



Addingham Moorside

Connections

Walk



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LIGHT BLUE ROUTE

From Beck House Farm on Moorside Lane to Addingham Edge, along the ridge to Wingate Nick and downhill to Slade Farm and Straight Lane, and Moorside Lane to School Wood Farm.

Distance: 2.34 km

Total Ascent: 142 m

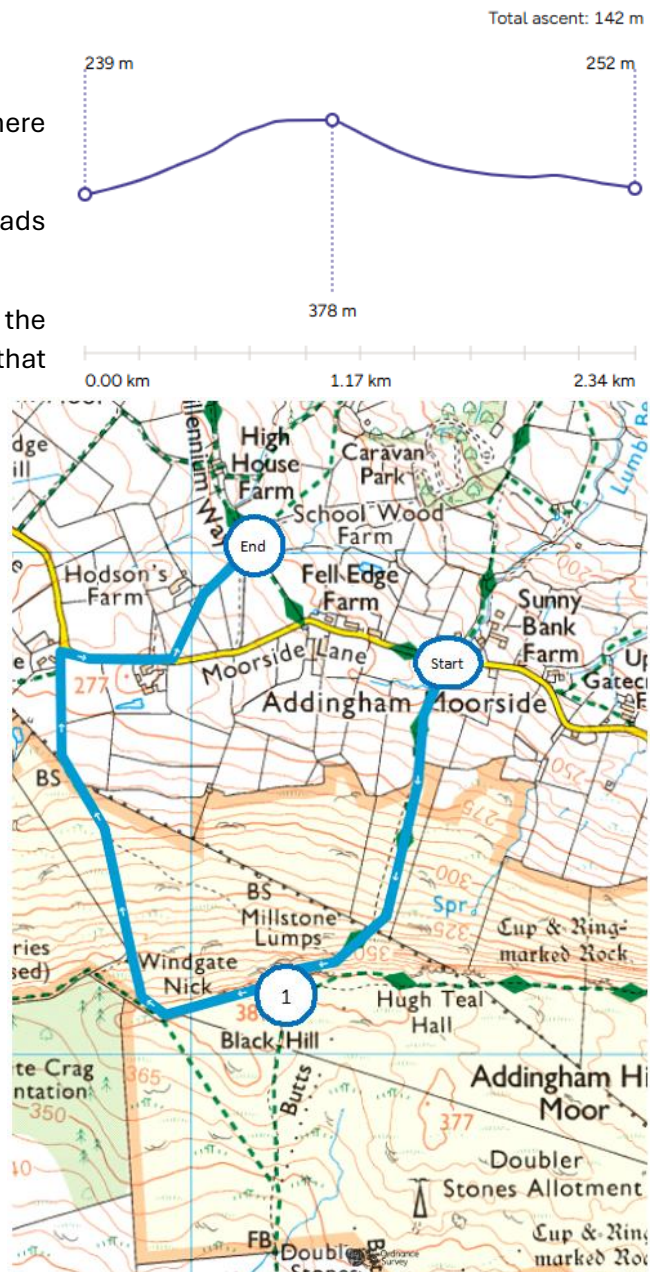
Cattle and sheep: Dogs must be kept on leads where cattle and sheep are grazing.

Ground nesting birds: Please also keep dogs on leads during the nesting season.

Liability: While every care has been taken in the preparation of this self-guided walk, please note that Addingham Civic Society does not accept any liability relating to personal injury or illness, loss or damage to personal property, or any other unforeseen events that might occur during your walk.

Click a heading and its position will be displayed on Google Maps. If you have location enabled it will also show where you are standing.

The 1:25,000 scale map OS explorer 297, or similar digital mapping, should be carried in addition to this route description.





At end of the **[GREEN ROUTE]** cross the lane at Beck House Farm and follow the footpath uphill to the crag top, then walk in a westerly direction along the gritstone edge to Wingate Nick. (Allow 40 minutes)

1. Rombalds Moor and Addingham Edge [SE07184711](#) [53.92013, -1.89209](#)

- Above Moorside Lane the land rises more steeply up to the craggy gritstone edge of Addingham High Moor. This is the Addingham Edge Grit that forms the prominent skyline as seen looking up from Addingham village
- The boulder field that lies below the bedrock outcrop was created at the end of the last glacial period probably during an intensely cold interval, between approximately 14,000 and 11,700 years ago. The ice had completely melted by this time but this relatively short period was sufficiently cold to cause rockfalls through alternating freezing and thawing along the joints and bedding planes of outcrops, a process called frost-shattering.



- From the 17th century building stone and millstones were cut from quarries on this outcrop. Fragments of broken millstones can be found on the slopes below the ridge and there is an unfinished stone in the quarry.
- The moor here is part of Rombalds Moor. It is nationally designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and internationally designated as both a Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC), on account especially of its importance as a habitat for ground nesting birds, such as curlew and lapwing.

- The soils are peaty and very acidic supporting a range of acid-tolerant shrubs such as ling (*Calluna vulgaris*), bell heather (*Erica cinerea*), cross-leaved heath (*Erica tetralix*) and bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*), somewhat degraded by sheep grazing. In late April/May, when the bilberry is in flower look out for the small brightly coloured green hairstreak butterfly (*Callophrys rubi*).

From Wingate Nick ([SE06944707](#) [53.91977, -1.89574](#)) follow one of the many footpaths down to Slade Farm ([SE06744775](#) [53.92589, -1.89877](#)) turning right when you reach Straight Lane, then along Moorside Lane. Leave the lane at [SE06954779](#) [53.92624, -1.89557](#) to take the footpath across the fields to join the **[DARK BLUE ROUTE]** back to the village at the School Wood Farm buildings.

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