



Gamelands Stone Circle

Along Knott lane, at the base of Knott Scar, between Orton and Raisbeck you will find one of the many enigmatic Cumbrian stone circles.

Dating to some time between the late Neolithic and Early Bronze Age (2,500 and 1,500 BC).

Seven of the original 40 stones are now missing, leaving a broad oval of 33 stones. Only one of these is local limestone, the remainder are all large rounded Shap granite boulders.



Rough Fell Sheep

There are more than 50 breeds of sheep in the British Isles, each adapted to the surroundings in which they have evolved. The open fells in the Tebay and Orton area are home to the largest fell breed, the hardy horned "Rough Fell".

The earliest record of a Rough Fell was made at the Sedbergh Show in 1843, they can be distinguished from the Swaledale sheep emblazoned on the Yorkshire Dales National Park logo, by the freckles on their noses.

www.roughfellsheep.co.uk



All Saints Church, Orton

There was possibly a primitive wooden structure on the site first, which was replaced by stone in the early 12th century.

The tower was added in 1504 and in the 1880s the chancel was rebuilt and enlarged and the original lime render was removed from the building. This led to a serious problem with water penetration, especially in the tower, so it has recently been re-rendered as part of an ongoing restoration project.



Orton Village

Orton farmers market is held on the 2nd Saturday every month, and provides a wide selection of produce sold directly by local farmers, growers and craftspeople.

Work by a co-operative of artists can be found at the Silver Yard Gallery and Silver Yard Café and Deli provides good quality regionally sourced food.

For your day-to-day needs, the Post Office and Village Shop is situated just off the Market Square, where you can't miss the chocolate shop and George Hotel.

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Orton Scar - Step Back in Time

The limestone pavement of Orton Scar provides a stunning, heritage-rich backdrop to the village and those who visit Orton cannot fail to be tempted to explore it.

This circular walk visits the ancient site of 'Robin Hoods Grave', the grouse moor of Howe Robin, the monument built to mark Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and Beacon Hill, where fires were once lit to warn of Scottish raiding parties.

Detours can be easily made to Castle Folds prehistoric settlement and Gamelands stone circle and the stunning views look down onto the medieval patchwork of fields around Raisbeck and a diverse range of views towards the Pennines, Cumbria's High Fells and the Howgill Fells.

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| Start/finish: | Market Square, Orton |
| Distance: | 7km (5 miles) |
| Time: | 4-5 hours |
| Height gain: | 300m |
| Terrain: | Fell paths, fell roads, limestone pavements, moorland, farm tracks, pasture and village lanes |
| Maps: | OS Landranger 91, OS Explorer OL19 |

1. **NY623082** Park in Orton Market Square and head for the white tower of All Saints Church. Cross the churchyard, with tower to your right, over stiles in fence and wall on left then follow path north as it climbs steeply onto Orton Scar. Head over a stile and across moorland to the large cairn known as Robin Hood's Grave.

Just beyond it the path splits, take the right branch and follow the path over the rise and past the grouse butts to join the road. Turn right and follow the road to a T-junction.

