
14	Champions Tourney <i>Bolton Castle, Leyburn</i>	12pm-4pm
14	An Evening With Helen Fraser <i>The Georgian Theatre Richmond</i>	7.30pm
20	Walking on the Roof <i>The Georgian Theatre Richmond</i>	7.30pm
21	The Book <i>The Georgian Theatre Richmond</i>	7.30pm
27	Martin and Eliza Carthy in concert <i>St Andrew's Church, Grinton</i>	
27-28	World of Song and Dance Shows <i>Reeth Memorial Hall</i>	7.30pm
28	Djangologie <i>The Georgian Theatre Richmond</i>	7.30pm
28	Bell ringers tower open day <i>St. Andrew's Church, Grinton</i>	10.30am-4.30pm
29	Reeth Brass Band playing on The Green <i>Reeth</i>	2pm
29	A Day Out <i>The Georgian Theatre Richmond</i>	2pm

JULY

1	The Comedy of Errors <i>Bolton Castle, Leyburn</i>	
2	Cycling and Sporting Sale <i>Tennants Auctioneers, Leyburn</i>	10.30am
2	Taking the Tour - Bryn Lennon <i>The Station Richmond</i>	
4	Velorama - A Century of The Bicycle <i>Gunnorside Village Hall</i>	6pm
4	Belleville Rendevous <i>Gunnorside Village Hall</i>	6pm
4	Tour De Farce <i>Bolton Castle, Leyburn</i>	7.30pm
4-6	King of the Mountains Festival <i>Muker</i>	
5	LE GRAND DEPART THROUGH SWALEDALE	
5	Encore - An evening of French chansons <i>Georgian Theatre Richmond</i>	
6	Apres-Tour-wind-down-do <i>The Station Richmond</i>	

SWALEDALE NATURE'S INSPIRATION

'Swaledale in Yorkshire is a little country in itself. Once there, shut in by barriers of hills, you are satisfied: shrouded in its mystery, the rest of the world seems unimportant and unreal.'
Ella Pontefract, 1934.

Ask anyone that knows Swaledale and they'll tell you that it's just that little bit special. More remote and unspoilt than neighbouring dales to the south, Swaledale is often referred to as the connoisseurs dale. At the northern tip of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Swaledale is rightly famous for its hay meadows, field barns, heather moors and waterfalls. Thirty six kilometres long from Nine Standards Rigg in the West to Richmond in the East, the river Swale rushes through carving out the deep and rugged valley. The combination of dramatic scenery, fascinating history, peace and tranquility offers something for everyone to enjoy.

Swaledale's distinctive character has been formed by man and nature in equal parts. The forces of the ice age and the weather combined with hill farming, lead mining and grouse shooting have made a place of amazing contrasts. The most significant for outdoor enthusiasts is the huge network of paths and tracks created largely by 18th and 19th century lead miners that give easy access to the moor either on foot, by bike or on horseback and provide hundreds of miles of peaceful, traffic free enjoyment. Add to this the centre part of The Coast to Coast long distance walk, part of The Pennine Way, fishing, caving, moto cross and canoeing and anyone who likes to get outside will be spoilt for choice.

For lovers of music, the arts and culture, Swaledale is home to a thriving community of resident artists, including potters, painters and sculptors, all inspired by the unique surroundings of this beautiful area. Its reputation in the arts is underpinned by the annual Swaledale Festival held in May and June which includes classical, choral and folk music, films, exhibitions, poetry readings, workshops and guided walks. Established in the early 1970s it's now renowned as one of the leading festivals of its type in the UK. The local shows of Reeth and Muker have a long, proud history of giving the community an opportunity to celebrate and join together for that one special occasion when they can display community achievements and talents for all to share. These shows represent the very heart of dales life.

With so much to offer, Swaledale really is an inspiration. To find out more about what there is to see and do, visit www.reeth.org, www.swaledale.net, www.2dales.org or www.yorkshire.com



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In Saxon times Reeth was only a settlement on the forest edge, but by the time of the Norman Conquest it had grown sufficiently in importance to be noted in the Domesday Book.

Later it became a centre for hand-knitting and the local lead mining industry, which was controlled from here, but it was always a market town for the local farming community. Its eighteenth-century houses and hotels clustered around the village green making it one of the most popular villages in the Dales.

