

Clapham - Experience the Peace of the Dales

Ingleborough

Standing within the Yorkshire Dales National Park at 723 metres, Ingleborough can be reached by various routes from Clapham. At the summit, views are stunning, looking across to Ribbleshead Viaduct, to Whenside and Pen-y-ghent and southwest to the sea. Strangely, the summit is flat and was a hill fort when the Brigantes resisted the Roman invaders. As with any walk, respect the hill and equip yourself properly.



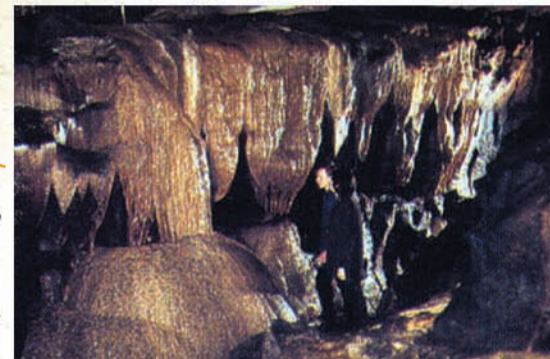
Trow Gill

The melt waters of the Ice Age created this spectacular ravine. It makes a good turning round point for a short walk or pass through it to reach Gaping Gill and Ingleborough.

- PUBLIC FOOTPATH
- NATURE TRAIL
- PENNINE BRIDLEWAY

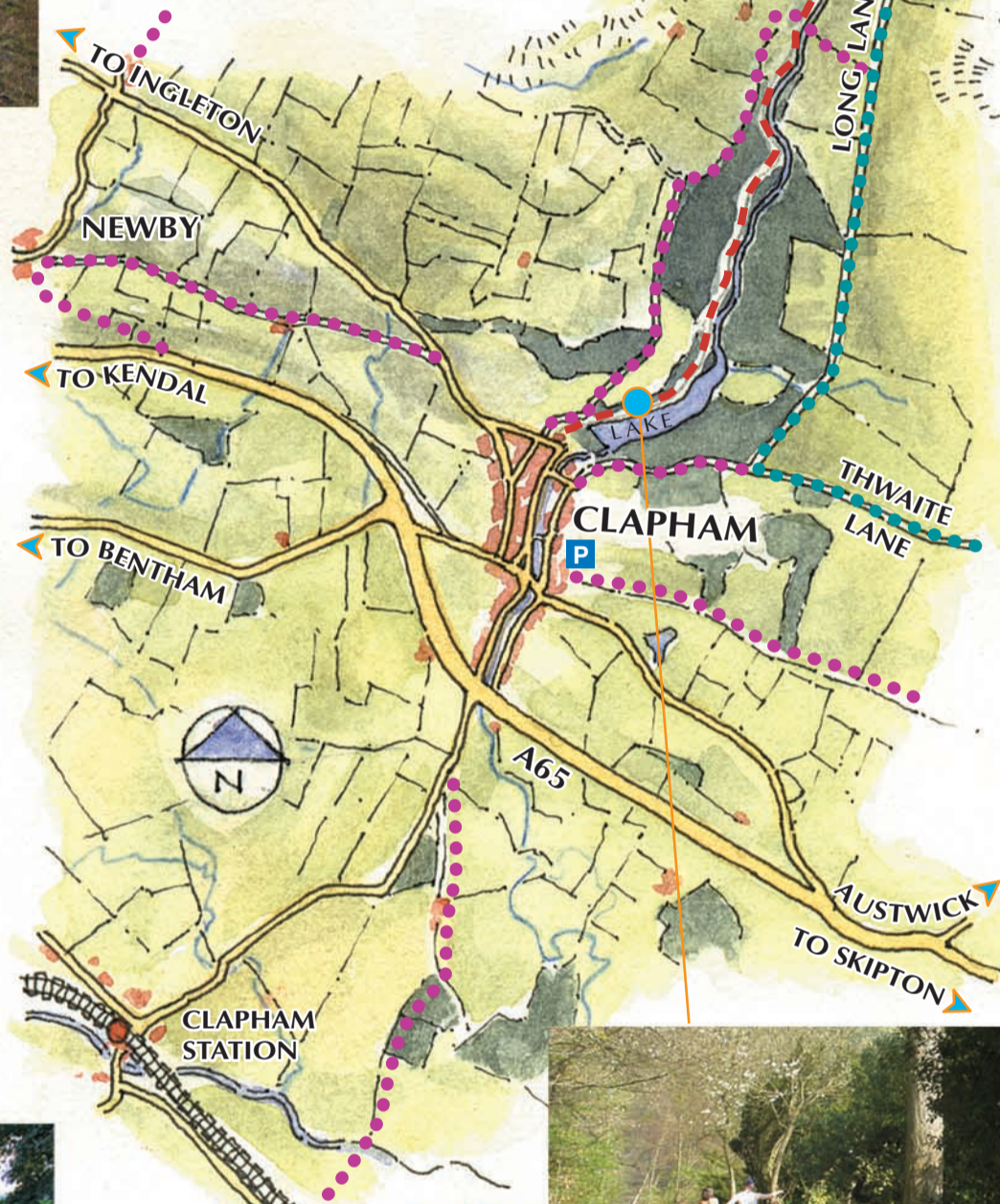
Ingleborough Cave

Conducted tours lead you through a most exciting and beautiful underground world of stalactites and stalagmites, sculpted by nature over millions of years. See the Elephant's Legs and Tail, the Skittles and Pillar Hall. The cave is open most of the year, but check by phoning 015242 51242.



