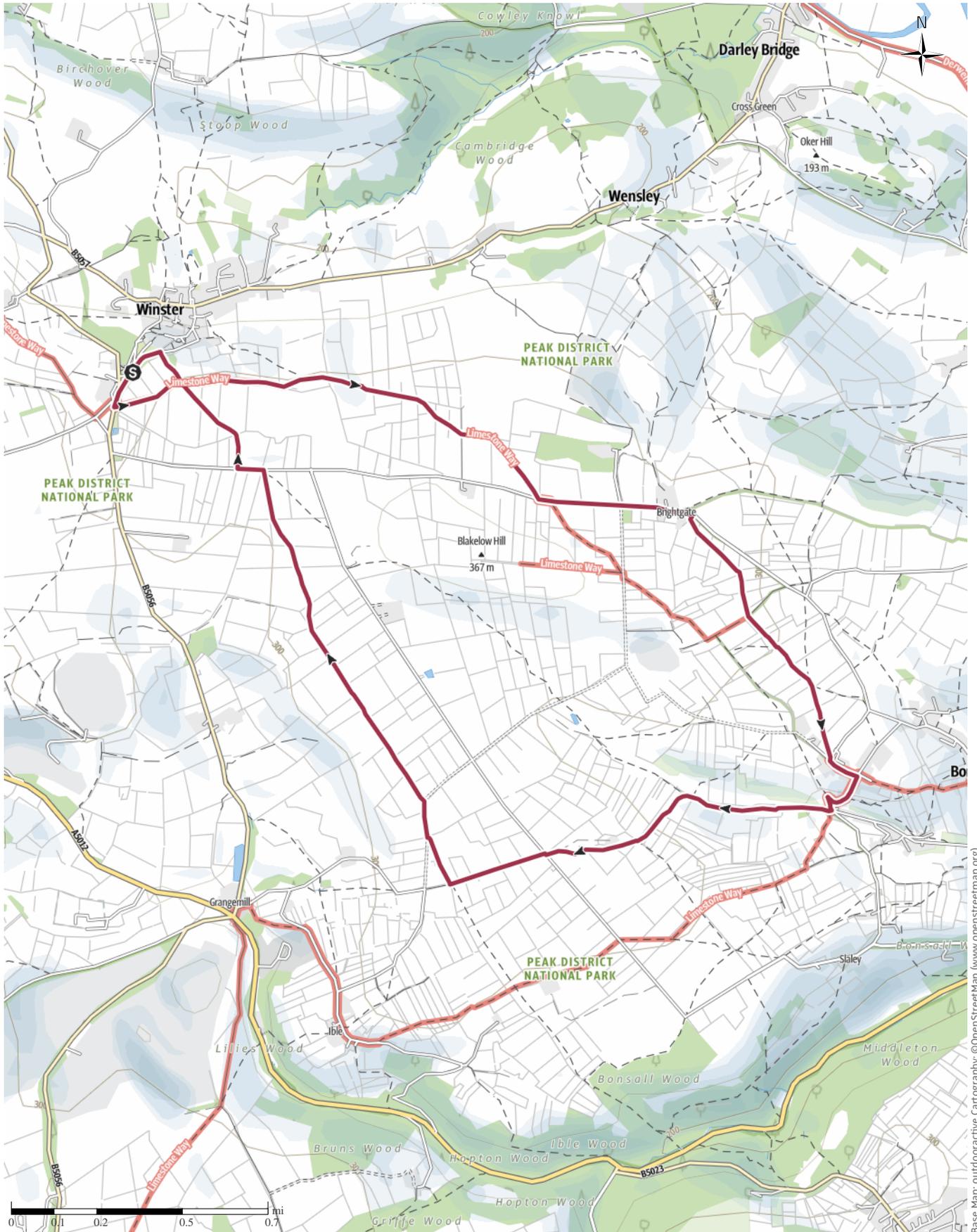


D233: Winster - Brightgate - Upper Town (Bonsall) - Horse Dale

↔ 6.4mi | ⌚ 2:45h | ▲ 528ft | ▼ 528ft | Difficulty -



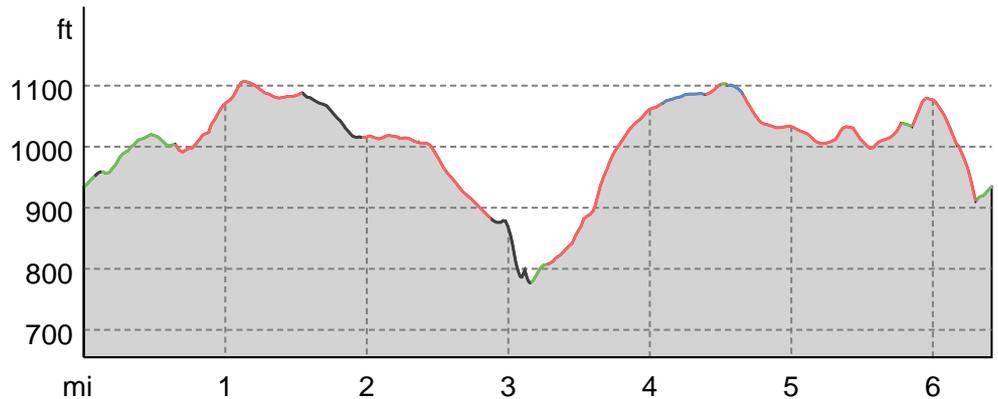
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D233: Winster Brightgate Upper Town (Bonsall) ...

