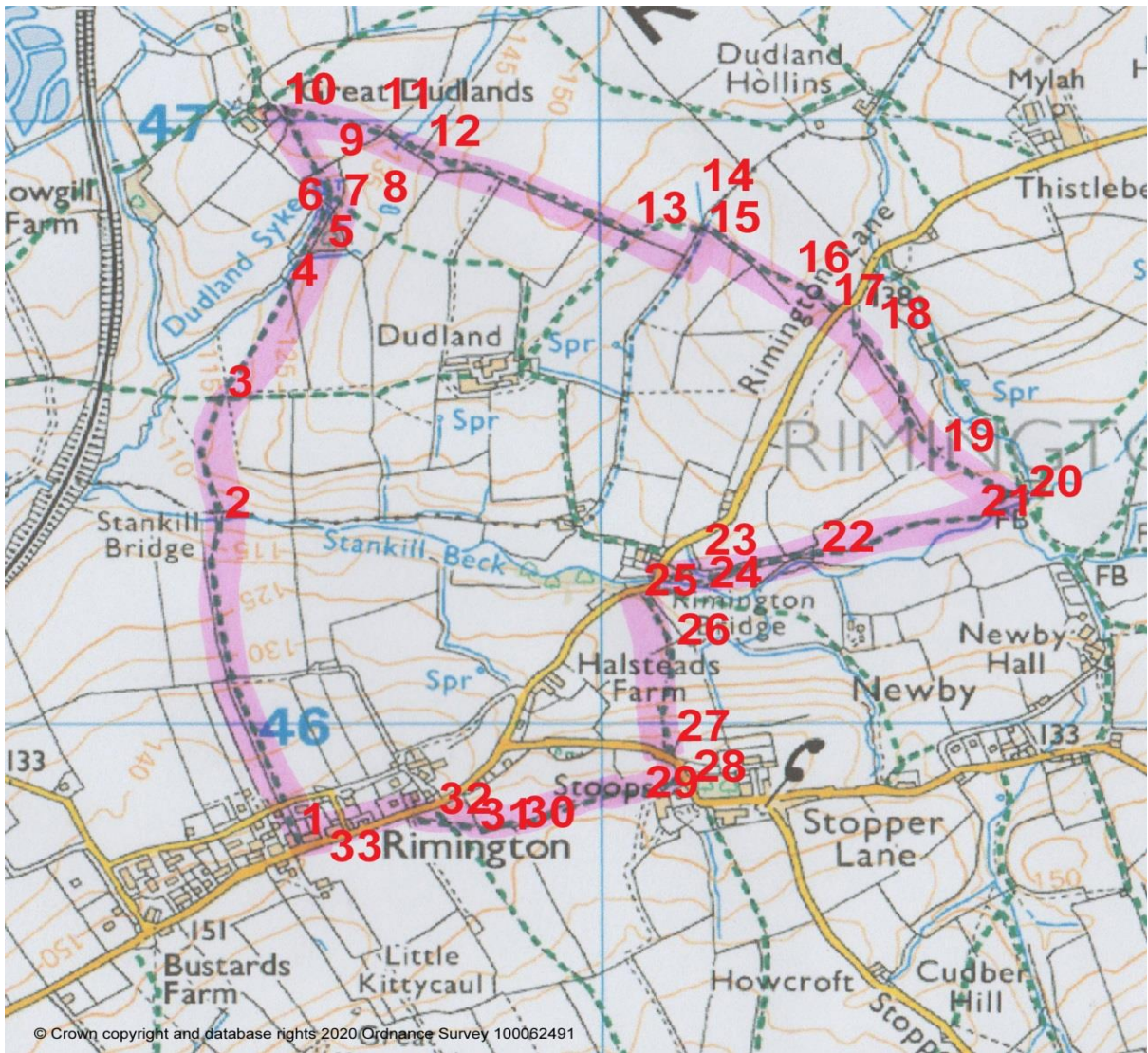


2 Stankill, Dudlands & Rimington Mill (DK walk 2) Approximately 2 1/2 miles



Start the walk at Rimington House 1, which used to be the Black Bull pub. The path is signposted on RHS. Go between the buildings to come out on Back Lane. Go through the stile immediately opposite and go down the field through a stile/gate (not shown) to bridge 2 and stile beyond at Stankill beck. Cross the bridge and go over the stile.

1 -Rimington House

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Go straight up slight slope past some trees and look for an old stile, a field gate and a wooden gate **3** in the fence on right. Here go through the kissing gate. Cross this field diagonally left to a metal field gate **4**.

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Pass through this gate and go immediately along the farm track on the right a short distance to cross a footbridge and stile **5** on your left hand side. Walk past plantation on the right and stream on the left to come to new farm track with fences, ahead. The stream **6**, down a slight bank to your left, must be crossed just before the fence to find stile **7**.

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Go over stile **7** and then immediately over the wooden "stile" **8** in the fence opposite. Once over the "stile" continue past a small pond and slightly to the left to gate **9**.

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Once through this gate **9** DK's instructions refer to permission to turn right here albeit that was 20 years ago. However the public footpath goes straight on to the stile **10** at the RHS side of Great Dudlands.

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On reaching the stile stay in the same field and with your back to the stile head straight across the field to gate **11** in the facing fence. Once through this cross a narrow field then go through a kissing gate **12** and up a slight slope alongside the hedge.

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As the field starts to slope downhill a large tree **13** is reached on the RHS. Leave a further tree **14** in the field on your left and continue round the field perimeter. Having reached the bottom corner, a short way along on the right hand side tucked away in the hedgerow is stile **15**.

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Go over this stile **15** and follow the hedge on your right hand side until the third gate **16** where a track is reached. Turn left and follow this track a short way to find a stile **17** on your right.

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Go over stile **17** and descend into Rimington Lane. Immediately opposite there is a further stile **18** and go over this into the field.

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Once in the field, bear slightly to the right aiming for the large tree stump and then go alongside a hedge, on your left to a field gate **19** in the corner of the field. At the gate, head slightly left to the bottom corner of the field to a stile **20**. Take time to look at the old clapper bridge over the wall. Now go to the right.

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The route now follows the stream on your left for a short distance where there is a weir **21**. This produced the head of water for Rimington Corn Mill. From the weir cut diagonally across the field towards an electricity pole, effectively following the no longer visible line of the goit (water channel to the mill) and to a field gate **22** where the goit does start to be visible.

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Go through the gate and follow the track and goit and look at what remains of the mill pond **23** before passing through 2 gates **24** to come out on Rimington Lane.

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It is possible to go on the road and turn left to the start, however it is far more pleasant to go over the stile **25** on your left just few metres the other side of the bridge. From this stile go slightly to the right up a slight slope over stile **26** (with building blocks)

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26



Continue up the next field to the kissing gate **27** nearly in the corner of the field. Go through this on to Stoops Lane. Turn left here and after a few metres there is a gate **28** on the right, before Stoops Farm. Go through this gate.

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Once through this gate, before you there is a stile **29** to go over before entering a field with large trees and a good example of an old hedge and ditch boundary on your right. Go to the far end of this field where there is a gap **30** on the right where a stile used to be. Go through this gap and turn to the left.

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After a few metres there is another stile **31**. Go over this stile and then diagonally to stile **32** opposite The Old Manor House. Go over this stile to drop down into Rimington Lane

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Rimington House is just a very short walk to the left. The final picture shows the Black Bull **33** as it was just before its conversion to apartments.

