

## **The Kettlewell Clamber 5 Mile Walk Route Notes** **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

### **Kettlewell to Starbotton Distance 2 Miles**

Leave the car park crossing the road with care and turn right. Walk past the garage on your left hand side & the pay & display car park (there are public toilets here). Cross the bridge and turn right, half way up this road is Kettlewell Village Hall and the Kettlewell Clamber Walk Base. Please register here and let us know that you have arrived.

After checking in leave the building and turn right. Head back towards the main road and you will see The Blue Bell Pub to your right. Walk up the side of The Blue Bell Pub on a tarmac road. At the top as the road bends right we carry on straight ahead up a stony track and through your first stile of the day. The stone wall bends around to the left follow this wall and you are now on a distinctive path which you will follow for two miles of delightful walking. There is about eight stiles to cross and some beautiful views to admire.

After about 1 3/4 miles cross over the stile into a lightly wooded area which then opens out in to an open field with a tumbledown barn on your left. You will see Starbotton ahead. Reaching a signpost pointing left down the field go through the wooden gate and down the steps. Half way down the field there is another signpost at a metal gate. Go through this to a second metal gate and out on to a road.

**CHECK POINT ONE. – Starbotton - please make sure you check in.**  
**Distance so far 2.00 Miles – Still to go 3.00 Miles**  
**Starbotton to Kettlewell 3.00 Miles**

Please make sure you check in

*(If you would like a drink and the pub is open. turn right past Foss Gill cottage then left past Low Barn cottage on your right hand side. You are now on the main road turn right up the road to the Fox & Hounds Pub. When leaving the pub, please make sure you turn left back in the direction of Kettlewell and continue to follow the walk notes\*.)*

Turn left as you come out onto the road and when you reach the main road turn left again. Please walk on the right hand side with care as this road can be busy in summer. \*At the last house on your left hand side, you will come to a signpost at a wooden gate on your right saying Bridleway Arncliffe, Footpath Kettlewell, Foot path Buckden. Please check out at the check out point here. Go through the wooden gate and down the walled track. Ignore the track bearing off right and keep straight ahead on this stony track to a wooden footbridge over the river.

On the other side of the bridge you will see a signpost to Kettlewell, follow this path with the river on your left hand side. Go through a gap stile (This stile may be difficult for dogs) taking you to a stile crossing a fence. This is a delightful stretch of the walk. Go through a broken down wall with a signpost "Dales Way". The path veers off slightly to

the right and leaves the river for a short while, taking you over another stile heading for a stone wall and a group of trees. There will be another signpost "Dales Way".

At the next gate there is a yellow arrow marker and a Dales Way sign. You now have the river close on your left again. Cross another stile heading for a broken down barn, then over a wooden stile besides a broken down wall and once again the path leaves the river for a short while. Head up to your right, towards a barn ahead of you. After the barn there is a step stile with a National Trust Sign and "Upper Wharfedale" on the other side.

Carry on through the gate ahead of you. The path comes closer to the river and at a wooden step stile the river meanders away again. Follow an electric fence (please don't let children touch the fence as we don't know if it is turned on or not) and cross another ladder stile, following another footpath sign. Cross another ladder stile, with the river coming and going as it bends its way down.

Head for the barn in front of you and go through a wall opening (no gate at time of writing) and along a stony track. The barn is on your right hand side but stay on the walled lane. Go through another wall opening with no gate to another ladder stile passing a barn to your left hand side.

Just after the barn go through the kissing gate and follow this delightful path with the river on the left hand side all the way back to Kettlewell. At Kettlewell go through a kissing gate and the final gate on to the main road.

Turn left on the main road and cross the road bridge over the river, turning right, back to the village Hall.

**Please remember to check back in so we know you are all back safely.**

**We hope you have enjoyed your day!!!**