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Local Tours of interest from Old Station Holiday park at Masham

Destination - Hawes

Leave Old Station turning left on to A 6108 and following for 1 Mile. On right **Marfield Wetlands** nature reserve in site of previous quarry workings - good variety of waterfowl and habitats

A further 3 miles finds **Brymor Ice Cream Parlour** and farm, where farm animals and rare breeds of ducks and hens can be seen and as many as 35 different flavours of Ice Cream can be sampled.

Another half mile finds the beautiful ruins of **Jervaulx abbey** and surrounding grounds, particularly beautiful in Spring. Many walks. www.jervaulxabbey.com



On reaching the pretty village of **East Witton** you can bear left to **Braithwaite Hall**, a 17th Century farmhouse and a National Trust property. Ord Surv Ref: 99 SE 117857. Tel No 01969 640287

Visiting 1st & 3rd Wed. April - Sept.

Or you can travel a further 2 miles to Historic **Middleham**, with its ancient Castle, once home to Richard III, and also many famous Racing Stables.



www.middlehamonline.com. Stables open day - Good Friday. Worth a visit.



A further 3 miles takes us to **Leyburn** with its popular market on Fridays.



A terminus for the Wensleydale Railway,
www.wensleydalerailway.com



Tennants' salerooms, there are numerous craft workshops, and a very famous Food Festival on 1st May Bank Holiday. Beautiful walks are available along the historic Shawl affording stunning views of **Wensleydale**. www.leyburnonline.net

Left along the A684 takes you to **Wensley**, home of the White Rose Candle Workshop, you can view candles being made. www.whiterosecandles.co.uk

Further along this road is the historic **Bolton Castle**, a medieval fortress set in beautiful **Wensleydale**. www.boltoncastle.co.uk



Bolton Castle



West Burton

Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned here and escaped, dropping her shawl on the hillside just outside Leyburn, hence its name.

West Burton turn left just before **Aysgarth**

West Burton Cauldron Falls one of the waterfalls drawn by Turner during his tour of the North of England. As well as The Old Smithy there is Moorside Designs Cat Pottery and Aardvarks picture framers. It has a remarkable cross, and is thought to be one of the prettiest villages in Yorkshire.

Back on A684 a further ½ mile sees us at **Aysgarth** with its famous and spectacular waterfalls, and former Carriage Museum, now restored to its former life as a mill and now generating hydro electric power. Freeholders wood is nearby and houses as many as 120 species of wild flowers and is a SSI.

Bainbridge is the next attractive village along the way with its beautifully kept village green complete with stocks. In Norman days a number of foresters lived here and worked in the Great Forest of Wensleydale which used to cover the valley. Every evening the Bainbridge horn blower sounded the horn to guide the foresters and travellers in the surrounding hills back to the village. The horn (which hangs in the Rose & Crown) is still sounded at 10pm every night from 27 September - the Feast of the Holy Rood - to Shrove Tuesday.



Bainbridge



Lake Semerwater

Just before the town of **Hawes** you can bear left to **Countersett** and **Stalling Busk**, a small hamlet and home of the wonderful **Raydale** Preserves at Schoolhouse Farm



Derek and Lesley Kettlewell, Schoolhouse Farm

[Stalling Busk](#) 01969 650233

A traditional family run farm where you can see our preserves being made (when preserving) using traditional methods and recipes. Enjoy a fascinating walk around the surrounding and countryside and conservation area. Relax and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with home baked cake.

Take a trip back in time with our fascinating display of photographs depicting the dales in generations past.

Re-trace your journey back past the beautiful **Lake Semerwater**, smallest fresh water lake in Britain which feeds the smallest river in Britain, the River Bain which joins the Ure at Bainbridge, back to **Countersett** and **Burtersett** and on to **Hawes**, approx 1 mile. The scenery around here is amazing.

The thriving market town of **Hawes** is home to **Wensleydale Cheese** and the **Dales Countryside Museum**. There are several **craft workshops, antique and other speciality shops, hotels, pubs, restaurants and cafés** which, together with **local tradesmen**, will cater to your every need.

The name, **Hawes**, means a 'pass between mountains', and it stands between **Buttertubs** and **Fleet Moss**. The town is an excellent centre for walking and touring **Wensleydale** and the adjoining dales of **Swaledale, Cotterdale, Dentdale, Garsdale, Wharfedale and Chapel-le-Dale**. Take a walk round the Hawes Town Trail, or Millennium Walk, or Pennine Way or along the **River Ure**, which is nearby.

In 1998 Hawes was awarded the **English Tourist Board Silver Award** for the "**Best Day Trip Out**". Approx 18 miles from Masham.

Street Market

On market day, Tuesday, the town has a carnival atmosphere, when the whole community converges to visit the local auction mart and stock up with provisions at the indoor and outdoor markets.



In and around Hawes



The Dales Countryside Museum and Ropemakers are places well worth a visit and the **Wensleydale Dairy**, home of the world famous Wensleydale Cheese has a visitor centre and excellent cafe. www.wensleydaledairy.co.uk

To return to **Masham** you can take the road left to **Gayle** past the Dairy and follow the road up the steep climb to over 2000ft above sea level and drop into beautiful **Langstrothdale** following the river **Wharfe** to **Kettlewell** taking two left turns in the village and over **Great Hunters Stone** through the hamlets of **Woodale**, **Braidley** and **Horsehouse**, forking right outside **Carlton** in **Coverdale** to **Coverham** passing then truly amazing **Forbidden Corner Garden folly**, and on over the gallops back to **Middleham** then return onto the A6108 to **Masham**. Approx 28 miles from **Hawes**. Approx 50 miles round trip

Or: turn left at the Dales Museum where you follow the road past **Simonstone** to **Hardraw Force Waterfall** and then on to **Thwaite** over the scenic **Buttertubs Pass**. Turn right for **Muker** on the B6270, travel through **Gunnarside** on to **Reeth**, home of the **Swaledale Folk Museum**, then through **Grinton** off the B6270 towards **Leyburn**. Again join the A6108 and back to **Masham**. Approx 30 miles back from Hawes.