

# Settle - Grassington circular

Scale 1:108000



Start: Settle

Distance: 38 miles (62km)



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## SETTLE/ HALTON GILL ROAD ROUTE

A classic circuit around the limestone country crossing dramatically-shaped valleys and passing through the best-known villages in the southern Dales.

Start/Finish	Settle main square or Grassington National Park Centre
Distance	38 miles (62km)
Refreshments	Settle, Litton, Arncliffe, Kilnsey, Grassington, and Cracoe
Toilets	Settle, Stainforth and Grassington
Nearest train station	Settle

1. Leave Settle on Main Street heading towards Giggleswick. Cross the river Ribble and then turn right on to **Stackhouse Lane**.
2. After a gentle climb turn right by **Knight Stainforth Hall Campsite**. Keep to the narrow lane to the left of the site descending to a hump-back bridge. At the T junction turn right on to B6479 and then after 100m turn left signed to **Halton Gill / Arncliffe**. After another 100m turn left sign-post to **Halton Gill / Arncliffe**. This is a long climb taking you past the stunning hill of Pen-y-Ghent to Halton Gill – watch out for a cattle grid and badly surfaced hump-back bridge.
3. Turn right at Halton Gill T junction, sign-posted **Litton 2 / Arncliffe 4.5**. Continue through Litton (Queens Arms refreshment stop) with an easy ride down the valley. Through Arncliffe to T junction with B6160 at Kilnsey.
4. Turn right, go past Kilnsey Crag, the Tennants Arms, and Kilnsey Park and then turn left, sign-posted **Conistone**. Turn right in Conistone, sign-posted **Grassington**. Follow this undulating minor road to Grassington.
5. Turn right in Grassington sign-posted **Skipton** (the village centre is to the left). After crossing the River Wharfe, turn left sign-posted **Linton**.
6. Turn left at cross roads at top of short climb, sign-posted **Burnsall**. Turn right signed **Holly Tree Farm B&B**. Turn right at the brow of the hill as you enter Thorpe and join the Yorkshire Dales Cycleway through to Cracoe.
7. Turn left at T junction with the B6265 and ride through Cracoe. As you leave the village, turn right signed **Hetton**. Turn right in Hetton, signed **Winterburn and Airton**.
8. Turn right after Winterburn, over a hump back bridge towards Airton. Continue to Calton and follow signs for **Airton and NCN route 68**.
9. In Airton, turn right at the T junction towards Malham. Continue through the village for approx. 300m and then turn left, signed **Settle and NCN 68**. This is the start of a 5km long climb! Turn left at a T junction, sign-posted **Settle and NCN 68**. Climb to the summit at the cattle grid, for a great view point of the Lakeland Mountains, Pendle Hill and the Forest of Bowland. Then descend towards Settle - care is required on some sharp bends.
10. Very steep, winding final descent into Settle. There is a short cobbled section as you enter the town requiring care.

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