



The Yorkshire Dales

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Official Holiday Guide



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Malham Cove

A unique landscape

The Yorkshire Dales has many moods. Wild and dramatic; soft and tranquil – whatever the season, whatever the weather.

The finest limestone landscape in England, the Yorkshire Dales is a dramatic and diverse land of valleys, crags, peaks, caves, moorland and limestone pavements. From Wensleydale to Swaledale, Nidderdale to Wharfedale, the Yorkshire Dales offers lots of opportunities for relaxation and exhilaration.

Shaped by rural communities through the ages, the Dales is famous for its striking valleys criss-crossed with dry-stone walls and dotted with field barns. With white limestone cliffs, lush green meadows, towering peaks, ancient woodland, spectacular waterfalls and breathtaking open heather moorland, the Yorkshire Dales is sensational all year round.

World-class long distance routes, including the Pennine Way and Coast to Coast Walk, all travel through the Dales.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park, the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and part of the Forest of Bowland AONB all sit within the Yorkshire Dales.

There is nowhere like it in the world – this outstanding land offers an amazing experience for all ages.

For a landscape history of the Yorkshire Dales visit: www.outofoblivion.org.uk



Semer Water

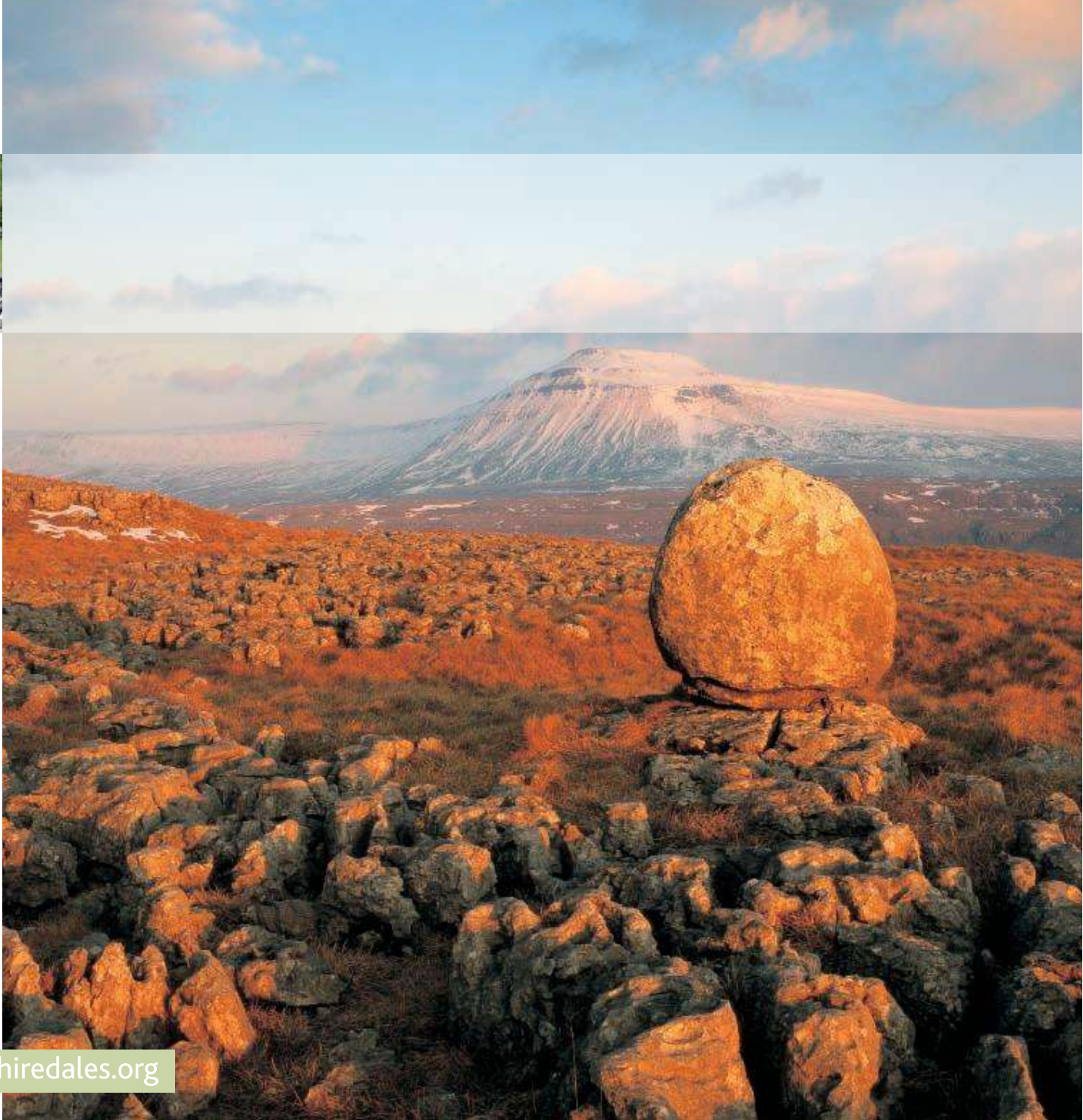


Meadow flowers



Janet's Foss

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Erratic, Ingleborough



Medieval Fayre, Sedburgh

Events in the Dales

The Yorkshire Dales is alive all year round. With festivals, galas, shows, open-air markets, farmers' markets and local village events, the Dales has a thriving, exciting community, just perfect for you to join in the fun and have a new adventure.

The fun starts in early spring with snowdrop days and lambing events. Easter brings open days and events to celebrate the approaching months full of festivities. Late spring and summer see a host of festivals rich in local heritage from maypole dancing to fêtes, feasts, horse fairs, sports and galas. Majestic country homes open their doors to hold special events, while market towns and villages host garden open days and local food and drink festivals.

