

DISCOVER Ilkley



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ABOUT Ilkley

The picturesque town of Ilkley is the ideal place to relax and treat yourself.

There are excellent restaurants and a wonderful selection of independent retailers selling everything from jewellery to books and designer clothing.

Enjoy afternoon tea at the famous Bettys Café and Tea Rooms, relaxing strolls through the Riverside Gardens and some stunning walks in the surrounding moorland.

Visit For

Elegant streets
Shopping and dining
Exhilarating outdoors
Spectacular views



Heritage



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& Galleries



Food
& Drink



Where
to Stay



Parks &
Landscapes



Things to Do



Events



Food and Drink



Explore



Popular routes



Ilkley is surrounded by beautiful countryside with amazing scenery and routes to suit all abilities. Take a look at some of these popular routes and start planning your visit today.



Length and Breadth of Ilkley Moor

An invigorating 7 mile walk in the footsteps of the giant Rombald, a great way to experience the flora and fauna of this moorland landscape with some panoramic views across Ilkley and beyond. This circular walk begins at Darwin Gardens on the edge of Ilkley Moor.



Riverside Walk

A pleasant accessible route along the banks of the River Wharfe. Stroll through the Riverside Gardens, cross at the Old Bridge and continue downstream, cross the road at the New Bridge and follow the path to the footbridge, where you can return to Ilkley on the bank nearest the town.



Ilkley Moor Heritage Walks

Created by the Friends of Ilkley Moor, these walks provide the opportunity to discover more about the historic features found on the moors, including the mysterious carved cup and ring stones, while enjoying the spectacular countryside surrounding Ilkley.



Dales Way

The town is the official starting point of this 80 mile long distance trail which finishes at Bowness-on-Windermere. From the Old Bridge, the scenic route follows the banks of the River Wharfe, with Addingham, Bolton Abbey and Grassington within a days' hike.

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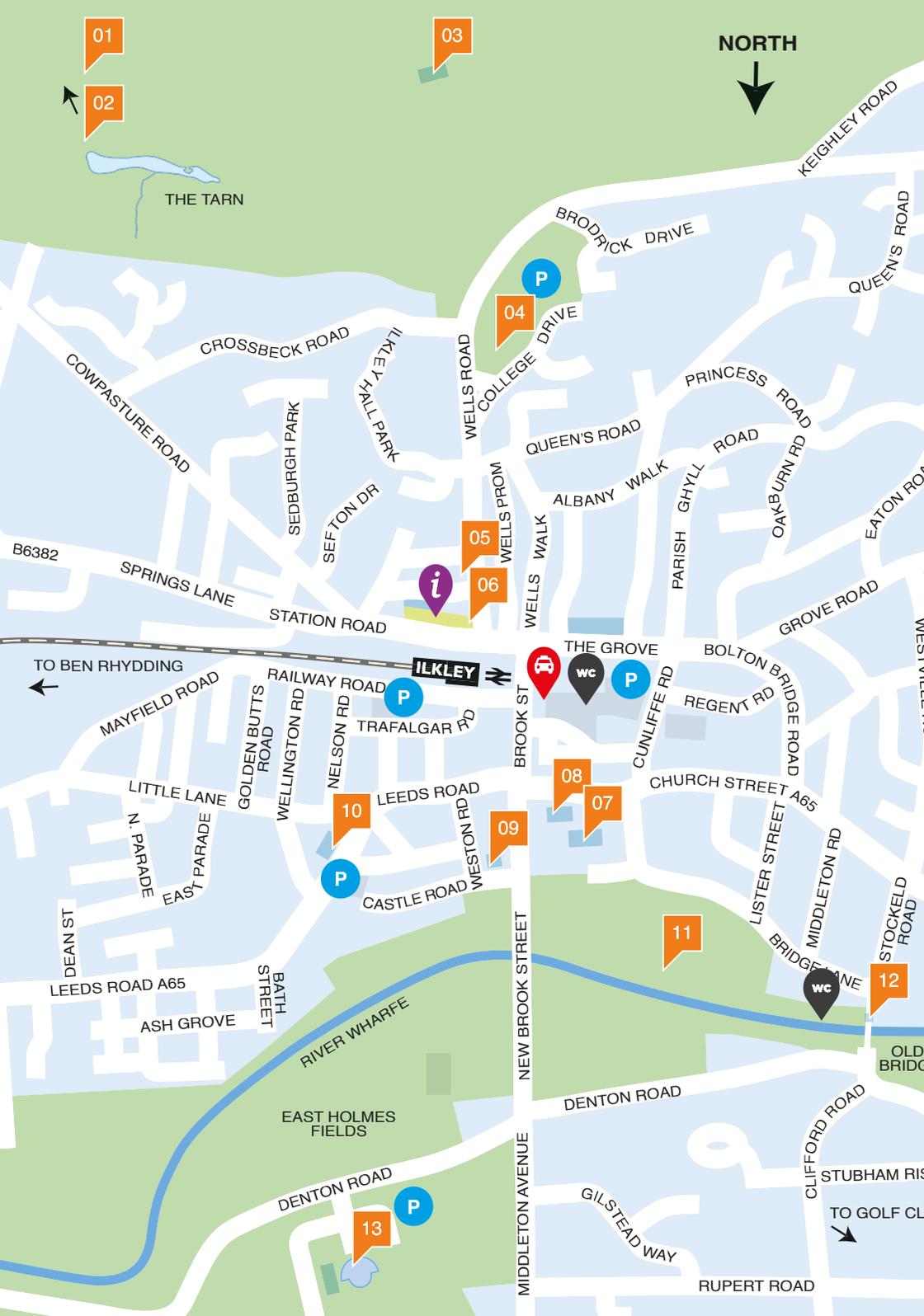
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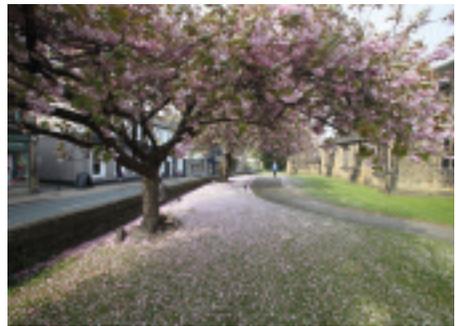
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- 03  White Wells
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- 06  King's Hall and Winter Gardens
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- 13  Ilkley Pool & Lido
-  Visitor Information Centre

