

Bransdale Outdoor property Access Statement

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Introduction

The property of Bransdale comprises a series of small farms within the valleys of the Hodge Beck and its major tributaries, also including some semi-natural woodlands and plantations. This ownership forms almost the entire extent of enclosed land within the dale, but does not include the open moorland or most of the forestry plantations that form the rest of the catchment. The property also includes one farm within the neighbouring Bonfield Ghyll valley. Bransdale is one of the most remote parts of the North York Moors National Park. And is accessed on single track roads from either Helmsley or Kirkbymoorside. Once in the valley of Bransdale the road does a circular loop connecting all the properties. There is a turning at the head of the valley which takes you to the church.

All dogs are welcome, including Assistance Dogs. Livestock do graze in some areas so please be alert to this and keep dogs on leads in these areas.

NB - Mobile phone reception is poor across the site. In an emergency, please make contact on the phone number above as soon as you are able.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

If arriving from Helmsley, there are two gates to negotiate. Parking is limited with a small parking area for one car next to the church.



Parking next to Church

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There is parking available alongside the road through the parkland area but the road is narrow and Bransdale is a busy farming community with big machines. Parking on the grass verges is not recommended in wet weather as they soon get wet and slippery. Towards the southern end of the valley lies the Old school house now a community hall. There is occasional parking if the hall is not in use.

If coming from Kirkbymoorside, there is a layby, about 1 mile before dropping down into Bransdale itself. This can cater for 10 cars.



Layby on the Kirkbymoorside road.

There are no facilities in the valley, though the church occasionally offers teas. For all amenities either Helmsley or Kirkbymoorside is the best option, with the village of Gillamoor just off the Kirkby road offering a pub.

There is a Mill in the valley bottom which doubles up as a bunk barn. Bookings can be made by ringing 01723 870423. The route down is steep but accessible by vehicle. Three steps lead down into the Mill itself. Dormitory style bedrooms are upstairs and the toilets and showers are across the yard.



Access to Bransdale Mill

Trails

There are a number of footpaths and bridleways that criss cross the property. These run through farmer's fields, along the beck in the valley bottom and join up routes which lead out and over the moors. Because of their location these paths are not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs, having rough and sometimes grassed surfaces.

The roads are quiet and offer a pleasant walk to all abilities particularly around the parkland area. Care needs to be taken if walking further on the roads as they are narrow with lots of blind spots for drivers.



Parkland

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website.

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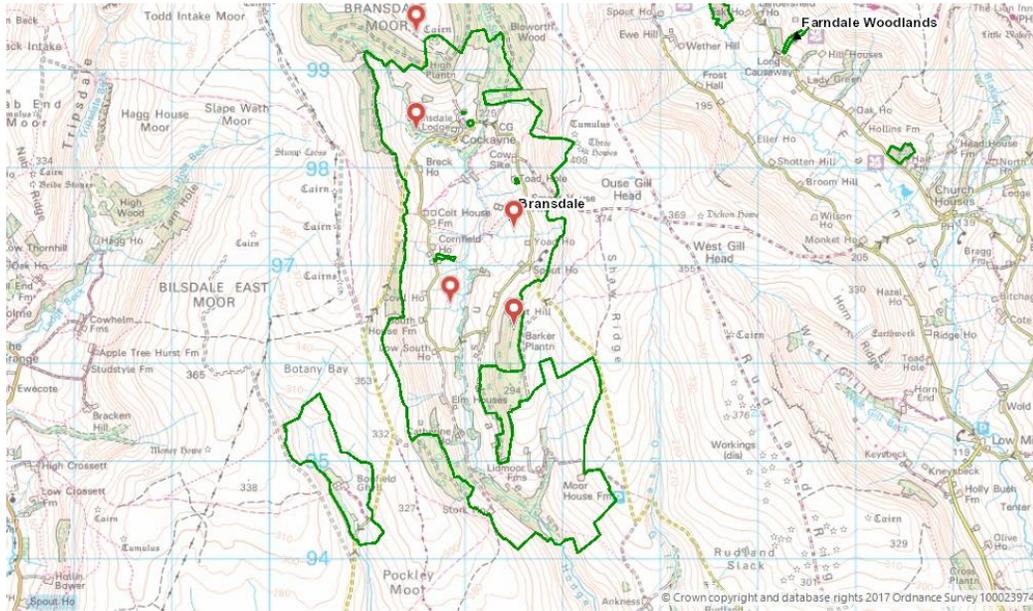
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Introduction

Farndale woods are made up of three separate woodlands that lie in the upper reaches of Farndale valley. They are mixed woodlands, rich in wildlife but limited in access. Travelling north from the hamlet of Church Houses the first woodland, on the right of the single track road is Hall Woods. Travelling further north, also on the right side but set back from the road, across a field is Sike Hill Woods. The road ends at a farm but a few hundred metres before the farm is a woodland on the left side of the road. This is Sonley Wood, the biggest of the three.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

There is no parking, other than along the roadside which in itself is not safe as the road is very narrow and farm machinery is a regular occurrence. It is possible to walk in from Church Houses where there is a pub along the road but it is 3 miles to Sonley woods.



Church Houses

Trails

There is limited access in the shape of paths in the woods themselves but they are open access so can be entered by the more adventurous. Sonley wood has a stile over the wall

which takes you to a plaque. The woods drop down steeply to the River dove shortly after, but there is no obvious route.



Sonley wood

Bluebells in

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