Late summer sees the celebration of traditional farming skills, prize winning livestock and local produce. For outdoor

entertainment there are guided walks and heritage trails, bird watching, sporting events and even the thrill of horse or motor racing.

Concerts, jazz festivals, special exhibitions at galleries and museums, open air theatrical events, firework displays and Christmas fayres – the fun just goes on and on. Whatever the season, whatever the weather, there's always something to celebrate in the Dales!

For event dates contact our information centres and request a free copy of 'The Visitor 2007' or visit: www.yorkshiredales.org



Skipton Castle



Broughton Game Show



Scarecrow Festival, Kettlewell

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Masham Steam Rally



Wensleydale cheese

Local food and drink

The Yorkshire Dales is famous for its food and drink. Here you'll find locally made delicacies including cheeses, sausages, chocolate, beer, preserves, puddings, pies, game meats, free-range eggs, ice cream and home grown vegetables. In the Dales it's easy to spoil yourself!

The Yorkshire Dales produces some of the world's best cheeses including the world famous Wensleydale cheese. Hundreds of cheese varieties are available from local stores, markets and farm shops and at the Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes you can see your cheese being made.

Beer has been produced by generations of brewers in Masham including Black Sheep and Theakstons but today there are also a number of local microbreweries supplying pubs across the Yorkshire Dales. So why not stay overnight close to a brewery or

pub selling local beers where you can enjoy a pint or two or more!

The Dales is livestock farming country. Spring is a special time when the fields are full of lambs. Beef and lamb is on sale in a variety of locations across the area – you can buy it direct from the farmer at local farm shops or at farmers' markets.

Many guesthouses, cafés, pubs, tearooms and restaurants specialise in using local fresh produce and offer tempting menus and delicious cakes made using local ingredients.

Give your taste buds a treat in the Yorkshire Dales.