LEGEND

-  Place of interest
-  Public Buildings
-  Car Parks
-  Public toilets





Food and Drink

Ilkley is known for an abundance of charming, exciting and delicious restaurants and cafés. Whatever you're looking for, you're sure to find something tasty in Ilkley.

There is a wide variety of cafés and coffee shops in Ilkley, and alfresco dining is perfect in the summer. Go to **The Little Tea House** for afternoon tea, **Toast House** for specialty coffee and **Broadley's** for brunch, lunch and dinner! The legendary **Betty's Cafe and Tea Rooms** on The Grove is a Yorkshire institution known for its Fat Rascals and is a great place to visit after a day of sightseeing or shopping.

Dining in Ilkley can take you anywhere in the world, with choices ranging from the Mediterranean to the Far East. Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine at **Emporio Italia**, Portuguese specialties at **Quinta Bar and Grill**, fine Indian cuisine at **Sachi's** or delicious Thai dishes at **Pintoh. Bistrot Pierre** at The Crescent prides itself on French cuisine. A real treat can be enjoyed at The Roof Garden at **Piccolino's**, a fantastic

place to dine whilst enjoying the view of Ilkley Moor. Visit the award winning gourmet restaurant **The Box Tree**, or contemporary British restaurant **Host**, where you can try seasonal and local favourites and relax with friends or family over dinner.

With the lights twinkling in the trees, Ilkley is a special place to spend the evening. Enjoy a glass of wine with tapas at **Martinez Wine Bar**, cocktails at the **Ticket Office Bar** or a charcuterie board at **Friends of Ham**. For the perfect gin and tonic, head to **The Gin Lounge**. If you're looking for a real beer experience, visit pubs like **Flying Duck** or **Baht'at**, which have regularly changing beers on tap. Many of the pubs and bars have excellent menus so why not try a local ale with your meal at **The Black Hat** or **Banyan Bar & Kitchen** in a relaxed contemporary atmosphere. Don't miss the **Fuggle and Golding** tap house and bottle shop, where you can fill up a growler to enjoy your favourites at home too.



Ilkley Moor and Cow and Calf Rocks

On Ilkley Moor there are carvings thought to date from the early Bronze Age, around 1800 BC. There are 400 known 'cup and ring' carved stones across the moors, and their purpose remains a mystery to this day. Features like this make the moor a fascinating place, and a wonderful walk at all times of the year. From White Wells to the Cow and Calf, there's plenty to see – particularly in late July when the heathers bloom. High on Ilkley Moor, the Cow and Calf Rocks are a large rock formation consisting of an outcrop and boulder, also known as

Hangingsone Rocks. According to local legend, the Calf was split from the Cow when the giant Rombald was fleeing an enemy, and stamped on the rock as he leapt across the valley.

