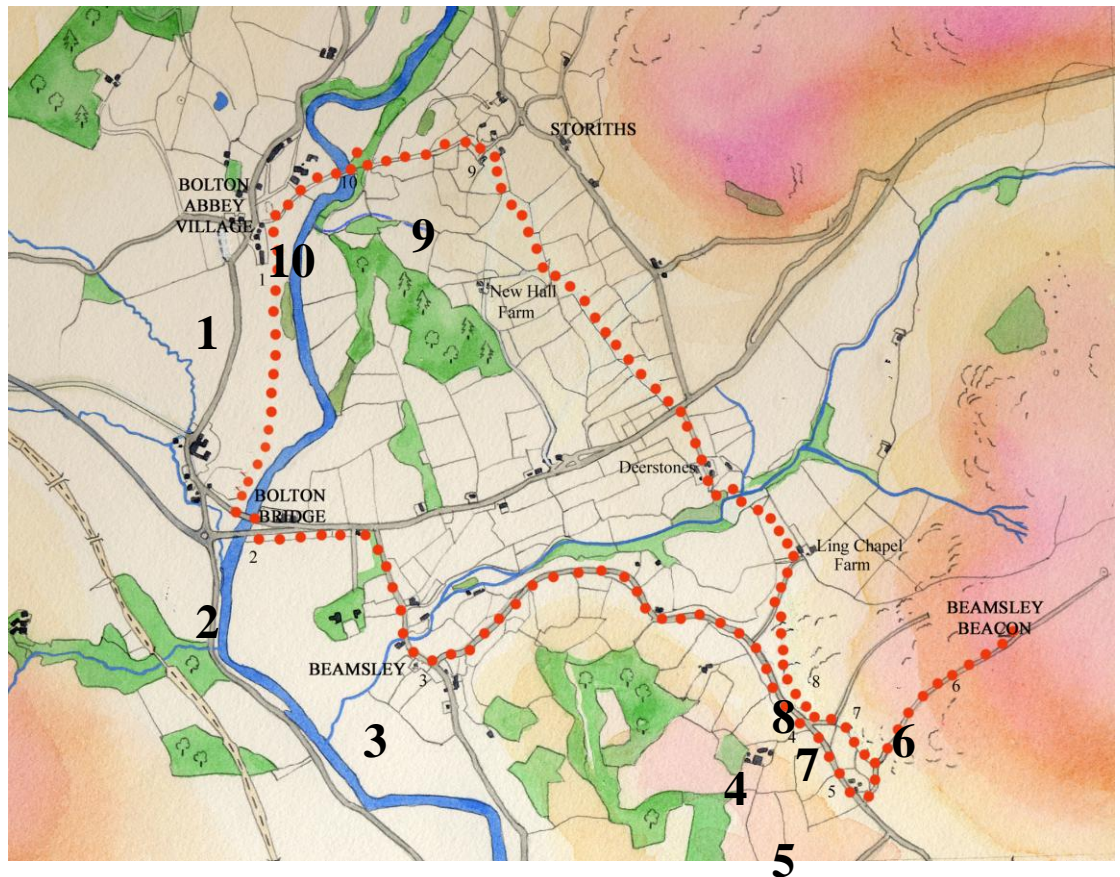




Bolton Abbey to Beamsley Beacon

Start	Village car park
Distance	9km / 5.5 miles
Time	3 hours
Terrain	Moderate
Pushchairs	No
Dogs	On leads

1. From the village green go through the Hole in the Wall. *The large hollows on either side of the path through the meadow are the remains of the medieval fishponds*



2. Bear right to the river and continue along the river edge, or walk diagonally across the Dales Way until you reach old Bolton Bridge. *On your right is the Devonshire Arms Country House Hotel and the Bolton Abbey cricket field. Bolton Bridge, a very ancient structure, was formerly in the care of the canons of the Priory. It is possible that at some period the crossing was made by ferry and that the cottage on the right bank was a ferryhouse. The new bridge was built in 1993.*

3. Cross over the bridge and follow the bridleway on the right under the main road to Beamsley Lane.

4. In Beamsley village take the road to the left signposted Langbar and follow it up the steep hill.

5. Near the top of the hill you will see a sign to Beamsley Beacon. Follow the wall line until you meet the main track, or ...

6. Further up the road turn left, between two houses, onto a track which is signposted to the Beacon.

7. Follow the clearly defined track to the Trig point at the summit (393m). *The hill was once the site of one of a chain of beacons which could be lit to bring news of danger in a national emergency. In the 1930s the hill was used for some of the earliest pioneering glider flights in the country.*

8. Either retrace your outward route back to Bolton Abbey village, or ...

9. Go back down the road for 400m and take the path right to Ling Chapel Farm. Follow the path down towards Deerstones, crossing Kex Beck by a footbridge. Climb the bank and follow the lane to the A59. Cross the road. Please note that the A59 can be very busy at times. Take the footpath to Storiths and return to Bolton Abbey.

10. Continue ahead and follow the lane through Banks Farm descending the steep lane to the river.

11. Cross the footbridge by the Stepping Stones and follow the path past the Priory to the Hole in the Wall and the village.