

# Rosedale East Mines - Daleside Rd

Walk 3

Distance - 5 miles (Easy)

Start/car parking - HPB Bell End car park (Rosedale)

**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!*

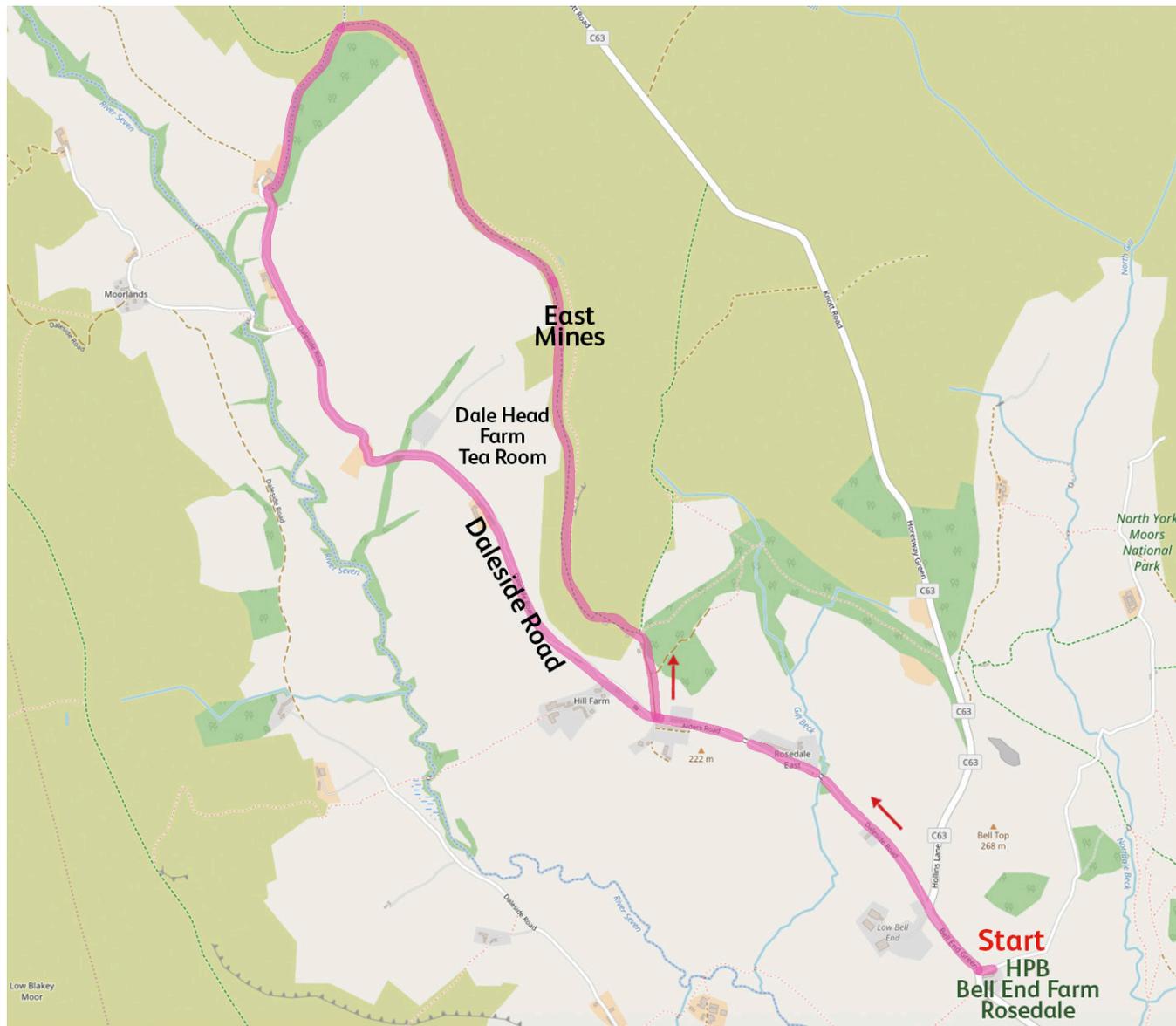
## WALK

1. From the entrance to Bell End Farm car park turn left, then right at the road junction. Follow the road for about 400 yards, then at the next junction bear left and follow a minor road first downhill, (**Not down Public Footpath to Farm**) then uphill past a row of stone cottages (School Row) which you pass on your right at [Grid Ref 713 975](#) (at Reading Room on left).
2. Continue on up the road - you will soon reach another couple of rows of houses (Hill Cottages). Opposite the last house of the left hand terrace look to the right for a seat ([GR 708 976](#)) - go through the gate next to it and follow the wide track leading gently uphill. This is one mile from HPB Rosedale.
3. Continue to follow the track through the white farmhouse and its duck pond.
4. The track bears left round the back of the house behind some old stone ruins. (These formed part of the Rosedale East Branch Railway Goods Station during the days of the ironstone industry). Continue along the track behind the buildings where it bears left, soon reaching an information plaque beside a gate - go through the gate and go straight ahead (Not right which is the direction of the blue arrow on the gate). Go past more ruins.
5. The stony path first bears left, then right to join the disused railway track bed - continue along the track enjoying the fine views along the dale ahead and useful information boards at the ruins noted below.
6. Soon you arrive at an impressive set of ruined stone arches. (Iron ore was tipped into the kilns from above then roasted to remove any impurities such as water and carbonic gas. This process was known as 'calcination' and helped reduce the weight of ore to be transported to the steelworks at Teesside and Durham, thus saving on both carriage costs and royalties. Take care not to stray beyond the fencing as the ruins are dangerous to enter).
7. Continue on ahead along the track observing the many reminders of past industry. About 1/3 a mile past the first set of kilns you arrive at a second set - these were built a few years later but served exactly the same purpose as the earlier kilns.
8. Keep going ahead, glancing back now and then to see the evidence of the terraces of narrow gauge railways that led up above the kilns to the drift mine entrances and signs of more ruined buildings. From the railway track, there are glorious views west across the patch work quilt of the green fields of Rosedale.
9. In about half a mile, the track eventually forms an embankment spanning a deep valley. The valley was formed over many years by streams tumbling down from the moors to the right. Here the path narrows significantly. At the far end of this part of the embankment you will see a wooded area on the left. At this point ([GR 698 998](#)) you may just see traces of a bridleway on the right crossing your track. On the left, this bridle path becomes wider and more like a track and leads downhill to the left and towards the trees. (There may be a sign at this point to the excellent Dale Head Farm tea rooms, but the sheep often knock it down). Head down this path to the left towards Dale Head Farm. Do not cross stiles into the wood or go up track and paths to the right.
10. At Dale Head Farm, where there is a Tea Garden, turn left down the road. Continue to follow the road which eventually passes Hill Cottages, School Row and reaches Rosedale HPB after approximately two miles.

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