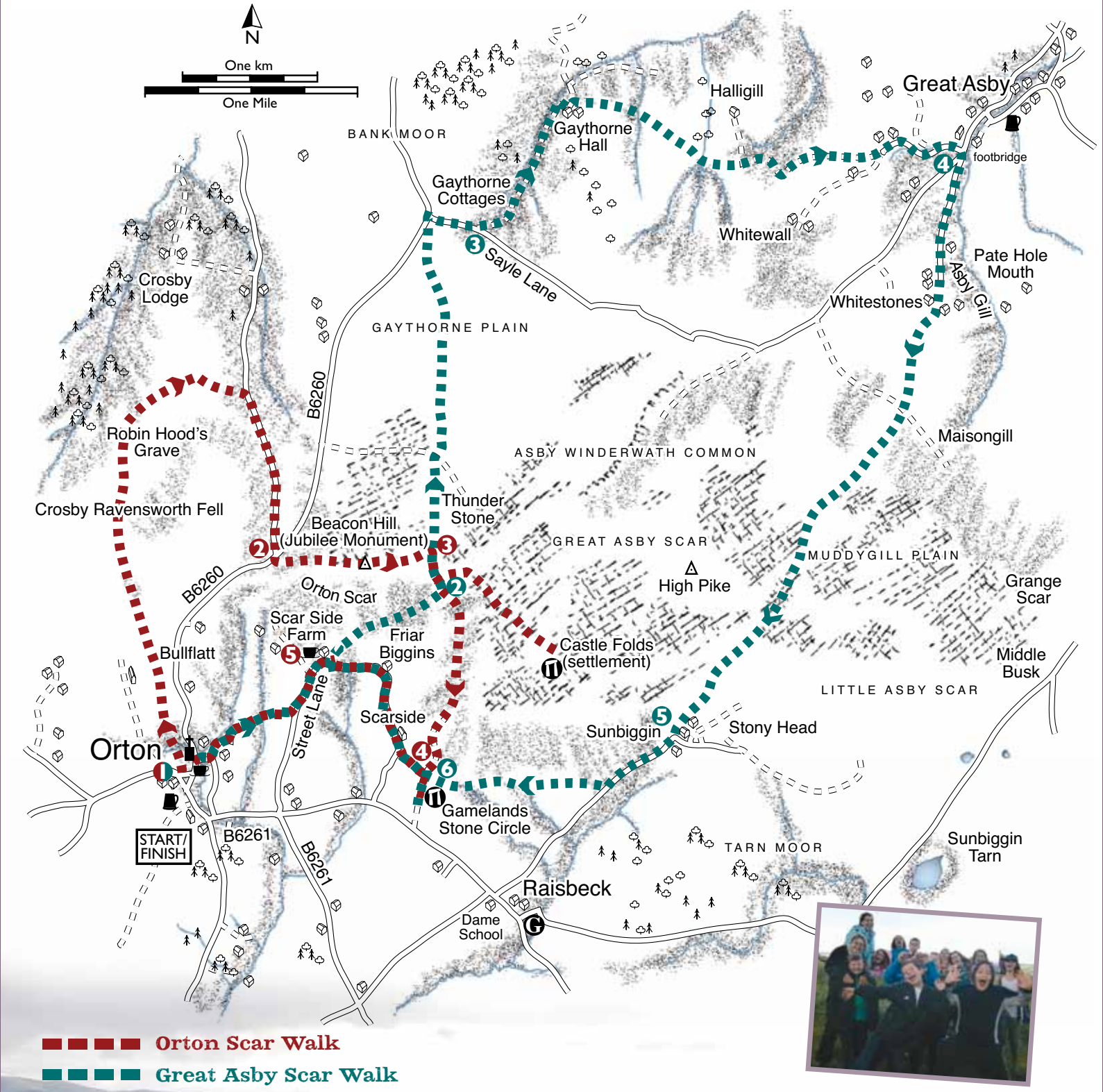
2. **NY628099** Cross road, and head onto the moorland, keeping wall on right and head east past the monument on Beacon Hill.

3. **NY640101** Turn right onto bridleway and head downhill to junction in the path at the next wall. From here a short leg, out and back, allows you to visit Castle Folds prehistoric settlement. Take path on left, and at next wall, turn right keeping wall to your right. Through the next wall and the enclosure is straight ahead (NY6500094). Re-trace your steps back to the bridleway junction.

Follow bridleway downhill to join Knott Lane. Shortly after limekiln (on left), turn right onto a bridleway. You could continue a little further down Knott Lane to view Gamelands stone circle on left, then retrace your steps back to join the bridleway.

4. **NY640084** Follow the bridleway diagonally across a large field towards Scarside, then turn right onto Street Lane. Follow the lane around past Friar Biggins to Scar Side Farm on right.

