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Rosedale Mineral Railway

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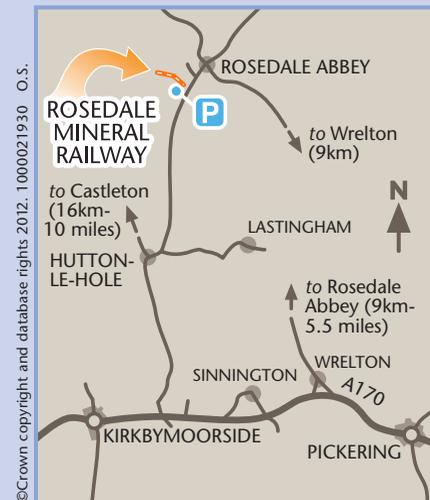
For 70 years, the peace and tranquility of Rosedale was shattered by a booming ironstone industry. It's hard to believe today but in the 19th century the area was part of industrial Yorkshire, with mines, kilns and even a moorland railway! In fact when the mines opened the population of the dale shot up from 558 people to 2,839 in a mere 20 years!

RELICS OF THE PAST

On this route you'll pass lots of evidence of the old industry. Perhaps the most striking relics are the roasting kilns close to the car park. Huge quantities of ore were tipped into the kilns from the railway line above them. The ore was mixed with coal and set alight. The process was known as calcination and the idea was to purify the iron, and reduce its weight, before it was carried by railway over the moors, initially to County Durham and later to Middlesbrough.

You'll also pass a row of terraced cottages that was built to house workers on the railway line that you are about to travel along!

LOCATION MAP



HOW TO GET THERE

From the A170 follow signs for Hutton-le-Hole (and Ryedale Folk Museum). At Hutton-le-Hole turn right, signed Lastingham. Just after the cattle grid turn left, signed Rosedale Bank Top. After about 5km (3 miles) you'll reach Bank Top. Park in the car park just down from the top of the bank on the left hand side of the road.

NEAREST FACILITIES

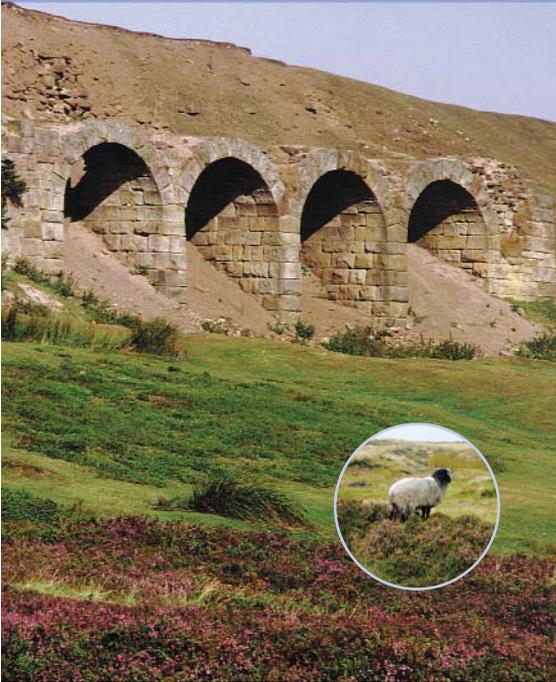
The nearest RADAR accessible toilets are in Rosedale Abbey and the car park in Hutton-le-Hole (5km/3 miles).

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- Parking
- Gate
- Seating
- Accessible route
- Viewpoint

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Choose a clear day and the panoramic views of Rosedale will reward your efforts on this glorious route. As an introduction to the wide sweep of heather moorland you'll be hard pressed to find a better spot than the moors above Rosedale.

Linear route of 1.8km, 1 mile (there and back)

PATH DETAILS

The path has a hard, compacted surface and is fairly level throughout.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

The route starts from the small, lower car park, by the side of the road, almost at the top of Chimney Bank. From the car park the path ascends (very gradually) past some disused ironstone kilns to gain a disused railway line. It then follows the old line to a fantastic viewpoint and seat. It is also possible to continue following the old railway line beyond the seat.

SET IN STONE

The wonderful seat at the end of this magnificent route was inspired by the ironstone mining heritage of the Rosedale area. Famous local sculptor, Vivien Mousdell, worked with the primary school in Rosedale Abbey and the local community to come up with the words and images for this unique seat which was funded by the Millenium Festival Fund.