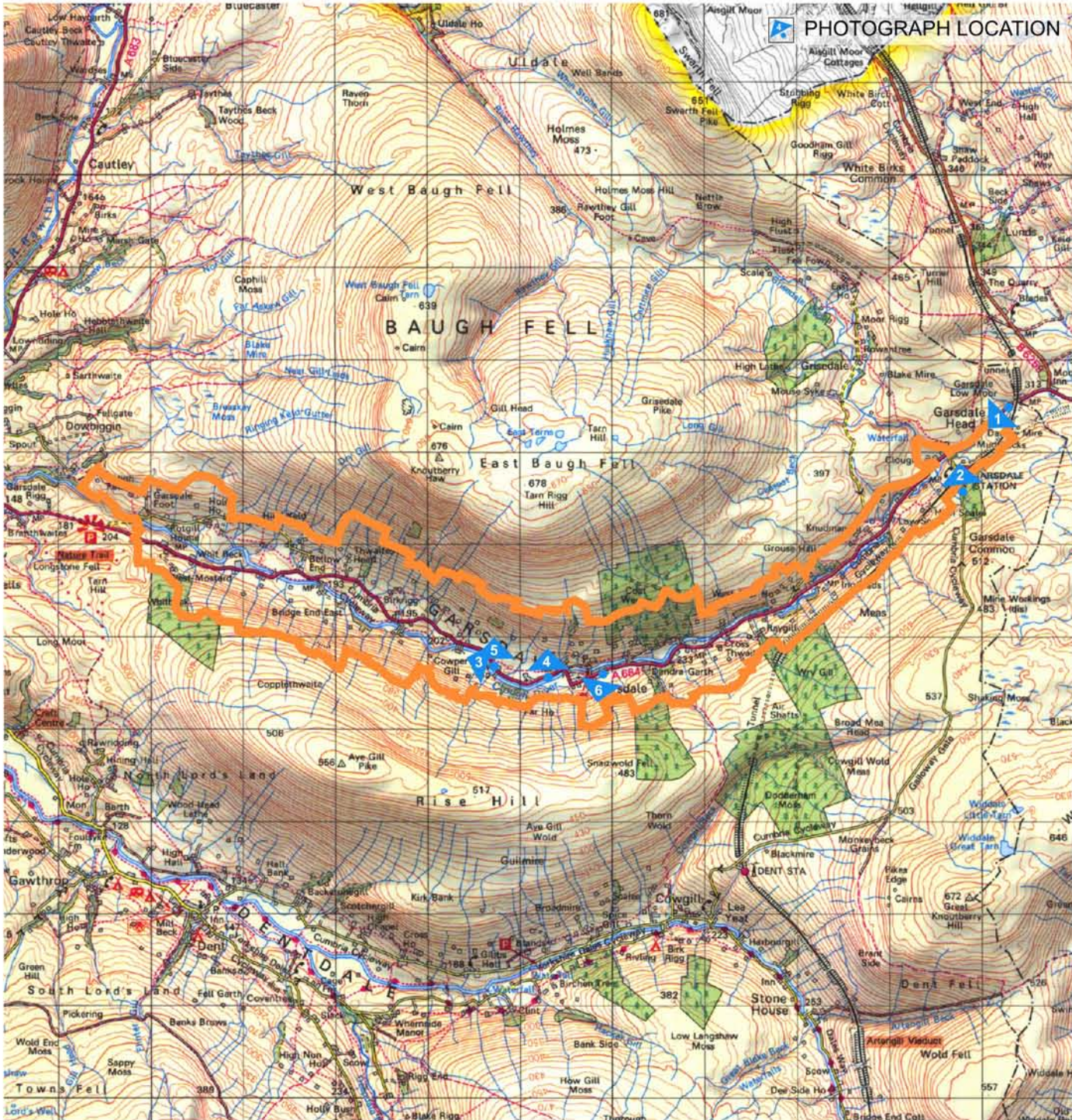


YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK



KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Long, curved, narrow u-shaped glacial valley overlying Great Scar limestone, orientated from east to west. Valley sides formed by rocks of the Yoredale series.
- Relatively, broad and flat valley floor with steeply sloping valley sides. Open and exposed dale head and lower reaches with more enclosed central area.
- Meandering, visually insignificant river hidden by extensive tree cover and vegetation with shallow, stony channel. Outcropping rock and associated trees located adjacent to river at Garsdale.
- Frequent tributary gills on both sides of the valley give an indented, folded appearance to side slopes. Scattered trees and areas of scrub mark gills and waterfalls are numerous.
- Vegetation generally quite scattered and scrubby except on valley floor where a more significant, wider woodland belt is associated with the river.
- Settlements comprise hamlets and many farmsteads, some dilapidated, and mainly located on the valley floor adjacent to the river.
- Field sizes irregular and generally elongated up the valley sides, wall pattern evident and walls generally in good condition.
- Overall character of dale compromised by strong suburban elements; railway and associated terraced cottages and bridge, improved fast, wide road with white lining and concrete kerbs, dilapidated farmhouses and occasional concrete post fencing adjacent to road.



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