Road surface

Dirt road	0.4mi
Way	1mi
Path	4.3mi
Street	0.7mi

Elevation profile



route data

Hiking route

Distance	↔	6.4 mi
Duration	🕒	2:45 h
Ascent	▲	528 ft
Descent	▼	528 ft

Difficulty -

Stamina ●●●●●●

Technique ●●●●●●

Altitude

Best time of year

JAN | FEB | MAR
 APR | MAY | JUN
 JUL | AUG | SEP
 OCT | NOV | DEC

Ratings

Authors ●●●●●

Experience ●●●●●

Landscape ●●●●●

Community

More route data



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 Updated: January 03, 2021

Uses part of the Limestone Way. Probably a good route for all seasons as mostly grassy fields and firm tracks / quiet roads. Alternative route suggested for boggy section in winter

Uses part of the Limestone Way to link the interesting villages of Winster and Bonsall (Uppertown), both of which were linked with lead mining. The return leg includes the less visited Horse Dale. Two routes suggested depending upon ground conditions.

Author's recommendation

Good walk for winter. It is possible to continue route back all the way up Horse Dale (crossing Limestone Way again) in summer but top part

gets muddy in winter, hence diversion via Green Lane. Little climbing involved.

Additional information

Tips, hints and links

For those who do not know Winster,

it is worth a detour down into the village. There is a community shop and another pub and Winster Market House (National Trust) has a display about the history of lead mining in the area.

Turn-by-turn directions

Starting point / trailhead

Winster top car park near Miners Standard pub, DE4 2DR (SK 238602; w3w: ///instead.carver.dries)

Coordinates:

DD: 53.138797, -1.644678
 DMS: 53°08'19.7"N 1°38'40.8"W

D233: Winster Brightgate Upper Town (Bonsall) ...

UTM: 30U 590661 5888568

w3w: ///intent.jolt.airfields

Point of arrival

Circular route

Turn-by-turn directions

Turn left out of the car park and walk up the road until you see the Limestone Way sign on your left. Follow this track eastwards past Luntor Rocks, with good views over Winster village. After about 2 km, the track reaches a road. Here leave the Limestone Way and go along the road to reach the hamlet of Brightgate. Where the road bends, take a footpath on the right going through an attractive garden area and into fields. The marked path across fields is initially parallel to the road (SE) then diverges south to cross Moorlands Lane. Continue across fields SE wards for another 0.5 km until the path splits. Take the right fork going SSE to reach Upper Town at the junction of Abel Lane and Moor Lane. Hollies Farm Plant Nursery is on your right. Go SE down Moor Lane and turn right at the end downhill. Go round a hairpin bend, ignoring the path on the right. At the junction at the bottom, turn right up Horsedale (due west). After Horsedale Farm the road becomes a path up the left hand side of the valley. At 265583 a path joins from the NE. Here you have to choose your route depending upon ground conditions. The path onwards up Horse Dale becomes soft and muddy in winter but is an attractive walk in summer.

(A) If conditions allow, continue ENE up Horse Dale to cross Blakemere Lane at 259586. Carry on in a NW direction, passing the site of the intriguingly named Beans and Bacon mine before turning west to meet Bonsallmoor Lane. Walk up the lane for about 300 m before taking a path on the left heading NW. This path meets Bonsall Lane.

(B) In winter conditions follow the crossing track as it turns SW and follow it for about 400 m. It then turns west and after about 500 m meets Bonsallmoor Lane. You should see another track opposite (Green Lane) heading WSW.. Take that for about 500 m until you see a footpath going NNW on your right. (If you meet another junction you have gone too far but can take the track right (due N) instead). The path continues across fields for about 2 km, hugging field boundaries for much of the way. In numerous places, hints of its lead mining past can still be seen. The path meets Bonsall Lane at the same point as (A)

Turn left and cross the road. After 200 m there is a path heading north uphill to the ridge. It then turns NW and heads downhill to meet the Limestone Way again. Cross the track and continue NW to reach the top road

at Winster. Turn left and follow the road back to the car park.

Protected areas

National park Peak District

The following rules may apply in protected areas:

Please note the local information on nature conservation.

Takeaway route for iPhone and Android



Scan QR code, save this route offline, share with friends and more...

Website

<https://out.ac/xim9H>

Legend

Topography

	Wood, forest
	Moor, swamp, marsh
	Moorland
	Residential building area with single building
	Industrial real estate with single building
	Cemetery
	Golf course
	Sportsfield, stadium
	Stadium
	Open air pool
	Vineyard
	Petrograph
	Country border
	State border
	District border
	Contour line
	Special use area
	Nature reserve

Topographic single signs

	Summit cross
	Elevation spot
	Rock
	Cave
	Church
	Chapel
	Cemetery
	Palace/Castle
	Abbey
	Monument
	Ruin
	Mine
	Cairn
	Broadcasting tower
	Windwheel
	Water-/windmill
	Viewpoint

Streets and ways

	Freeway with number
	Highway with number
	State-, country-, districtstreet
	Village road
	Main agricultural road
	Agricultural road
	Trail
	Via Ferrata

Lifts, Railway

	Ropeway lift
	Gondola lift
	Chairlift
	Ski-, draglift
	Aerial ropeways
	Railway
	Suburban train
	Subway
	Tram
	Railway station