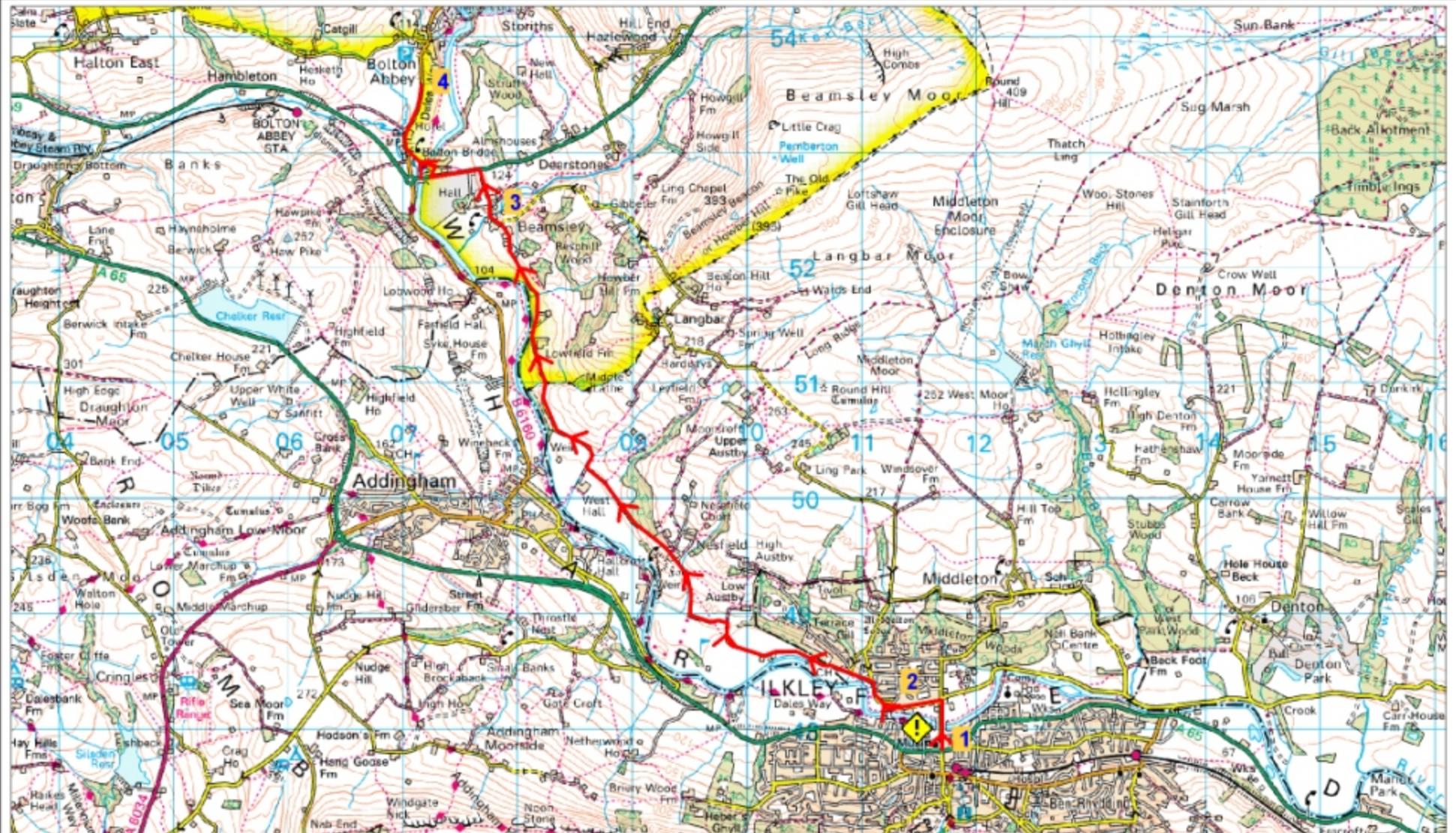


Ilkley - Bolton Abbey

Start: Ilkley or Bolton Abbey

Distance: One way is 5 miles (9km)

Scale 1:45000



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ILKLEY TO BOLTON ABBEY

Start and finish	Ilkley
Distance	5 miles (9km) one way
Refreshments	Ilkley and Bolton Abbey
Toilets	Ilkley and Bolton Abbey
Nearest train station	Ilkley

The back road from Ilkley to Bolton Abbey is one of the most popular routes for cyclists in this area. this description just takes you through to Bolton Abbey but there are many continuations from there going further up Wharfedale or over to Embsay and Skipton.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

1. From Ilkley town centre make your way carefully to the road which takes you down to the river and swimming pool. Cross over the river and then turn left at the cross roads.
2. You follow this road past the old packhorse bridge until you reach a turn on the left, which you take. You will know if you have gone too far as you will quickly reach a very steep hill. The road to Bolton Abbey now continues past the golf course, and carries on through lovely countryside with good views of the river and Ilkley Moor.
3. When you reach the A59 turn left and follow the cycleway alongside the main road. This takes you down to an underpass under the road, and up to a minor road on the other side. Turn left and then right on to the road to Bolton Abbey. This is a busier road.
4. A short distance up this road and you will reach a café and the Devonshire Inn. A bit further on you come to the turn off to Hesketh Farm Park and the route to Skipton. Continuing on you pass under an arch and in a short distance can turn right by a fountain to take you down to the Cavendish Pavillions by the river.
5. To return to Ilkley simply retrace the route and enjoy a different set of views on the way back.