Limestone Country

Miles of dry stone walls enclose the fields. Great grey cliffs stand above the dales and below Ingleborough. Limestone pavements weathered to look like the sea provide a home in their grykes or cracks for ferns and other damp loving plants. A variety of bird life can be seen. In the air are buzzards, wheatears, curlews and lapwings, while dippers run and swim up the becks.



Norber Boulders

Twelve thousand years ago, glaciers scooped up massive Silurian rocks from the floor of Crummackdale and carried them uphill to Norber where they were left when the ice retreated. Now this sea of erratic boulders covers the landscape, some perched on plinths of limestone.



Nature Trail

The Ingleborough Estate Nature Trail leads you from the old sawmill, past the lake, and up the valley through woodland and wild flowers, until you come into open space below Thwaite Scars, very close to Ingleborough Cave.

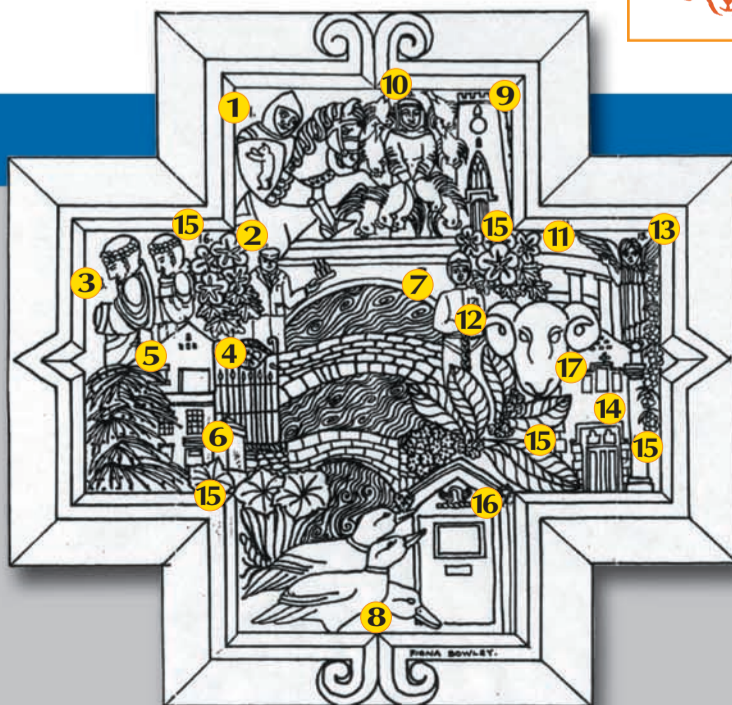
Since the trail's creation in 1970, it has continued to mark the conservation of woodland and celebrates Reginald Farrer (1880-1920) who introduced many alpine species from China, Tibet and Upper Burma. The trail includes an amazing collection of rhododendrons.



The Yorkshire Dales National Park car park helps keep the roads of Clapham clear. Parking fees go directly to conserving the natural beauty of the National Park and to provide facilities for visitors and residents.

Millennium Stone - by Fiona Bowley

1. JOHN DE CLAPHAM, SUPPORTER OF THE EARL OF WARWICK, OWNER OF CLAPDALE CASTLE
2. ARNOLD BROWN WITH CANDLESTICK TO ILLUMINATE THE CAVES
3. 12TH CENTURY MONKS (i)
4. 'DALESMAN' GATE
5. THE VILLAGE HALL
6. HALL GARTH AND TREE WITH LIGHTS AT CHRISTMAS
7. THREE OF THE BRIDGES OVER THE BECK
8. MISS HAZARD'S DUCKS
- (i) MONKS TRAVELLED TO THE LAKE DISTRICT ALONG "ECCLESIA" NOW EGGSHELL LANE



It can be found on the town map labelled number ⑥

9. ST JAMES CHURCH
10. DAME ALICE KETVILL (WITCH) & NINE DEAD RED COCKERELS
11. INGLEBOROUGH HALL
12. CAVE RESCUER
13. REGINALD FARRER MEMORIAL (ii)
14. THE READING ROOM
15. BUDDLEJA ALTERNIFOLIA, GERANIUM FARRERI, GENTIANA FARRERI, VIBURNUM FARRERI
16. THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE WITH FARRER FAMILY CREST FLYING HORSESHOE
17. SYMBOL OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK

(ii) R. FARRER WAS A BOTANIST AND PLANT COLLECTOR. SEE 15