Its history can be traced in the Folk Museum, which houses exhibits illustrating the life and traditions of Swaledale, and outlining the principle theme of lead mining. At the peak of the lead mining industry Reeth had a population of 1460 but cheaper foreign imports doomed Swaledale lead production and by 1885 the area was already becoming the farming community that we see today.

Reeth's popularity with visitors is easy to understand. A huge variety of walks and trails radiate from the village green for walkers and cyclists of all ages and abilities. There is an array of galleries, shops, and tea shops and no shortage of great hotels, pubs and guest houses. The choice for the adventurous thrill seeker or those wishing to simply take in the scenery makes Reeth justifiably a 'capital' place to stay and enjoy.

A VISITORS GUIDE TO REETH

- 1 Dales Farm Toys & Books
- 2 Holiday Homes Yorkshire
- 3 Sculpture by Stef Ottevanger
- 4 Graculus Sculpture
- 5 Philip Bastow Cabinet Maker
- 6 The Nutmeg gallery
- 7 Skelton studios
- 8 Gorska - the art of glass
- 9 Jane Ellis - artist
- 10 Reeth Garage
- 11 The Hair Salon
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- 13 The Buck Hotel
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GRINTON

Grinton (green pasture in old English) grew up around the bridge, the first place above Richmond where the river Swale, could be forded. Blackburn Hall, next to the church, dates from 1635, although the first reference to a village here was in 1086.

St Andrew's Church, known as the Cathedral of the Dales, was for centuries the only church in upper Swaledale, with bodies being carried from the upper dale down along the "Corpse Way" for burial. The Bridge Inn, a 15th century former coaching Inn offers a warm welcome to all who pass by.

FREMINGTON

A hamlet, tucked between Grinton and Reeth, Fremington today is recognisable by the landmark of Draycott Hall in the lower part of this picturesque settlement and looking upward, the spectacular craggy Fremington Edge entices walkers and cyclists to scale its heights. From this dominating and



impressive hillside, views of Swaledale are breathtaking and memorable.

HEALAUGH

(Pronounced he-law) this hamlet is just one mile west of Reeth. The name comes from the old English hea+leah meaning high clearing or wood. At one time Healaugh featured a school, chapel, post office and shop but none remain. In dry weather, the stepping stones below the village allow the

River Swale to be crossed to make an easy circular walk along the banks of the river from Reeth.

LOW ROW

Feetham, Blades, Smarber and Low Row, small villages and hamlets,

are now collectively known as Low Row in the parish of Melbecks. It was once a thriving mining and textile community with three pubs, two churches, two chapels, two shops, two schools, and a workhouse. The village still has two of its churches, one pub



- the Punch Bowl (sister pub to the CB Inn in Arkengarthdale) and Hazel Brow Farm which is open to visitors.

GUNNERSIDE

Named after the Viking, Gunnar, the village thrived during lead mining times when people worked, played and prayed hard. Miners would walk up Gunnerside Ghyll to work, women as well as men, knitting socks as they walked.

The huge Methodist Chapel is testament to the lead mining heyday, where a large gallery accommodated the many miners and their families who lived in the village and surrounding area.

A walk up Gunnerside Ghyll reveals the extensive ruins of the lead mining industry.

MUKER

Muker often features in photos and paintings and is regarded as of the loveliest villages in Swaledale. The former school is now a gallery and craft shop, next to Swaledale Woollens which sells knitwear knitted locally from Swaledale sheep wool. Opposite the



Farmers Arms pub is one of four listed buildings, a telephone box designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott.

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, first built in 1580, may originally have had a thatched roof and at one time had a gallery running the full length of the church, and is listed, along with the old font opposite its front door. Until this church was built, corpses in upper Swaledale had to be carried miles down the dale to St Andrews at Grinton along the "Corpse Way". Various "corpse" stones still exist, where the men carrying the body would rest, one of the easiest to find being at Ivelet Bridge, between Gunnerside and Muker.

The last listed building in the village is the pretty Victorian Literary Institute with railings which was built in 1867 and at the time contained 600 books. It is now the home of Muker Silver Band, who rehearses there twice a week.