The enemy, it is rumoured, was his angry wife. She dropped the stones held in her skirt to form the local rock formation, The Skirtful of Stones. The rocks are a great place to climb and the moor offers spectacular views of Ilkley and beyond.

Wells Road, Ilkley LS29 9RF
www.ilkleymoer.org



White Wells

Originally built around 1700 as an open air spa on the moor, and still operates today for those that would like to take the plunge.

For those that want to stay dry, the cottage, café and museum display make for a lovely stop on a trip around the moor.

Wells Road, Ilkley LS29 9RF



Ilkley Manor House

Ilkley Manor House is one of Ilkley's oldest buildings, with parts dating back to the mid-14th century. It is now used as a museum, arts and heritage centre, with a range of events and activities taking place throughout the year.

Self-guided tours of the historic building are available, you will also find interpretation panels outside the building where you can find out more about its fascinating past.

To the rear of the building you will find more information about the Roman occupation of Ilkley, along with remains of the Roman fort, and a section of the Roman wall.

Castle Yard, Ilkley LS29 9DT
www.ilkleymanorhouse.org



Clip 'n Climb

Indoor climbing experience, fun for all the family, no experience required. An exciting selection of walls with lots of different challenges.

17 Station Plaza, Ilkley, LS29 8HF
www.clipnclimbilkley.co.uk



Ilkley Toy Museum

Ilkley Toy Museum is a small independent museum containing one of the finest private collections of toys in the North of England. The many exhibits feature dolls, dolls houses, teddy bears, tin plate toys, lead figures and a selection of games together with wooden and paper toys.

2 Whitton Croft Road, Ilkley LS29 9HR
www.ilkleytoymuseum.co.uk



Ilkley Lido

If you don't mind the chill, then take the plunge at one of the country's few remaining outdoor pools. With plenty of space for sunbathing and picnics, there's a real seaside atmosphere in the summer months as well as fantastic views over Ilkley Moor.

Denton Road, Ilkley LS29 0BZ
www.bradford.gov.uk/lido

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Darwin Gardens Millennium Green

Located where the town meets the moor, this open space is inspired by the history of Ilkley, including a stay by Charles Darwin.

Wells Road, Ilkley LS29 9JG
www.darwingardens.org.uk



Riverside Gardens

Ilkley Riverside Gardens sits adjacent to the River Wharfe which runs through Ilkley town centre. The gardens are an ideal place to relax, walk along the river, feed the ducks, enjoy a game of pétanque or play with the kids on the fantastic play equipment.

33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley LS29 9EU



Ilkley Discover Trails

Created by Ilkley BID, search 'Discover Ilkley' in your app store and download the specially designed augmented reality trail to your phone or tablet. Follow the route around the town to discover more about Ilkley's history and hear the stories of some of the town's most famous past residents.



Shopping

A shopper's paradise, Ilkley is known for its quaint, tree-lined streets and classic storefronts that display a delightful mix of high-street and independent brands including **Jigsaw**, **White Stuff**, and **Oliver Bonas**. Spend a day strolling between The Grove, Brook Street and Leeds Road, perusing the shops and indulging in some retail therapy.

Select some holiday reading at **The Grove Bookshop**, a wonderful independent shop that has been operating in Ilkley for more than 40 years. Dress to impress with designer clothing from **Attic Clothing** and **Raymond Town Menswear**, find classy presents from the **Covet Store**, and fine jewellery and high-end watches from **Phillips of Ilkley** and **Nicholson's Jewellers**. Follow your nose to **The Bath House**, a high-end fragrance and skincare boutique, and **The Yorkshire Soap Company**, selling a range of luxury premium soaps handmade in Yorkshire.

Create something distinctive at **Mrs Duttons Wondrous Workshops**, find custom furniture at **Corner House Interiors** or the perfect accessory for your home at **Nora's Interiors**. Explore **The Plant Point** and **Moss & Moor** garden centre for everything from large plants to lovely succulents for any occasion. Don't miss **Mortens**, known for great practical items for the home and garden.

Pick up the perfect ingredients from **Lishman's of Ilkley**, one of Yorkshire's most popular butchers, or **Moin Moin Bäckerei**, artisan bakers and confectioners offering British and Continental pastries, and on the first Sunday of each month visit **Real Food Ilkley Market**, a celebration of locally produced fine food at The Grove. There's something delicious around every corner in Ilkley.

Ilkley is the perfect shopping destination if you want to treat yourself. You can find everything you require right here.



The Great Outdoors

Surrounded by beautiful countryside, Ilkley offers endless opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. There are footpaths for all abilities, lovely walks on Ilkley Moor or around Middleton Woods, and along the River Wharfe. You'll find everything from challenging moorland hikes to family friendly pushchair routes.