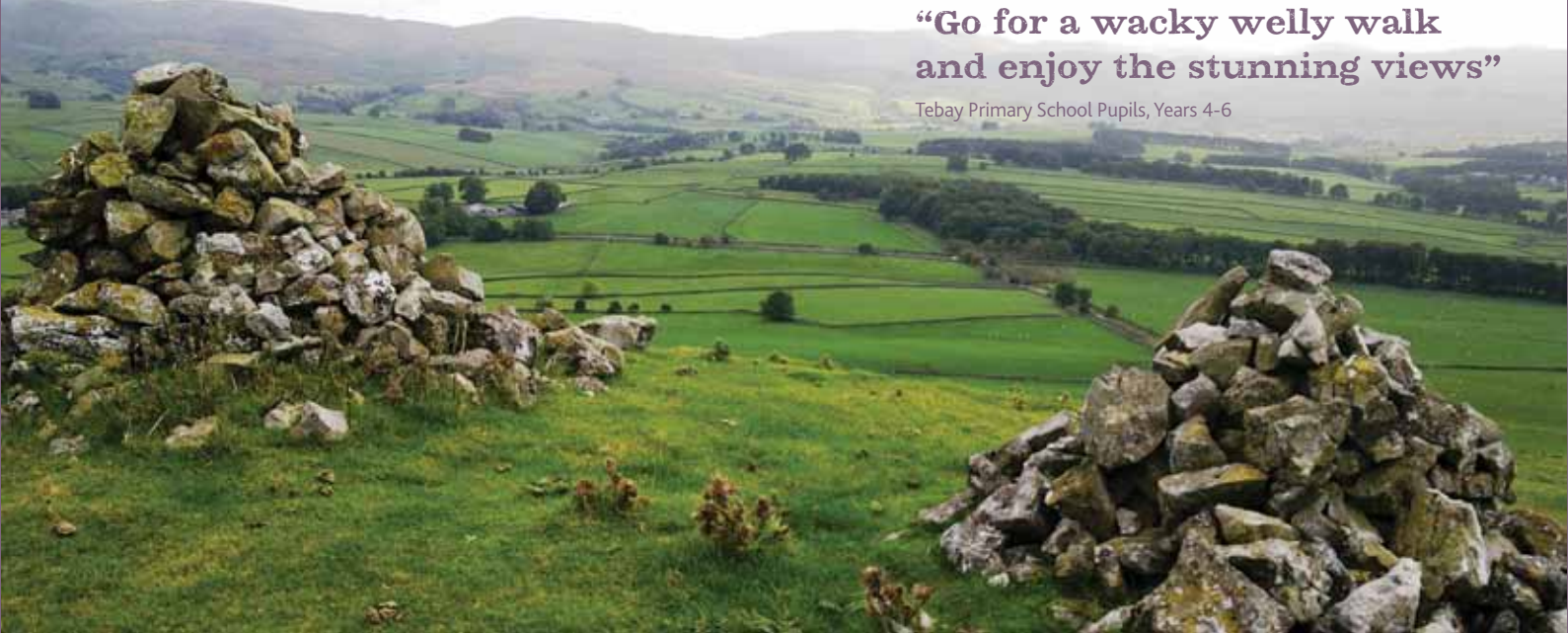
5. **NY 632091** During summer months, pause here for refreshments at Scar Side Farm marquee tea room or continue past and take the second bridleway on right, signposted to Orton. Follow the bridleway towards the church tower, which you can see in the distance.



Orton Scar Walk
Great Asby Scar Walk

“Go for a wacky welly walk and enjoy the stunning views”

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Great Asby Scar - Moorland Meanderings

Great Asby Scar is an extensive area of limestone common moorland to the northeast of Orton. This upland plateau holds one of Britain's best examples of limestone pavement.

The clints (blocks) and grikes (cracks), which form the pavement, are created by weathering over a long period of time. The stones forming the pavements are legally protected and apart from being fascinating to look at, the cracks between the blocks form an important SSSI microenvironment, protecting many rare plants from harsh weather and the attentions of grazing animals.

This walk is a day's outing that crosses and re-crosses the Scar with a visit to the pretty village of Great Asby with fantastic views across the Eden Valley thrown in for good measure.

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| Start/finish: | Market Square, Orton |
| Distance: | 19.6km (12.2 miles) |
| Time: | 6 hours |
| Height gain: | 480m |
| Terrain: | Fell paths, fell roads, limestone escarpment, limestone moorland, access tracks, farm tracks, pasture and village lanes |
| Maps: | OS Landranger 91, OS Explorer OL19 |

1. **NY623082** From Orton Market Hall, head east crossing the B6260 near the bus shelter and across playing fields. Take the narrow path next to Hill House and cross Cuckoo Field to Street Lane. Turn left, follow Street Lane past Scar Side Farm, then take the bridleway on left (marked access to monument). Follow north-east for 1km to four-way signpost and junction just beyond the intake wall.

2. **NY640097** At junction turn left and follow bridleway to the decorative ironwork gate. You could detour left here to the Jubilee Monument, then retrace your steps to gate. Continue north along the bridleway, all the way over Gaythorne Plain to the junction of the B6260 and Sayle Lane. Turn right and follow the road towards Great Asby for 300m.

3. **NY642123** Turn left onto bridleway to Gaythorn Hall. Through the pens and beyond the hall turn R onto a path, signposted to Great Asby. Follow yellow marker arrows, parallel to the fence, then diagonally right to gate and on to right of copse. Head for dip to right of trees, follow footpath into Great Asby.

4. **NY678129** From Great Asby children's playground, head south along the no-through lane and through Clockeld Farm. From here join the footpath heading south/south west. At cross roads in path, turn right then immediately left to head straight on along the bridleway that climbs south west over Great Asby Scar to Sunbiggin.

5. **NY657086** Turn right onto the road and follow it for 500m to Acres. Turn right through double gates; follow bridleway to Knott Lane near the stone circle.

6. **NY640084** Finish walk as for other route (numbers 4 & 5) and continue to Orton for well deserved refreshments at the George Hotel or Silver Yard Café and Deli.

