

Bentham



in

Wenningdale

Situated in the extreme north west corner of Yorkshire, and close to the Lancashire border, is the small market town of Bentham, whose history goes back far beyond the Domesday Survey of 1086. Dominated by the Western Pennines to the north and east, and the Bowland Forest to the south, Bentham stands at the head of Wenningdale, a valley leading to Lancaster, Morecambe and the sea, with such popular resorts as Arncliffe and Silverdale close by. Kendal the 'gateway' to the beautiful lakes, is but 22 miles to the north-west. Much nearer to Bentham are Ingleton and Clapham, renowned for caves, potholes and waterfalls.

Bentham is exceptionally fortunate in the diversity of its scenery. The river Wenning, a tributary of the Lune, meanders pleasantly from south of Clapham alongside both High and Low Bentham, and walks on either bank through rich meadow and pasture land, give a feeling of serenity and peace, so rare in these difficult days. In contrast, less than half-an-hour's climb brings one to the fell gate, and thus to 'Big Stone,' with its breath-taking panoramic view of moors and mountains, extending from Bowland to the far Lakeland hills. When the quiet evening falls, an unforgettable experience is the glorious vision of the sun setting over Morecambe Bay.

The town itself is a large shopping centre between Skipton and Lancaster. The local shops, thoroughly modernised, and catering for every need, still retain the old world charm and friendly atmosphere of the village store. Their popularity is well proved by the hustle and bustle, especially on Market Day, when crowds from far and wide throng the streets.

General Local Information

Accessibility

M6 Motorway - 11 miles to the west.

Travelling north - leave at Intersection 34. Proceed towards Kirkby Lonsdale. Turn right before Hornby - B6480.

Travelling south - leave at Intersection 36. Proceed towards Skipton on A65. Turn right before Bridge Hotel, Ingleton.

A65 from Skipton turn left on Clapham By-Pass.

Public Transport

Pay Train - Leeds, Skipton to Morecambe.

Service Bus - Skipton via Ingleton to Lancaster.

Banks

Barclay's Bank Ltd., Main Street.

Midland Bank Ltd., Main Street.

National Westminster Bank Ltd., Station Road.