

Leyburn to Bolton Castle 6.5 miles.

Via Preston Under Scar and Redmire.

Facing the Shawl Information Board on the side of the bus shelter in Leyburn Market Place walk forward and cross the zebra crossing to the HSBC Bank turning left and then right passing Campbell's grocery shop and onto Shawl Terrace. At the top turn left through the gate and immediate right onto Leyburn Shawl.

Walk along the Shawl with the limestone edge to your left for about a mile and a half. (Ignore the downhill path marked with a yellow arrow half way along). Go over the stile at the end of the Shawl, through the swing gate on your left and out of the woods walking downhill over the meadows, bearing diagonally right over a field. Ignore the five-bar gate on the left after the final gate and, keeping the stone wall on your left, walk forward to Gillfield Wood.

Turn left through the swing gate onto the lane then immediately right into the wood following the yellow marker signs and winding through the woods, crossing the stream several times as you go.

At the end of the wood pass through a gap stile in a wall and cross a large meadow with farm buildings ahead keeping to the left side of the meadow. Go through a gate and turn right onto a lane, leading into Preston under Scar. Walk through the village and at the end, just before 3 bungalows on your right, turn left through a gate with a yellow marker by it and go downhill and over a ladder stile.

Keep to the left side of the next field, cross over a wooden stile and onto the Wensley / Redmire road. Turn right and walk carefully along the side of the road until reaching a gate with a footpath sign on the left. Go through the gate and follow the cart track downhill with a wall to your right. Shortly after the wall turns sharp right, fork left and continue downhill crossing the line of the Wensleydale Railway.

Walk diagonally right, over several fields via gates in the walls before passing an old stone barn on your right. When you are below Wood End Farm go through a gate on your right with a yellow marker on it and carry straight on with the wall to your left. Head through the second gate on your left and then diagonally left and uphill over a wooden stile on to Wood End Lane.

Turn right, and follow the lane to Redmire passing St Mary's Church. On reaching the end of the lane turn right and walk up the village to the Bolton Arms. Walk up the hill and under the railway bridge. Turn left and follow a track over a bridge that crosses Apedale beck.

Go over a stile and onto a green meadow with the railway embankment to your left. Forward crossing two streams, then uphill diagonally right passing a barn with a tree growing out of the middle!

Bolton Castle will now be in view. At the top of the hill where two walls meet, go through a gap stile and carry on with a wall on your left and uphill and diagonally left to a gate in a wall by an old barn. Continue on through another gap stile and then right uphill to Castle Bolton village.