THWAITE

Thwaite is the birthplace of Richard and Cherry Kearton who produced the first nature book to be illustrated

entirely with photographs. The house where the brothers were born has a pretty decorative lintel over the door, with their dates of birth and initials carved there. The Kearton Country Hotel is named in honour of the brothers where visitors can relax with a coffee or home-cooked meal and admire the views towards Kisdon hill.

From here you can take the stunning walk over Great Shunner Fell into Wensleydale, ending up at Hardraw (eight miles of amazing views!). As an alternative there are three different footpaths to Muker, finishing with suitable refreshments at the Farmers Arms or Muker Tearooms.

A few miles over the top towards Hawes brings you to the Buttertubs, a group of fluted limestone potholes, supposedly named from times when farmers would rest there on the way to and from Hawes market. They would lower their butter down into the potholes to keep it cool.

KELD

Keld is a very special place; at Keld "a sundial records the hours but time is measured in centuries" (Alfred Wainwright).

Almost completely hidden in a deep cleft in the Pennines, in one of the highest and remote parts of the Yorkshire Dales, lies the village of Keld.

The upper dale's dramatic moorland, miles of dry stone walls, meadows, field barns and waterfalls all contribute to this extraordinarily beautiful landscape. The hay meadows in this area are famous for their abundance of wild flowers in early summer also Keld lies at the centre of the highest concentration of waterfalls in England.

It is a combination of traditional farming methods and the hardy Swaledale sheep that graze the upland fells which are largely responsible for shaping and maintaining the landscape seen today. The Swaledale sheep with its distinct black face, black and white legs and long tail is particularly robust and is bred to thrive in the harsh conditions on the high fells and is as important to the dale as the people who live here.

Keld is a historic place, a simple place, a peaceful place. Whether you come for the scenery, the wild life, the wide open spaces or the solitude you will always be welcome.

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Similar status is now being afforded among road cyclists as they test out the first stage of this year’s Tour de France’s Grand Depart through Yorkshire. According to Stuart Price, who established the Dales Bike Centre at Grinton in 2008, road biking is leaving off-road trailing in its wake.

“This is just the start. We’ve got all these people coming riding in Swaledale off the publicity that’s going around, once the stage has come through it’s going to go mad,” he said.

Up to 30,000 people are expected to use vantage points on Grinton Moor to watch around 200 top riders pass through in the world’s biggest annual sporting event. “We’ve never seen anything like it in this Dale, it’s the Olympic Games coming through Swaledale, and we’ll never see anything like it again,” said Stuart.

GET CLOSER BY BIKE

Cycling is a great way to see the countryside. You get much closer to the landscape and countryside and whatever your level of fitness or experience, Swaledale has something to offer. It’s true, there are plenty of hills around, but most of the roads are generally quiet and there are lots of good tea shops and pubs conveniently placed along the Dale that give a good excuse for a rest and refreshment if needed.

If you’re more experienced, why not trace the route of the Grand Depart for yourself and try the Tour De Dales – starting in Grassington and covering the Stage 1 route through the National Park to provide a fantastic 78 mile circular route.



