



What you can see

This walk starts at the striking Toft Gate Lime Kiln, with its massive flue, then follows tracks with lovely views across Nidderdale, to the lead mine & smelt mill ruins at Cockhill. There is an optional walk to the new art installation at Coldstones Quarry with panoramic views across Nidderdale & a bird's eye view of a working quarry.

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At a glance

How far?	3.8 miles (6km)
How hard?	Moderate (with stiles, steep climbs & a ford to cross)
Which map?	OS Explorer 298 Nidderdale
Starting at?	Toft Gate car park SE 129 643
Buses?	traveline 0871 2002233
Parking?	Toft Gate car park, Greenhow
Any facilities?	Pateley Bridge

A walk around some of Nidderdale's industrial ruins, ending at Coldstones Cut viewpoint and art installation.

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Moors, mines and mills,
Greenhow



1. From the car park, follow the signs to the lime kiln. Return to the car park entrance, cross the road and go over a stile signposted to Coldstones Fold.
2. Go downhill, through a field gate, then bear left at a barn and go through a pedestrian gate. Carry straight on, then go through another pedestrian gate to meet a tarmac bridleway.
3. Turn right and follow the track to some houses, then go straight on along a grass track. Go through a gate, then turn left at a cattle grid.
4. At a T-junction turn left (signposted to Ashfoldside). Follow the track for about 3/4 mile, via a lovely arched stone bridge, until you get to a track junction signed Cockhill.
5. Turn left and follow the walled lane uphill.
6. At a track junction turn right, away from the house, then turn left. Keep following the track until you get to a stone arch on your right. This building was where lead, which was mined nearby, was smelted. The arch you can see carried the flue from the smelt mill to a chimney on the hillside.
7. Continue along the track, crossing a concrete ford. **Take care—it can be slippery, and may be welly-deep after heavy rain!** This section is a permissive bridleway under a Higher Level Stewardship agreement.
8. Follow the track uphill and bear left at the ruins: this is a good place to stop for a rest and admire the views across what was once an extensive lead-mining operation.
9. Follow the track uphill to meet the Greenhow Road. Looking back, you can see a tower on the moor; this is a sighting tower which was used in the construction of the Nidderdale reservoirs.
10. Look out for the carved milestone by the roadside bench, then cross the road and turn left. Follow the new bridleway back to the car park (this route was created by Hansons, the company which owns Coldstones Quarry).

