



The view from Simon's Seat is well worth the climb

ENGLAND

Howgill Lodge Touring Campsite, North Yorkshire

Howgill Lodge is one of the few campsites we have visited more than once and no year is complete without a stay here. As soon as we have bypassed Skipton and are on the road to Bolton Abbey, our work-exhausted spirits lift and we visibly relax. We trundle up the track to Howgill Lodge and once again inhale deeply the view over the Wharfe Valley.

Terraced campsites are one of my favourite layouts as this makes the most of a view and gives lots of privacy and Howgill Lodge is beautifully laid out with terraces stepping down the hillside. The top terraces are hardstanding and suitable for campervans and motorhomes. The site has full sanitary facilities and 10A hook-up.

The peace and quiet of the position of Howgill Lodge means that there is no local pub; it is a 1½-mile walk in to Appletreewick, which has two village pubs. However, the campsite has a shop that sells the basics.

This family-run site is always well kept and tidy, with mowed grass and colourful flower beds and there are benches dotted around to allow you to

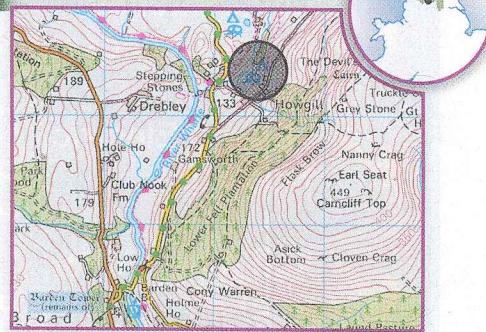
sit and enjoy the view. There is a large field for ball games, frisbee playing and other fun stuff.

The walking in this part of the Wharfe Valley is excellent. Following the Dales Way south you come to the ruins of Bolton Abbey, following the river and passing Barden Tower and the tea rooms at Strid Wood. Walking north along the Dales Way you can reach the pretty village of Burnsall with a tearoom and charming pub. The Pride of the Dales bus service is useful for linear walks along the valley and can be picked up at Appletreewick or Barden Tower. The lane that leads to Howgill Lodge continues up the fellside enabling walkers to climb up to the fantastic viewpoint of Simon's Seat or walk across the moorland to Stump Cross Caverns.

With so much walking, I am sure that when you have visited once you will return again and again.

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28 March – 2 November

Two adults, pitch and electric from £20

Nearest public transport: 1½ miles to Appletreewick or Barden Tower bus stops

Nearest pub/restaurant: The New Inn and The Craven Arms are both 1½ miles away

Directions: Turn right off the B6160 after passing Barden Tower. The campsite is signed off this road



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