

You are spoilt for choice for lunch options in Ilkley with several top quality cafes and bistros all within a five minute walk of the town centre. The **Ilkley Cafe Company, Toast House and Outside the Box** are all ideal for a tasty lunch while there's always afternoon tea at **The Little Tea-house** for the traditional spa town experience. Walk it off or enjoy a picnic in **Darwin Gardens** where the gardens are only a few minutes walk from the town centre and have five views of the famous **Ilkley Moor** which directly overlooks the site.

Beat the crowds and head off early to climb the mighty **Cow and Calf Rocks**. The rocks offer spectacular views of Ilkley and beyond and are easily accessible by footpath. It is possible to walk to the rocks from Ilkley but most visitors will drive and use the adjacent car park. There's a cafe next to the car park and a pub over the road if you need refreshments. Alternatively go for a morning dip at **Ilkley Lido**, one of the UK's best outdoor pools.

Morning



Lunch

Ilkley offers a fantastic day out with scenic walks, fabulous food & drink and some superb shopping all accessible from this pretty former spa town.

A Day in Ilkley

- Take a dip at Ilkley Lido
- Follow The Ilkley Mystery Treasure Trail
- See an exhibition at Ilkley Manor House
- Try the Millennium Maze
- Enjoy music at the bandstand
- Eat a fat rascal at Betty's
- Follow the Dales Way
- Sing On Ilkley Moor Bant at
- Climb the Cow & Calf Rocks

Checklist

At the foot of **Brook Street** is **Ilkley Manor House**, a medieval Grade 1 listed building that is open to the public as an attractive arts and heritage centre. Directly behind the Manor House is **Ilkley Riverside Gardens**. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through the park and along the river to the Riverside pub.

Head down the hill from **Darwin Gardens** and you will stumble across **Ilkley Toy Museum**, perfect for a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Afterwards enjoy some quality shopping on the elegant tree lined streets of **The Grove** and **Brook Street** where you will discover a fantastic mix of quality independents and upmarket boutiques.

As Ilkley is a popular destination with you make a reservation in advance as Ilkley is a popular destination with several top restaurants and food and iconic restaurants, the **Box Tree**. Alternatively, take your pick from one of Yorkshire's most renowned Envy a memorable evening meal in

Afternoon



Evening



Route

Distance: 4 miles Time: 2-3 hours
This walk is quite steep and includes some rough terrain, so is suitable for walkers without access requirements.

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- 2 White Wells
- 3 Ilkley Lido
- 4 Ilkley Manor House
- 5 Ilkley Playhouse
- 6 King's Hall and Winter Garden
- 7 The Toy Museum
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- 9 Ilkley Cinema
- 10 Cow and Calf
- 11 All Saints' Parish Church
- 12 Middleton Woods

Ilkley

Ilkley is a popular haven for walkers thanks to the attractive moorland and wonderful views over the surrounding countryside. It's a beautiful place with pretty heather and a myriad of different footpaths to follow.

Ilkley

History

Ilkley rose to fame as a Spa town in the nineteenth-century when thousands – including Charles Darwin – visited for fresh air, good food and the lively social scene. The town is characterised by Victorian architecture with wide streets and floral displays. Grand hydro hotels were developed and wealthy visitors arrived by coach to 'take the waters' at White Wells.



Walking and Cycling



Ilkley is incredibly popular with walkers and cyclists thanks to its stunning scenery and challenging terrain. The climb to the famous Cow and Calf Rocks is one of the most popular climbs in the district and has featured in countless races over the years including the Tour de Yorkshire in 2015 and 2018. The town is famous for its moor and you'll find fantastic countryside and walks for all abilities on your doorstep including the picturesque riverside and park.

CLOSE BY The Yorkshire Dales

Ilkley is a fantastic base for anyone heading up to the Yorkshire Dales, with popular destinations including Buckden, Malham, and Grassington all within a short drive or cycle away. It is also the official starting point of the Dales Way trail, an 84 mile walking trail which runs all the way up to Bowness-on-Windermere. The impressive Bolton Abbey estate is just six miles away.



