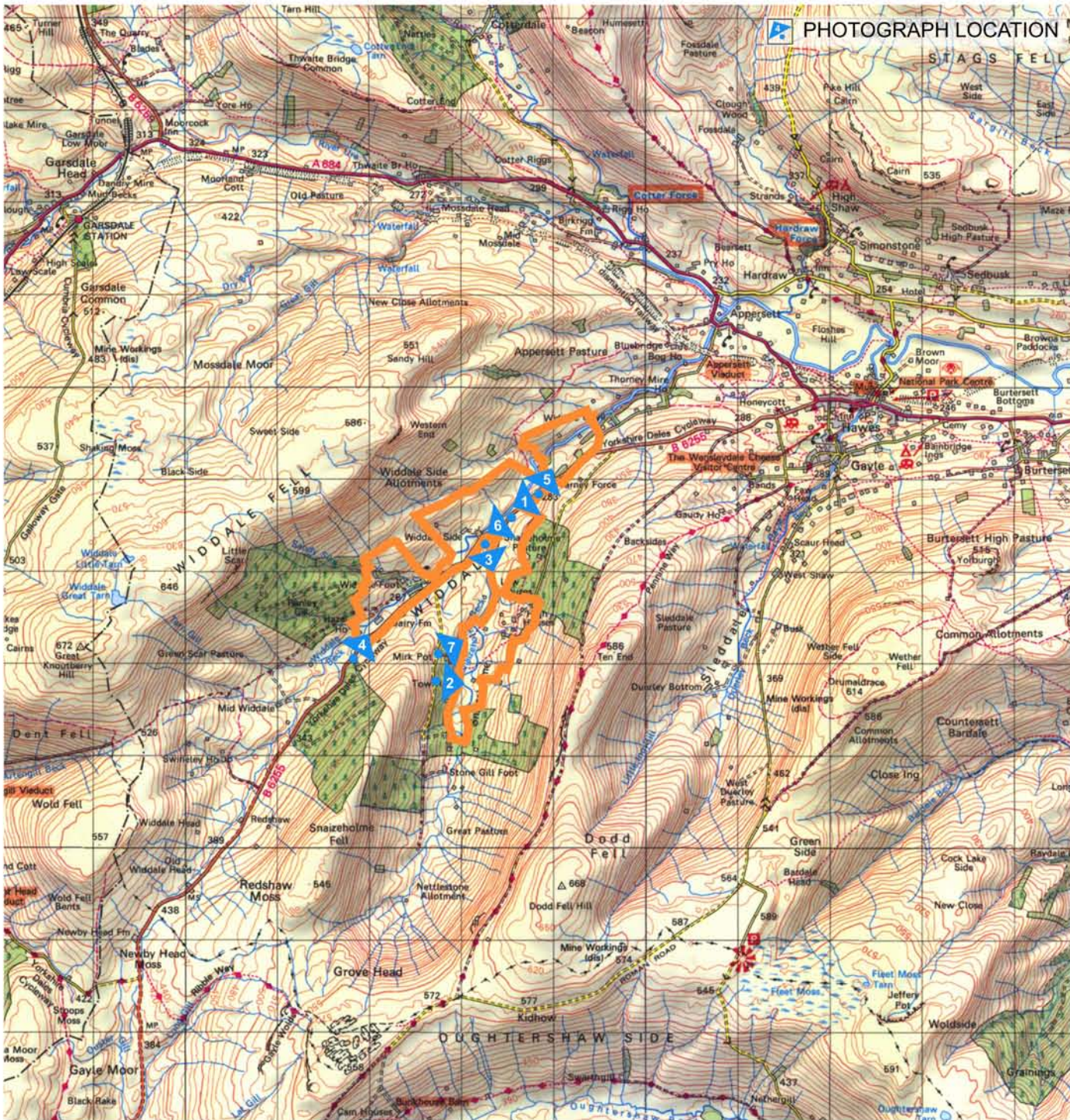
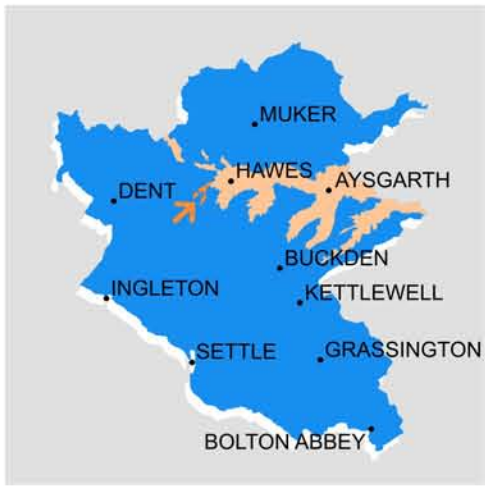


YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK



KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Small, shallow-sloped u-shaped tributary valley of Mid Wensleydale with undulating valley floor, joined by significant tributary valley drained by Snaizeholme Beck, overlying rocks of the Yoredale series.
- Quiet, small and elevated dale with little sense of enclosure, strongly influenced by adjacent areas of moorland.
- Becks often hidden within the steeply incised or undulating valley floor, marked by occasional trees lining the riverbanks. Many gills, well defined to the east by their associated trees and woodland.
- Large coniferous plantations contain the head of the Widdale and its tributary valley have a negative, dominating presence.
- Trees line the riverbanks and a few planted blocks of mixed woodland occur within the dale.
- The dale is quiet and little trafficked. Settlement limited to scattered traditional farmsteads; little evidence of tourist pressures.
- Undulating topography dilutes the visual impact of drystone walls and field patterns. Field sizes are medium to large and irregular enclosing mainly improved pasture, hay meadows being almost completely absent from the dale.

