

A walk to the Grub Stones on Burley Moor. 6 miles circular.

This walk starts from Menston library and goes up Main Street and then along Bleach Mill Lane. It ascends to cross Moor Road, leading onto Burley Moor, with far reaching views over Burley in Wharfedale and beyond towards Blubberhouses. The highlight of the walk is an outcrop of rocks known locally as Lanshaw Rocks or the Grub Stones or the Castle. It is a naturally occurring rock formation providing a certain amount of shelter with extensive views across the Moor. Ordnance Survey Map ref. SE136448

What also makes this an intriguing location is the amount of unusual carvings and symbols on the rocks themselves. The rock art or carvings are very different to the easily identified modern graffiti that has been chipped away on some areas of the rocks over recent years. For example there are various animals, tribal figure heads and a sun devil.



Burial mounds or cairns are common place on the entire Moor and it is not beyond reason that these particular rocks possibly served as a tomb as there is an unnaturally flat area to the rear of the rocks.

It is a walk of approximately 6 miles circular. It is strenuous and challenging in parts. A few of the fields have cattle, with a handful of docile Highland cows in the latter part of the walk. A certain amount of caution is needed with traffic when on the way back you need to walk along Moor Road for approximately a quarter of a mile before turning to the right onto Moor Lane leading back down into Menston village.

Walk Directions

1. Leave Menston library and turn right along Main Street. Continue on the right to where the road bends up to Moor Lane. On the right you will see a street sign opposite Butterfield Park for Bleach Mill Lane and a signpost to Burley Woodhead.
2. Continue along Bleach Mill Lane following the path to reach Bleach Mill House. At that point, go left past Bleach Mill House to follow the sign post saying Dale's Way link, Ebor Way & Ilkley. This takes you along a narrow track to the left of Bleach Mill House and through a kissing gate. There is a hole in the wall and a walker's sign on the right but ignore these.
3. Stay left on the track and keep to the left to ascend a steep embankment leading to a walled stile on the left corner of the wall.



4. Cross over the stile and follow a track with the woods and views of an old mill pond and chimney in the woods to your left. The track leads to a short foot bridge. Cross the bridge, this brings you out to face converted mill buildings (photo featuring Dougie the labrador).



5. Turn right up the hill and cross straight over Moor Road.



6. Continue along this narrow road with a pond on the right. There are two narrow roads going to the left. Both follow the same route passing High Meadows Farm on the left. The road climbs up to meet a gate that reads "Private Road". York View Farm is on the left. Passing through this gate leads onto Burley Moor.
7. Continue straight ahead for a short distance. Approximately 25 metres on there are two rocks on the right:



that indicate where to follow the track onto Burley Moor. Continue along this track passing Lower Lanshaw Dam on the left. This track eventually meets the Millennium Way.

8. Turn left on to Millennium Way walking uphill where Lanshaw Rocks can be seen straight ahead.



9. Facing Lanshaw Rocks turn left following the track towards and past a remote shooting hut.



Keeping the hut on your right hand side this track descends and eventually leads towards a kissing gate stile and large gate. Going through the gate walk straight ahead, keeping a large pond to your right. This is where you may meet a handful of highland cattle. Head towards an industrial size green shed, again keeping this building to your right.

10. Go straight ahead at the next stile and gate passing a red bricked converted pump house building on the left. Continue along this track to eventually reach a main road. Cross the road and turn left. This road can be busy!

Continue along the road for a quarter of a mile turning right following the signs back to Menston village. Passing Butterfield Park on the right leading on to Main Street and eventually to Menston Library (starting point).