



Malham Tarn

Route type: For some. This 2.5km linear route follows the track round the National Trust-owned Malham Tarn National Nature Reserve – OS Explorer Map OL2

Distance: 2.5km (each way)

Start point: SD894658

Turning point: SD885675

Facilities: The nearest public toilets, including RADAR facility toilets, are in the Malham National Park car park. There is a free National Trust car park at the start of the route at Water Sinks.

Getting there: Car: From Skipton take the A65 towards Kendal. At Gargrave, turn right, following the signs to Malham. Go past the National Park Centre on the left and then turn right at the village green and over the bridge. Bear left after 275m onto Malham Raikes. The car park is on the right hand side after approximately 4km.

The Route

This 2.5km footpath starts at the National Trust car park. The first 500m of the route are rough grass up to a gradient of 1:10. From here, the route joins a well-surfaced track with a general width of at least 300cm. There is a wheelchair accessible boardwalk loop providing access to the nature reserve at the Water Houses end.

The tarn is said to be the highest marl lake in Britain and is rich in submerged aquatic plants. Whilst walking round the lake, look out and listen for great crested grebe, moorhen, coot, tufted duck and teal.