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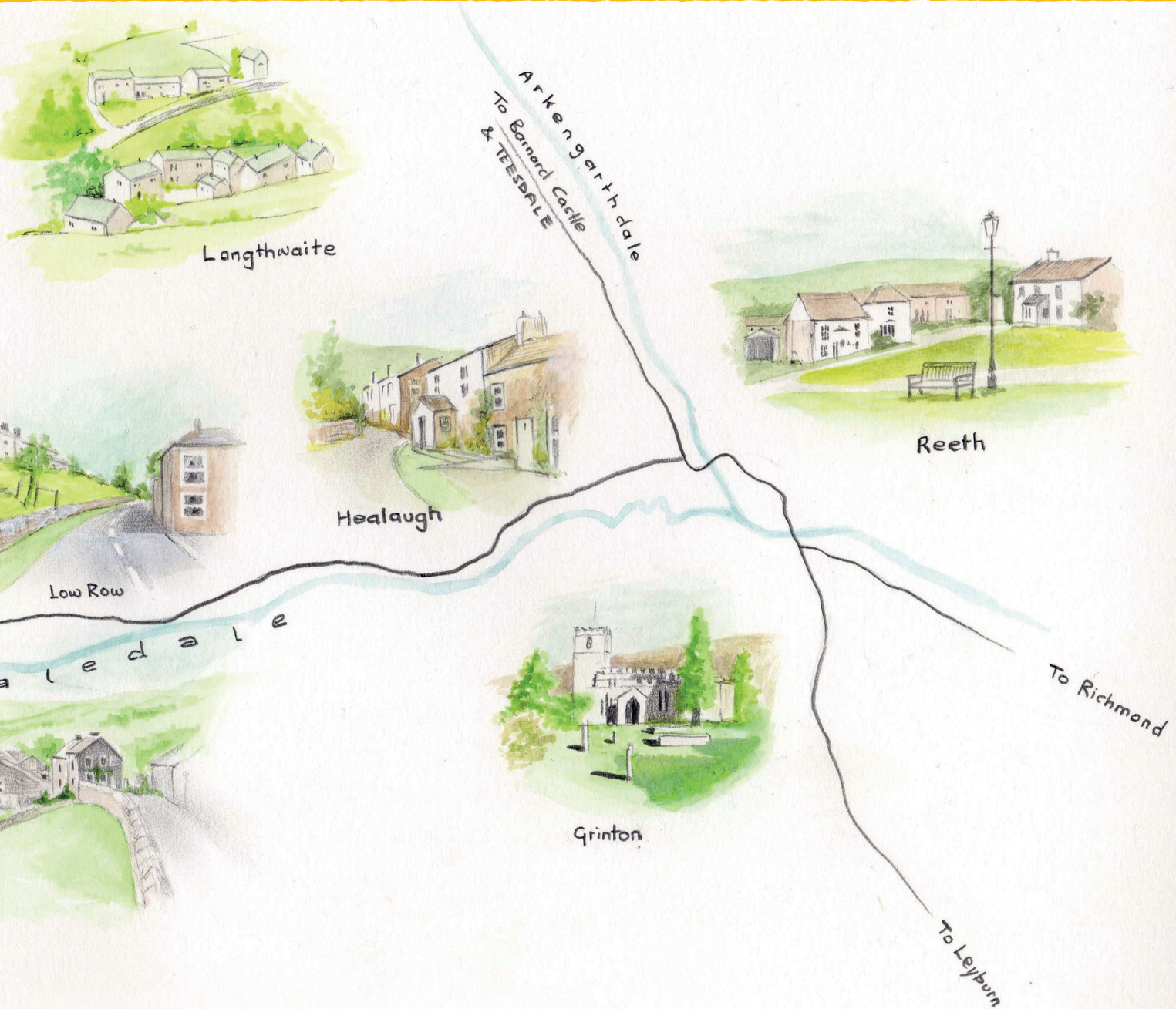
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WHERE TO SEE THE TOUR AND WHEN...

The dramatic descent from the Cote de Buttertubs into Swaledale will give everyone the first sight of the caravan around 12.36 followed by the peloton around 14.22. The following times are when the caravan and then the peloton are scheduled to arrive through Swaledale*

NOTE: All times are approximate and are subject to change.

BUTTERTUBS	12:36	14:22
MUKER	12:46	14:31
GUNNERSIDE	12:53	14:37
STRANDS	12:55	14:39
LOW ROW	12:58	14:41
HEALAUGH	13:04	14:48
REETH	13:07	14:50
GRINTON	13:10	14:53
GRINTON MOOR	13:15	14:57

THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN SWALEDALE

Walker and cyclist on Airedale Road Bridgway © Greg Marshall



Coast to Coast and Pennine Way long distance footpaths both cross the Dale and meet at Keld whilst for the more leisurely walker the hay meadows and riverside walks offer easier options.

FELL RUNNING

Fell running has long been associated with Swaledale and the annual shows at Muker and Reeth both feature races for all ages. At Reeth Show the race traditionally goes up Fremington Edge overlooking the show field. The competitors are part of the British Open Fell Runners Association with races for all classes. Each year a prize is offered for breaking the course record.

THE SWALEDALE MARATHON

The annual Swaledale Marathon passes through some of Swaledale's finest scenery. The 23 mile course is a fell run / challenge walk event - competitors must navigate themselves and complete the course within 10 hours. It takes place in May/June and has been organised by Swaledale Outdoor Club since 1979. In 2013 over 440 people completed this popular and demanding race.