Getting to Ilkley

Bus

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

Rail

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

Parking

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

Visitor Information

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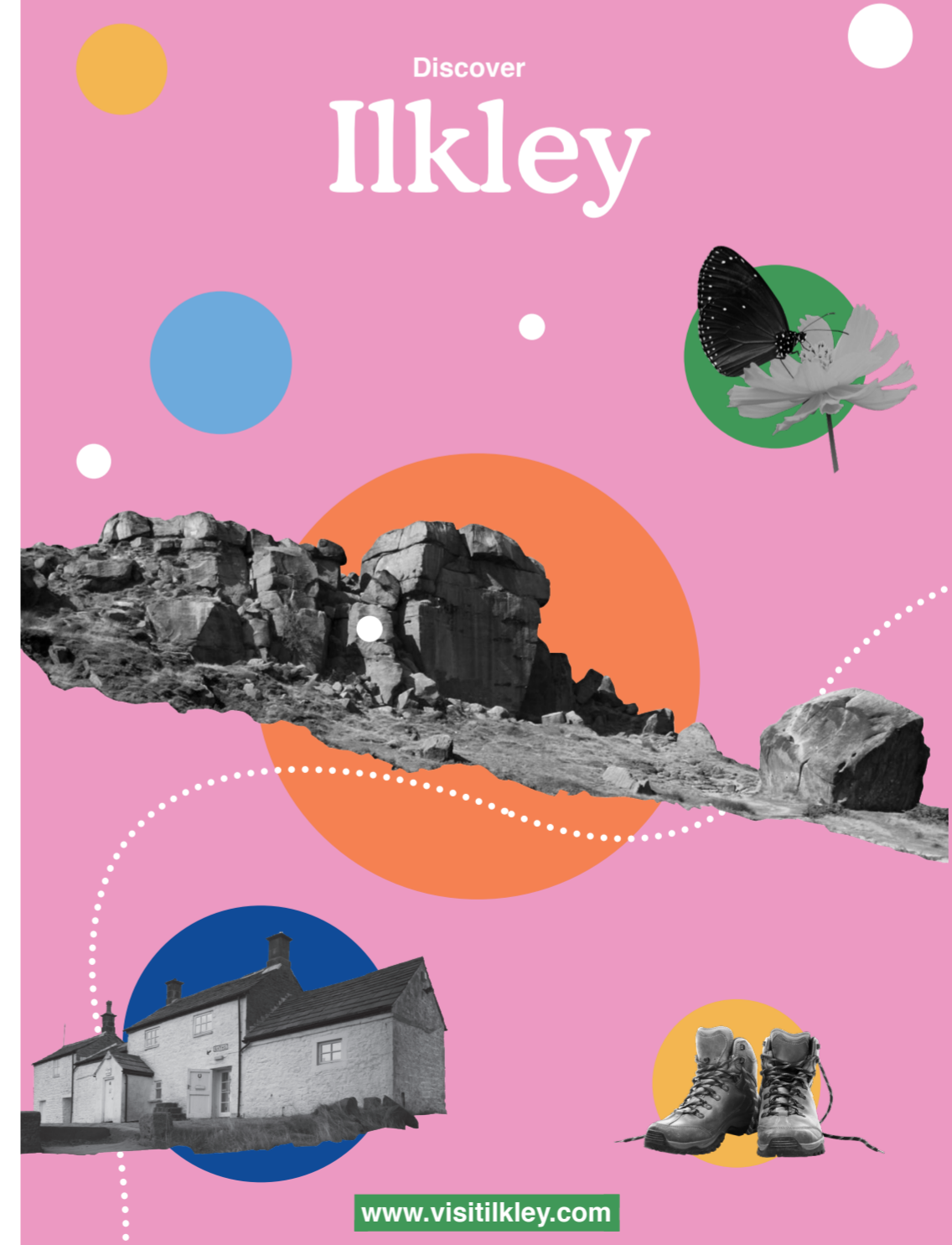


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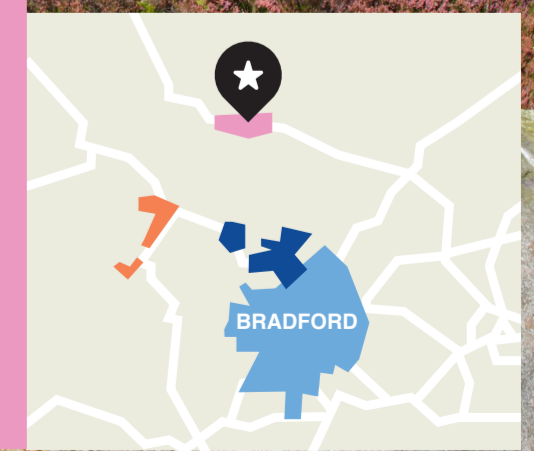
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VISIT FOR

- Elegant streets
- Shopping and dining
- Exhilarating outdoors
- Spectacular views

ABOUT Ilkley

The picturesque town of Ilkley is the ideal place to relax and treat yourself. There are excellent restaurants and independent shops selling everything from gifts to vintage clothes and books. Enjoy afternoon tea at the famous Betty's Cafe and Tea Rooms, relaxing strolls along the riverbank and some stunning walks in the surrounding moorland.



