

Map 8 Hell Gill (on The High Way) to The Street (A683)



Distance: 6.6miles (10.6km)

OS Map: Explorer OL19 Howgill Fells & Upper Eden Valley

Route Overview:

A remote section crossing high ground with no quick escape route and no facilities on route. From Hell Gill the route continues along a track dropping down to the B6259 to follow a short section along the verge before using the road itself. Turning onto the access track to Hazelgill farm, the track crosses a timber decked bridge then follows a stone track leading to the railway underpass. The route winds uphill on a grassy stone track crossing rough grassland leading towards High Dolphinsty – the final section follows a grassed ledge with ground falling away to the side. There are fantastic views, but be prepared for low flying jets. A grassed stone track then winds downhill to Stennerskeugh crossing fords on route. Quiet road/track to road. No facilities on route.

Link to Ravenstonedale - using bridleway and a quiet road.

Link to Kirkby Stephen station - aimed primarily at cyclists, using minor road, byway and bridleway.

Refreshments/Facilities:

Outhgill – telephone (0.7miles from route).

Crossbank (north along A683, road carries fast traffic) – pub (Fat Lamb Inn Tel: 015396 23242).

Parking:

B6259 at The Thrang – small layby for emergencies.

On side road off A683 – for pick up/drop off.

Street Farm (Eden Valley Trail Riding Centre) – please ring to book, Tel: 01539 623444.

Advice & Hazards:

Livestock.

The route is remote with no facilities along the way.

B6259 – not busy but fast traffic, particularly motorcycles at weekends.

Railway underpass.

Section of route runs close to Settle to Carlisle railway line with occasional use by steam trains. Check www.uksteam/info for further information.

Ford crossings.

Shake holes beyond route – stick to track.

Ledge path with ground falling away to side on approach to High Dolphinsty.

Low flying jets active in this area.

Appleby horse fair – final section of Trail to A683 crosses common used by travellers horses on run up to horse fair (Cote Moor, Fell End, Ravenstonedale). Fair takes place 1st week in June from Thurs to following Wed so site occupied for a few days in advance of this.