WALKING

Swaledale is truly a walker's paradise with hundreds of routes to choose from. The famous

THE SCOTT TRIAL

The Scott Trial is a British motorcycle trials competition run over an off road course in Swaledale of approximately 70 miles. One of the most challenging trials events in the UK its appeal is to clubman riders as well as international professional riders. The Scott raises money for the "Scott charities", a range of local non-profit making organisations and is organised by Richmond Motor Club.

THE SWALEDALE FESTIVAL

Starting at the Spring Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May the Festival has concerts and events in chapels and churches, village halls, pubs, castles and barns, in the beautiful north Yorkshire Dales of Swaledale, Wensleydale and Arkengarthdale. The Festival also runs a programme of guided walks, many themed on topics such as lead-mining, archaeology, wild flowers and geology.

The 2015 Festival runs from 23 May to 6 June. Black Dyke Band is already confirmed, as is a choral workshop with Bob Chilton.

So start your summer at the Swaledale Festival, and enjoy live music in this beautiful corner of the world. PS - you don't have to wait for next year.

Be sure to visit the Festival's Tour de France tribute in the Orchard Garden of Hudson House, in Reeth. Re:Cycle by Michael Kusz is a sculpture made from bicycle spares collected by local school children.



Vegetables at Muker Show © Phil Lee



Sugarcraft Wallace & Gromit at Reeth Show © Phil Lee

REETH SHOW

Reeth Show is a traditional Yorkshire Dales agricultural show held every year for one day at the end of August. It boasts a great selection of trade and entertainment stands for all the family. The show's largest marquee contains the hugely well attended horticulture and produce classes as well as walking sticks, handicrafts, handwriting, paintings and photography competitions. The main show ring hosts large numbers of the customary horse and pony classes throughout the day including the more colourful categories of Open Driving Competition and Mounted Fancy Dress. Every year the main show ring also hosts a special feature. Elsewhere in the show field the sheep section showcases the best quality sheep breeds in the Dale, next to which there is a display of vintage tractors competing for best in show and during the day open quits and dry stone walling competitions take place.

MUKER SHOW

This is a small and friendly traditional agriculture and horticultural show blessed with an enviable location – the meadows in Muker village with stunning views up and down the dale. The show is usually held on the first Wednesday of September. In addition to the expected events and classes Muker show also holds a fell race, sheepdog trials and a demonstration of dry stone walling.



ARKENGARTHDALE

Arkengarthdale is a beautiful, tranquil dale about two miles from Reeth. The renowned CB Inn and The Red Lion at Langthwaite are both located in the dale which is also home to some pretty and little visited villages with unusual names including Booze, Raw, Whaw and Arkle Town.

VISITOR CENTRES

The two visitor centres in the Dales are a great source of up to date information.

Hudson House in Reeth is a resource centre for local people and visitors to Swaledale and Arkengarthdale. Telephone 01748 884485 or visit www.hudsonhouse.org

Keld Resource Centre in Keld tells the heritage of Keld. The Centre is free and open to the public between 08.00 and 21.00 (summer) and 08.30 to 17.00 (winter). www.tkrc.org.uk

For more information about things to see and do in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale visit www.reeth.org www.swaledale.net www.2dales.org

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EATING OUT

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The Charles Bathurst, or CB Inn as it is known by the locals, has stood on the same site in Arkengarthdale since the 18th century offering a finer quality of accommodation in the area with excellent

food and quality service. The CB is a welcome sight for walkers with well-worn wooden floors and hardy boot racks. The owners have put a firm focus on producing quality food at reasonable prices, aiming to serve deliciously fine fare.

The CB has 19 rooms each individually furnished with quirky features and antique furniture giving a warm country feel. The bar was sympathetically renovated with the help of local craftsmen and offers a warm welcoming and

relaxed atmosphere with open fires, wooden beams, and a cast of local characters, offering a heartening welcome after a day in the dales. The Charles Bathurst Inn is true to its roots and is the perfect base to explore this beautiful part of the dales.

In Grinton The Bridge Inn has plenty of bustle and bonhomie, offering locals and visitors alike a warm welcome and a great menu that includes locally shot game, fresh fish and a selection of traditional favourites such as steak and ale pie and sausage and mash. Further up the dale at Muker, The Farmers Arms with its flag stone floors serves up hearty fare for those heading along the Coast to Coast or staying local.

