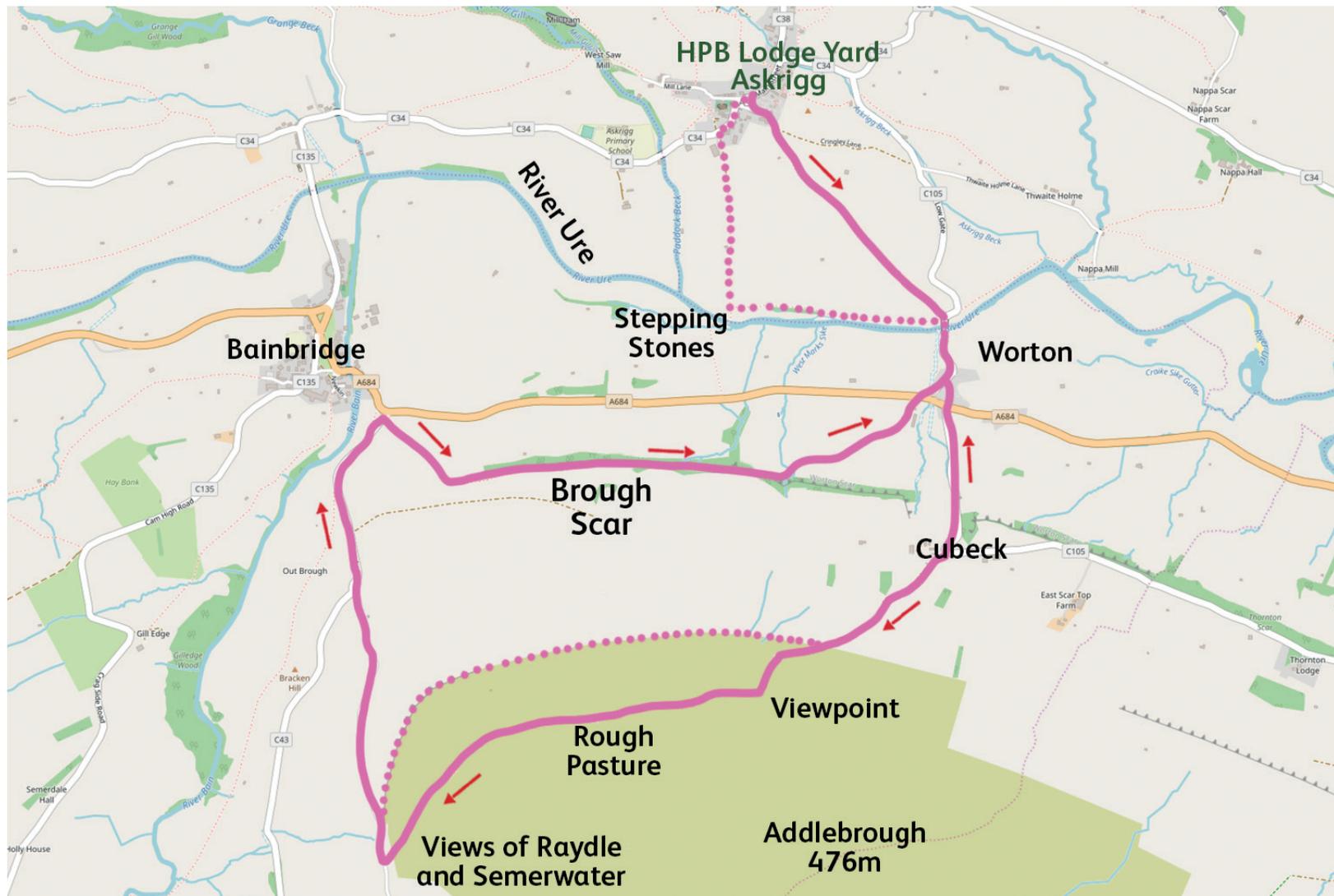


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① - See attached instructions for details of points

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The western end of Wensleydale contains several similarly shaped, flat topped hills of almost identical height. One of these - Addlebrough - presides over Askrigg from the south.

An outing to this landmark is therefore appropriate. The route avoids the high point, but still offers outstanding vistas from the moorland plateau several hundred feet lower than the 'top'. Also visited are the hamlets of Worton and Cubeck.

The 'standardisation' in height of Wensleydale's flat-topped fells is clearly illustrated from the plateau. Wether Fell, Dodd Fell, Widdale Fell, Staggs Fell etc. This elevated location is the domain of curlew, golden plover, lapwing and skylark in the summer months.

Start Point: HPB Askrigg

Note: It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made. Thank you for your help. Happy walking.

WALK

From Lodge Yard turn right towards the church and enter the narrow lane opposite the stone cross - there's a signpost affixed to the wall - Worton. At the top end of the lane swing right and pass through a wide gate, and cross the field with Addlebrough clearly in sight across the valley. The rooftops of Worton soon appear. The route crosses the trackbed of the disused railway, before crossing

several fields treading a paved meadow path heading for Worton Bridge. These paths are synonymous with Wensleydale villages, usually radiating from a church to outlying settlements.

Cross the road bridge and follow the road uphill towards Worton, a tidy collection of stone cottages and colourful gardens. The village contains several C17th buildings. The road leading to the village is lined with the aniseed smelling sweet cecily in season.

At the main road turn left, then almost at once veer right towards Cubeck, a reclusive hamlet resting at an elevated position on the lower flanks of Addlebrough. The roadsides are decorated with blue cranesbill and the white, fluffy flower heads of meadowsweet, the dettol smelling roadside antiseptic, which lessens the effects of nettle stings and insect bites!

Reaching the houses at Cubeck the road swings sharply left. Head towards an uneven lane (dead end sign) where a long forgotten Range Rover was evidenced when I passed by.

The track rises steeply and twists and turns, offering scintillating views along the way eventually arriving at a gate with the mass of Addlebrough directly ahead. The temptation to 'bag' the summit must be resisted - instead pass through the gate and turn 90° right, walking along a green swathe towards another gate.

Departing from the second gate navigation skills will be required throughout the half mile of rough pasture which follows. The path is clear to start off, but it soon deteriorates. Non-existent in places! The golden rule is to walk away from Addlebrough. Strike half left and follow a

diagonal course that crosses an area of thistles and a damp section. The exit gate should be reached within 10-15 minutes. Alternatively, walk straight ahead and follow a boundary wall to arrive at the same exit point, although the time might be slightly longer. I followed the rough pasture route and arrived at the gate without problems.

At the road (Carpley Green Road) turn right, noting the superb views of Raydale, Semerwater and the unnamed fell visited in Walk 7 on the left. Follow the road with Bainbridge in sight, passing a mast and a junction until it merges with the A684 road. Follow the A684 eastwards past the ambulance station and one or two bungalows and then take a stile on the right signposted Cubeck. Ascend the fields to arrive on top of Brough Scar and swing left. Maintain the obvious course until a signpost indicates Worton. Veer left, downhill, passing through a woodland which is bedecked with wild garlic in season.

Leave the wood and veer right towards a broken wall. Accompany the wall for 40 metres then aim diagonally left across the field towards a signpost, at a wall angle. Maintain the same line, seeking the exit gate situated near the farm buildings.

Reaching the A684 road turn right for a few paces, then turn left to re-enter the hamlet of Worton. Descend to the bridge and retrace earlier footsteps to Askrigg or follow the north bank of the Ure upstream towards some large stepping stones then swing right leaving the river and return to Askrigg emerging at the lower end of the village.