

Howgill Side Wood - Beamsley

Tree planting is one of the most important things we can do for people, landscape and wildlife.

At Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) we're working with our partners, communities and supporters to create a landscape with more native woodlands, where wildlife can thrive.

We create woodlands of all shapes and sizes, as well as hedgerows and individual landscape trees that connect habitats and help reduce biodiversity loss. These

new habitats also bring wider benefits for the landscape and environment, helping to absorb carbon, provide natural flood management, control erosion, and even improve water quality.

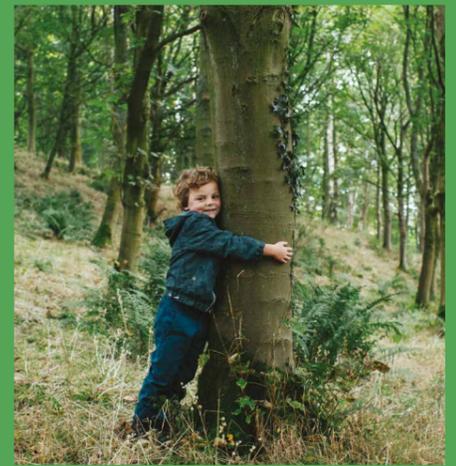
Communities are at the very heart of our woodlands, and our aim is to engage as many people as possible in creating and caring for them. Working with young people and disadvantaged groups is a key part of that, helping to develop skills, improve well-being and inspire green action.

Do one simple thing for nature – plant a tree

There is one simple thing you can do for nature right now here in the Yorkshire Dales.

A donation of £15 will help us to plant and look after one tree – helping to increase woodland cover, connect wildlife habitats and empower people to stand up for nature. You can even dedicate a tree to someone special in one of our supporter woodlands (like James Herriot Wood).

Help us plant a tree today
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Howgill Side Wood Route Description



Start and finish: Lanshaw Bank, Beamsley

Distance: Approx. 3.1 miles | 5 km

Time: 1.5–2 hrs

Accessibility: Some rough terrain, stiles, uphill climbs and descents

Facilities: Toilets, pubs and cafes available at Bolton Abbey nearby

Map: Use this leaflet in conjunction with the OS Explorer 297 Lower Wharfedale & Washburn Valley map

- 1 Park safely in the layby on **Lanshaw Bank** (what3words ///proves.dustbin.massing).
- 2 Walk down the road and take the second footpath to the right signposted **FP to A59** across open grassland towards **Ling Chapel Farm**.

There are nice views across to **Simon's Seat** on the horizon.
- 3 Turn right when you meet the track, taking the right fork uphill towards a cattle grid and passing the farm buildings on your left. You can see **Beamsley Beacon** and **Old Pike** to the right.
- 4 Go over the cattle grid and ignore the track to the left. Follow the good track towards the **cottage**.

- 5 Immediately after the cottage, take the footpath to the left through the **wooden gate** and downhill. Continue through a **second wooden gate** and follow the footpath into the **trees** (the footpath is not obvious), in the direction the signpost points.
- 6 After crossing a **small beck** head downhill on a poor footpath towards a gap in the trees. Continue through the **gap in the stone wall** following the directions on the footpath signs down to a **small lake**.
- 7 Turn right before the **bridge** over the river and go over a stile, keeping the lake on your right. Still keeping the lake on your right, start heading uphill. Once past the lake, head left through some **silver birch trees** to a wire fence. Cross the stile (**this is tricky to find, don't cross the small beck!**).



- 8 Follow the footpath (**poor here**) which skirts the top of the bank and continue past a **walled pond** on your right. After the pond, continue through the trees and turn right uphill once you have passed the **marsh** on your right.

Head uphill (it is hard to find the path), passing to the right of **Howgill Farm** and emerging onto a track.

- 9 Turn left and follow the track past the farm. Take the obvious footpath signed left and follow the wall. **Note Howgill Side Wood on your right, a YDMT supporter wood.**

- 10 At the **stone gateposts** carefully head uphill (take care, there is a hidden beck). Emerge from the trees and go up through the reeds (keeping the trees on your right) towards the **stone wall** (there is not much of a footpath).

- 11 Once you meet the track, turn left. After the **gate through a wall**, turn right on a **grassy track** uphill and continue through the gap in the stone wall into the **v-shaped wood plantation**.

This mature woodland was planted in a v-shape to commemorate VE Day.