Ilkley

Situated in the Wharfe Valley this former spa town at the southern end of the Yorkshire Dales rose to fame in the nineteenth century. Surrounded by Ilkley Moor, the setting for the Yorkshire folk ballad "On Ilkka Moor Baht 'at" (On Ilkley Moor without a hat). Ilkley is known for its refreshing fresh air and excellent dining options.



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 summer months as well as fantastic views over Ilkley Moor.

Denton Road, Ilkley, LS29 0BZ
tel: 01943 436201
www.bradford.gov.uk/sport-and-activities



TOP TIP

There are lots of places to take a paddle around Ilkley, so bring a swimsuit and towel with you just in case you take a dip!



Ilkley Moor and Cow and Calf

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.

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.ilkleymoos.org



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. Discover the history and heritage of the town or enjoy a range of events, such as art and music and poetry. Visit the Solar Gallery to see an exhibition, stroll through the sensory garden, and enjoy a self-guided tour of the historic building, which features Roman fort explanation panels.

Castle Yard, Ilkley, LS29 9DT
tel: 07480 064142
www.ilkleymanoorhouse.org



Ilkley Playhouse

Ilkley Playhouse is 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
tel: 01943 609539
www.ilkleypayhouse.co.uk



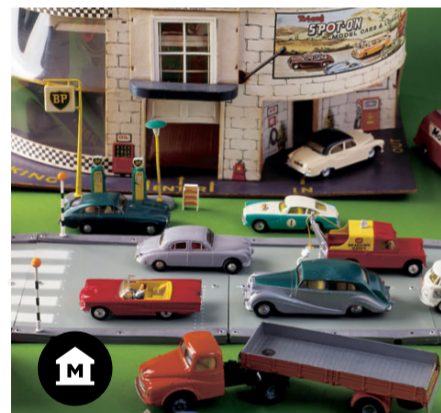
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King's Hall & Winter Garden

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 local amateur groups.

Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HB
tel: 01274 432000
www.bradford-theatres.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
tel: 01943 603855
www.ilkleytoymuseum.co.uk

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



Food & Drink

Whatever the time of day, Ilkley has an excellent choice of cafes, bars and restaurants.

Top of the list should be a trip to Yorkshire institution **Bettys Café Tea Rooms**. Famous for its Fat Rascals and Afternoon Tea, it is the perfect place to relax after a few days of sightseeing.

Ilkley has a wonderful selection of cafes and coffee shops, so it's definitely worth trying a few before you decide on your favourite! If you prefer something stronger don't miss the **Fuggle and Golding** tap house and bottle shop, where you can fill a growler to enjoy your favourites at home too.

With the lights sparkling in the trees, Ilkley is a special place to spend the evening. Enjoy a glass of wine with tapas at **Martinez Wine Bar**, or a charcuterie board at **Friends of Ham**. For the perfect Gin and Tonic make a beeline for the **Gin Lounge**. If you're looking for a real ale experience then visit bars like the **Flying Duck**, or **Baht'at**, who have regularly changing guest beers on tap.

Dining in Ilkley can take you around the world with choices from the Mediterranean to the Far East. Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine at **Emporio Italia**, Portuguese specialities from **Quinta Bar and Grill** or delicious Thai dishes at **Pintoh**.



TOP TIP

On the first Sunday of each month, visit the **Real Food Ilkley Market**, a celebration of locally produced fine food and drink at **The Grove**.

Shopping

Ilkley is a shopper's paradise, known for its charming tree-lined streets and classic shopfronts, which feature a delightful mix of independent and high-street names.

Spend a day strolling between **The Grove** and **Brook Street**, perusing the shops.

Designer garments may be found at **Attic** and **Raymond Town**, elegant gifts at **The Covet**, sophisticated homewares at **Baytree Interiors**, and books in abundance at **The Grove Bookshop**.



Riverside Gardens

The Ilkley Riverside Gardens are located next to the River Wharfe, which passes through the heart of Ilkley. The adjacent Old Bridge forms the start of the Dales Way, an 80 mile long distance trail to Bowness-on-Windermere.

Relax, walk down the riverbank, go fishing, feed the ducks, or take the children to the fun playground for a wonderful day out.

33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley, LS29 9TF



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Ilkley Cinema

Ilkley Cinema is 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
tel: 01943 660007
www.ilkeycinema.co.uk



Darwin Gardens Millennium Green

Darwin Gardens Millennium Green occupies a site adjacent to Wells Road in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, UK. It is situated only a few minutes' walk from the town centre by a 1/4 mile attractive pedestrian route, and has fine views of the famous Ilkley Moor, which directly overlooks the site. Picnic tables and seats are provided and much of the site is accessible to all visitors.

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