

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Starting at Ilkley Railway Station (1), the route proceeds towards Ilkley Old Bridge. There are many possible routes between these points; for clarity, only one is illustrated. The route then follows the existing public footpath to Ilkley Tennis Club and the Dales Way beyond. After some 700 metres, the Dales Way becomes too steep and narrow for easy cycling, so the route turns sharp left to follow the pumping station access track to the main A65 road. From here it is proposed to create a section of new path along the field edge, emerging to join the existing public footpath where it diverges from the main road and leads to the old bypassed section of the A65. This road is followed as far as Addingham, where there are several ways in which existing roads may be used in order to reach Back Beck Lane, adjacent to the old railway bridge. Here the route again leaves the road, and follows the footpath running behind Addingham Primary School (2). After a short distance, the path meets the former railway trackbed, which, it is proposed, will form the route for approximately 4 kilometres until reaching Bolton Abbey Station. An existing bridleway leads from the Station to a safe crossing point of the main A59 road, before continuing along a well-surfaced public bridleway to the Devonshire Arms Hotel. This is linked to Bolton Abbey village by the B6160 road; however traffic on this road is such that it would be preferable to create a short section of new field-edge path as far as the main Bolton Abbey car park (3). At this point the Wharfedale Trail will link up with the Yorkshire Dales Cycle Route.

Total distance approx. 12 Kilometres (7.5 Miles)

KEY TO ROUTE MAP

- Route follows existing roads: ●●●●●●●●●●
- Upgrade existing path or track: ●●●●●●●●●●
- Former railway trackbed: ●●●●●●●●●●
- Entirely new path: ●●●●●●●●●●

PLEASE NOTE:
This map shows the suggested route only. The eventual route may differ from that shown, subject to outcome of the public consultation.

