

# 10 Leisure Walks of Discovery A Boot Up WENSLEYDALE

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Wensleydale, the central of the three main dales running through the Yorkshire Dales National Park, offers both easy and more challenging walking in magnificent surroundings. The wide green valley is overlooked by the high fells of Addlebrough and Wether Fell. The still waters of Semer Water lie hidden to the south of the main valley. A profusion of becks and streams drain into the main River Ure creating waterfalls galore.

In line with other books in the series a 10 walks have been selected with the majority being short and easy; suitable for a half day with the family, but also including a couple more challenging walks to give a taste of the fell walking also available. The walks explore both the riverbank and the remains of the lead mining heritage.

Halsgrove's new-format guidebook, containing maps, photographs and useful information will ensure a great walking experience. Packed with colour, the book is an ideal reminder of a visit to the area.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Keith Wood is an experienced and much published local photographer and writer who has lived in Penrith on the edge of the Lake District for over 12 years. His work has been published in all the local interest periodicals including *Cumbria*, *Cumbria Life*, and *Lakeland Walker*. Additionally his work has been regularly used by Friends of the Lake District to illustrate their publications and calendars. He is a contributor to the Britain on View photo library. *A Boot up Wensleydale* is his second of three books of Yorkshire Dales walks following his five books of Lake District Walks in the "Boot up" series.

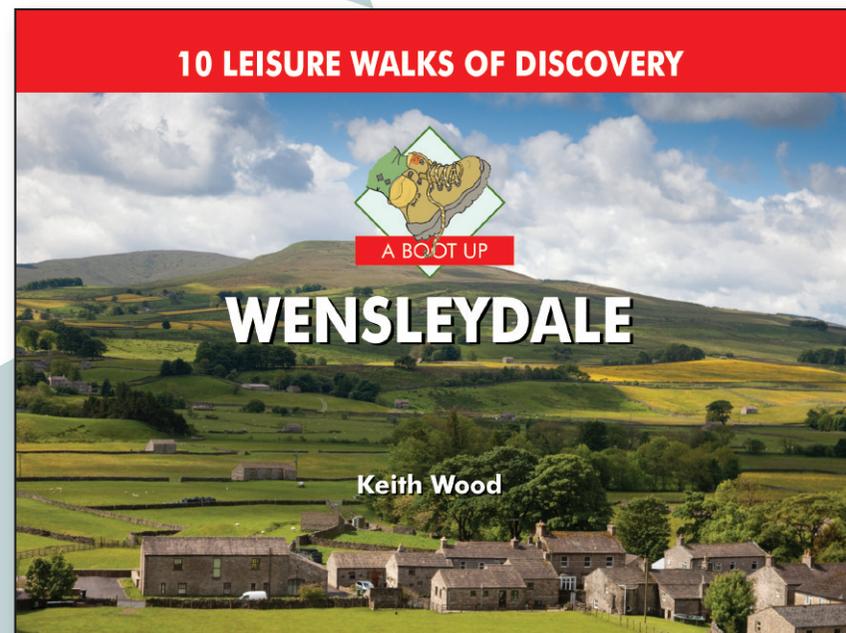
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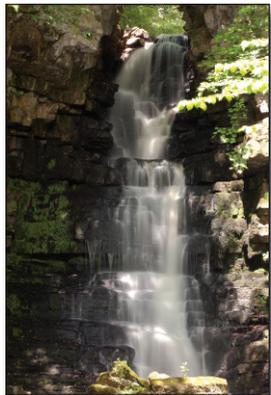
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# A BOOT UP WENSLEYDALE



Mill Gill Force



Countersett Meeting House



Reflections in Semer Water



Right: Burtersett

**1** Aysgill Force from Goyle

Arriving at Faw Head cottage and Faw Head Barn continue on the lane, pass by a stone barn onto a surfaced road and immediately take the path through the fields signed "Pensive Way (P. West End)". Walk through a couple of meadows and then join the route of the outward journey to simply retrace the outward route through Goyle and back to the start. Alternatively if you have the time you could make the detour just over the bridge in Goyle to visit the restored Goyle Mill.

*Re-enter the hay meadows*

**2** Hardraw Force from Hawes

Walk through the fields to visit England's largest single drop waterfall.

Hardraw Force is reputed to be England's highest unbroken waterfall, falling some 100 feet (or 30m). The waters pour over a miniature Whitman Cove type canyon known as Hardraw Scar. The great impressionist artist JMW Turner visited in 1816 and his finished water colour of the falls is housed in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. The falls which are accessed through the Green Dragon Inn, where a small charge is made, are an essential feature of this walk.

Starting from the National Park Car Park in Hawes where the Bales Country Park Museum is also to be found, the route makes its way through the fields to Hardraw, before heading down the dale to the hamlet of Sedburgh.

*Field boundary*

**2** Hardraw Force from Hawes

**Level:** 500m (1700ft)

**Length:** 4 miles (6.4km)

**Notes:** Special stone field walls.

**Park and Start:** Bales Country Park, National Park Car Park, Hawes, GP 475 818

**Info:** Maps of most walkabouts from The Green Dragon Inn, Harrogate. [www.hardrawforce.com](http://www.hardrawforce.com)

Example of a double-page spread.



Path back to Haylands Bridge