The Kings Arms or 'Middle House' occupies a majestic spot overlooking Reeth village green and is worth a visit to sample great food and ales next to its huge inglenook fireplace.



Couple eating out in Reeth © Phil Lee

For lighter refreshments, The Copper Kettle in Reeth is cosy and inviting and upholds the glorious tradition of Yorkshire tea rooms, serving great cakes including the aforementioned Wensleydale cheese and fruitcake.

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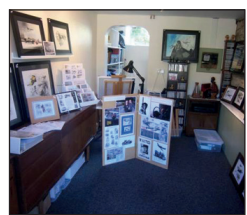
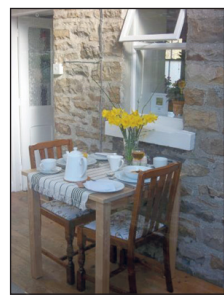
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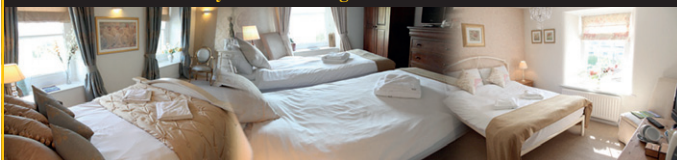
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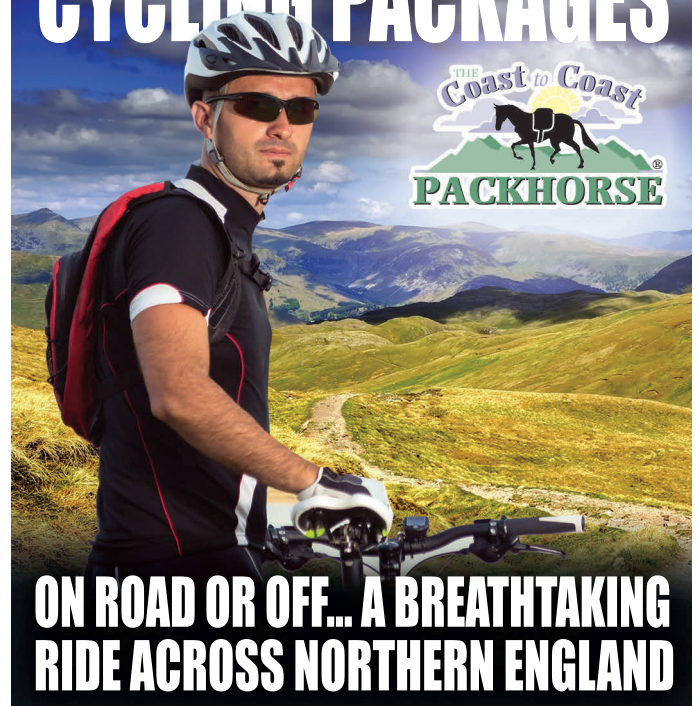
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2. Wherever you plan to watch the Tour, get there early! Road closures will obviously be taking place so check www.richmondshire.gov.uk for the latest times.
3. Keep farm gates and access routes clear and use sign-posted parking areas.
4. As you'll probably be in one place for a while, bring everything you'll need – food, clothing, drink etc. The weather can be very changeable so plan for the unexpected.
5. The surrounding heather moorland is susceptible to fire, particularly in dry weather. Avoid using barbecues and smoking near to farmland and the open moor. Discard cigarettes carefully.
6. The dry stone walls are a particular feature of the Dales, many are hundreds of years old. Protect them by walking around them and only using way marked paths and stiles.
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A short stroll from the market place is Richmond Station which was, until 1969, the town's railway station. In 2007, the building reopened as simply The Station and now houses two cinema screens, a restaurant and café-bar, an art gallery, vintage lifestyle store, and a range of artisan food-producers. One such producer is Richmond Brewery, a

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With its balance of old buildings, quaint cobbled streets, riverside walks along the river Swale, a range of pubs, restaurants and shops and cafes Richmond is an ideal place to stop and linger awhile when visiting the nearby dales. Richmond is also seen for walkers of the Coast to Coast as the centre of their journey and many use this as a stop-over to recover their strength for the next leg.



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