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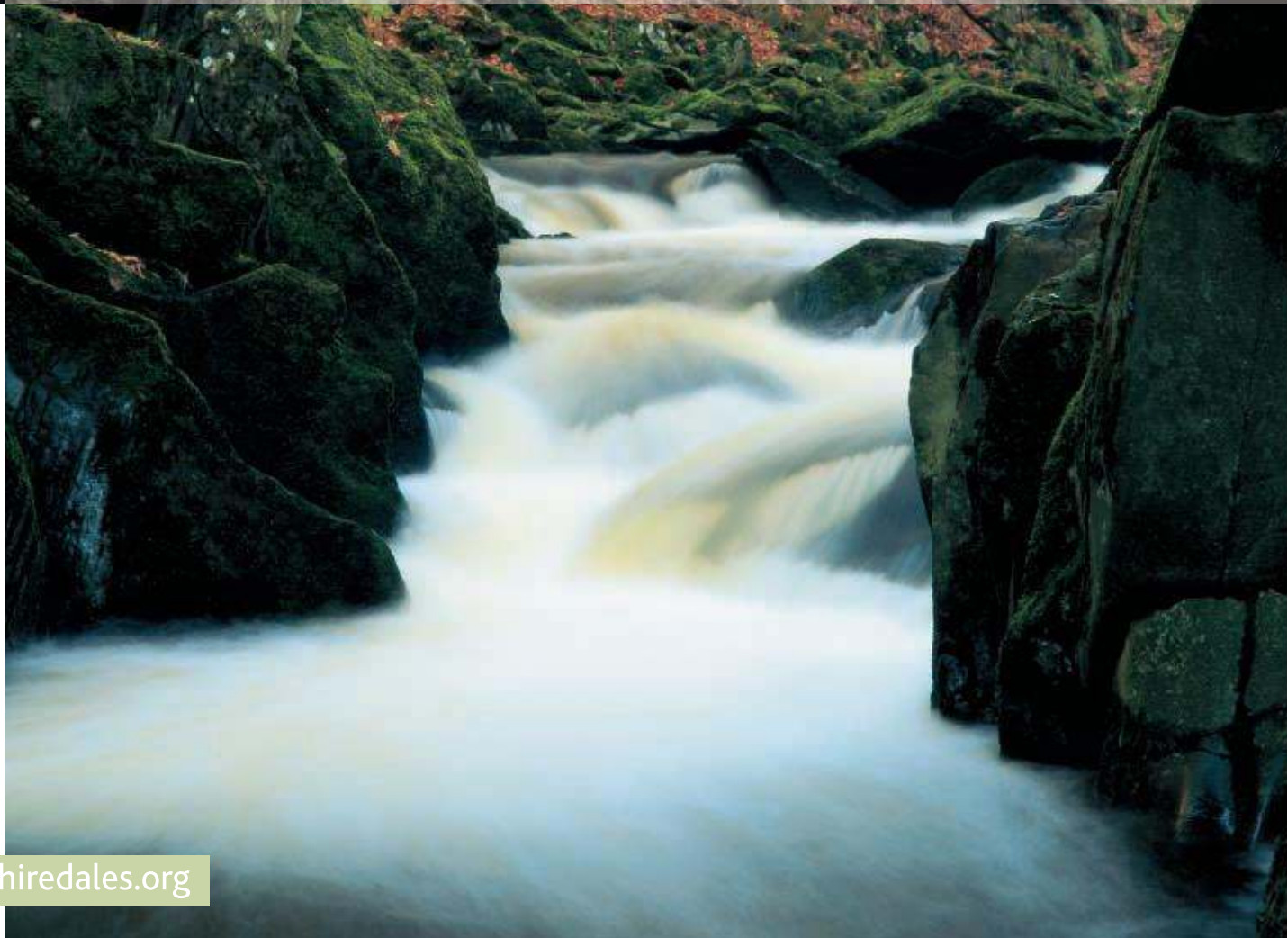
The Deli, Ripon



Theakstons Brewery, Masham



H. Weatherhead & Sons, Pateley Bridge



Sunset at Winskill

Artistic Dales

Over the centuries the Yorkshire Dales has provided inspiration for artists, writers and crafts people, many of whom have come to the Dales and settled.

Charles Kingsley, author of the 'Water Babies', was a frequent visitor to Malham Tarn and wrote part of his famous book here. **JB Priestley** loved the Southern Dales and is buried in Hubberholme Church. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known as **Lewis Carroll**, went to school in Richmond and his father became Canon at Ripon Cathedral, where the medieval carvings inspired Lewis' characters in 'Alice in Wonderland'.

More than 200 years ago the view of the River Lune from St. Mary's churchyard in Kirkby Lonsdale made Victorian artist and critic **John Ruskin** describe the landscape as one of the loveliest in the country. The spot became known as Ruskin's View and inspired a famous painting by **Turner**. 'The Turner Trail', a gentle walk, takes you around many of the views captured by Turner.

Internationally recognised artists have made the Dales their home. **Mackenzie Thorpe** created his famous

square sheep for a brand of local beer; award-winning painter and printmaker **David Cook** regularly exhibits at the Spiral Gallery in Settle and has illustrated numerous books by **Bill Bryson**, and sculptor **Peter Hibbard** has had a number of local commissions including Sedbergh's Millennium Standing Stone.

Many talented arts and crafts people market their products under the 'Arts Connections' brand. These include **Fiona Bowley's** distinctive sculptures, **Andrea Hunter's** original and unusual felt work, **Debbie Moxon's** award-winning titanium jewellery, which is on view in her Pateley Bridge workshop and the lively watercolours of Grassington artist, **Helen Wheatley**. Visit: www.art-connections.org.uk for more information.

For more details on local craft events and festivals contact our information centres for a mini-guide or a free copy of 'The Visitor 2007'. Alternatively, visit: www.yorkshiredales.org



Uredale Glass



Hubberholme Church



Jewellery at Pateley Bridge

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River Doe, Ingletton Glens