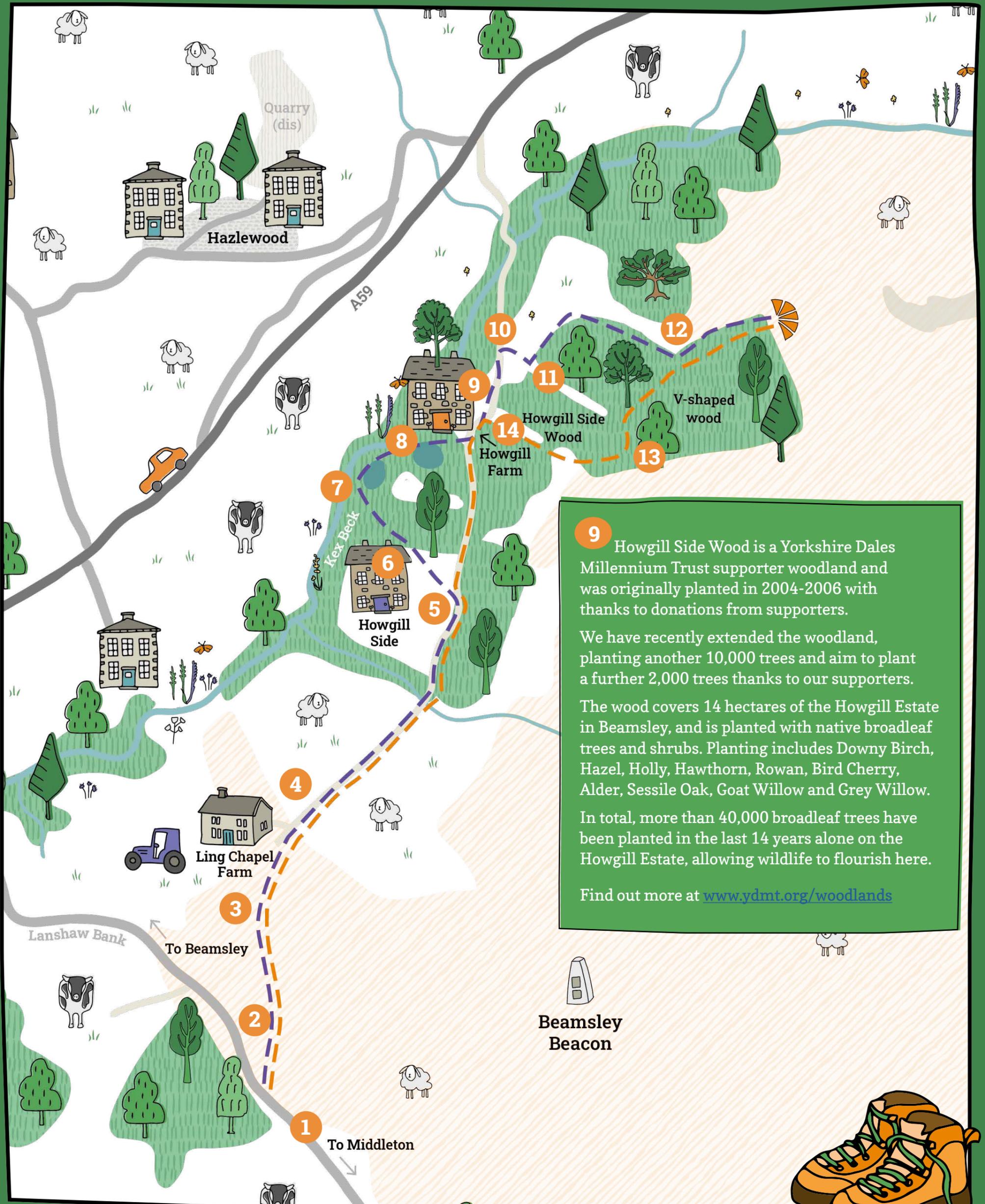
- 12 **Optional for view!** Turn left and follow the footpath alongside the stone wall. At the **wire fence**, go through the gap in the stone wall onto the **moor**. Keeping the wall on your right, head steeply uphill until you reach a second stone wall where you can **admire the view** before re-tracing your steps back to (12). When you return turn right and follow the footpath inside the plantation, keeping the wall to your right.

- 13 As the wall turns right downhill, cross the **stile** over a wire fence and follow the track to the left. You immediately reach a **cross-roads of tracks**, go straight on. Stay on the obvious track (ignoring a track to your right) which will slowly curve downhill through the woods. Over the wall here you can see the **natural regeneration** that is happening up at Howgill Side.

- 14 When you meet the good track, turn left and follow it back to **Lanshaw Bank**. Turn left steeply uphill back to the layby.



Howgill Side Wood



9 Howgill Side Wood is a Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust supporter woodland and was originally planted in 2004-2006 with thanks to donations from supporters. We have recently extended the woodland, planting another 10,000 trees and aim to plant a further 2,000 trees thanks to our supporters. The wood covers 14 hectares of the Howgill Estate in Beamsley, and is planted with native broadleaf trees and shrubs. Planting includes Downy Birch, Hazel, Holly, Hawthorn, Rowan, Bird Cherry, Alder, Sessile Oak, Goat Willow and Grey Willow. In total, more than 40,000 broadleaf trees have been planted in the last 14 years alone on the Howgill Estate, allowing wildlife to flourish here. Find out more at www.ydmt.org/woodlands