The views change across the year, don't miss seasonal highlights, including the clouds of blossom in spring. Top places to take in the colour include Riverside Gardens or on a promenade along The Grove. Into May, the bluebells of Middleton Woods create a spectacular carpet of colour, a wonderful accompaniment to a woodland walk.

By late summer the heather starts to bloom and the moors above Ilkley take on their distinctive bright purple shades. Take in the scenery and we are sure you will find a walk to suit you. Ilkley loves cycling, it is home to Ilkley Cycling Club, the largest cycling club

in the country, with over 1000 members.

Getting out on two wheels is a great way to explore, and around this area, cyclists can ride routes which were part of the Tour de Yorkshire. The route passed through much of the Bradford district including the steep ascent to the iconic race finish line of the **Cow and Calf Rocks** overlooking the town. Cyclists frequently use the backroad that runs from Ilkley to **Bolton Abbey** but there are many additional road routes and country lanes which provide a network of routes across Wharfedale and towards Embsay, Skipton and the Yorkshire Dales.

If you're looking for a quick pit stop on your bike, Ilkley has a number of welcoming cafés and pubs offering a much-needed drink and bite to keep you going. An ideal destination for cyclists, the **Commute Coffee House and Cycle Workshop** offers a full range of service and maintenance, with many events and an excellent menu to choose from.

What's On

You can guarantee there is always something happening in Ilkley, from exhibitions and concerts to delicious food markets and beer festivals. Highlights include the Ilkley Trophy, a world-class tennis tournament in the summer, and the Ilkley Literature Festival in the autumn, the most vibrant and prestigious literary festival in the North of England, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Go to Ilkley Manor House for imaginative activities around the Manor and its lovely courtyard. At the Ilkley Bandstand on The Grove, keep an eye out for a regular concert schedule. Experience entertaining theatre and shows all year round at King's Hall and Winter Gardens and Ilkley Playhouse. Visit Ilkley Cinema to get front-row seats for live performances of the biggest West End, opera, dance, and music cinema release events from around the globe.

Event Highlights 2023

Ilkley Carnival
1 May

Real Food Ilkley Market
First Sunday of the Month

Ilkley Food and Drink Festival
10 & 11 June

Ilkley Trophy Tennis Tournament
17 - 24 June

Ilkley Pride
1 July

Ilkley Arts Trail
October

Ilkley Literature Festival
6 - 22 October





King's Hall and Winter Gardens

The King's Hall boasts a traditional theatre and an adjacent glass roofed spa Winter Garden. With a packed schedule for all the family, it is a wonderful location to enjoy must-see music concerts, inspiring talks, and amateur groups.

Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HB
www.bradford-theatres.co.uk



Ilkley Cinema

A boutique indie cinema with luxurious sofa seating and a fully licensed bar. The cinema shows a mixture of indie films, special screenings and arts cinema alongside the latest blockbusters. Enjoy hot food delivered to your seat in the auditorium and a wide selection of alcoholic and soft drinks.

46A Leeds Road, Ilkley, LS29 8DP
www.ilkleycinema.co.uk



Ilkley Playhouse

An independent theatre hosting a range of live amateur theatre and other arts activities. It also hosts community arts events such as the Ilkley Film Society and the Ilkley Literature Festival.

Weston Road, Ilkley, LS29 8DW
www.ilkeleyplayhouse.co.uk



Getting to Ilkley

Getting Here and Around

Getting to Ilkley couldn't be easier, whether you choose to drive or use public transport. Once here, you can travel around the district with a great range of public transport available connecting you to all the must-see places.



Bus and Rail

Regular bus services connect **Ilkley** with **Keighley, Skipton, Otley, Leeds** and **Harrogate**, plus a seasonal Dales Bus service.

Ilkley station is the terminus of the **Wharfedale Line**, with services from the West Yorkshire town to neighbouring **Bradford** and **Leeds**.

For details of routes and journey planner go to www.wymetro.com



Parking

Long stay car parks at **South Hawksworth Street, Railway Road** and **Wharfe View Road**, on street parking is also available, charges apply 8am – 6pm.

Electric vehicle charging points are located across the district, find out more at www.geniepoint.co.uk

Bradford Clean Air Zone is now in place, passenger cars will not be charged. Find out more www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones

Where to Stay?



There's a great selection of accommodation in the Bradford district, perfect for extending your visit and giving you more time to explore the area.

Visitor Information

Contact us for more information to help plan your visit including accommodation and special events.

Ilkley Visitor Information Centre

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Website: www.visitilkley.com

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