

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEKEND 2004 IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES FRIDAY 28TH MAY - MONDAY 31ST MAY



“On Ilkley Moor Bah T’at”

Heard of the song? Well, come and visit the place it comes from.

Area 32 (The Yorkshire Dales) are holding NFW (28th-31st May) in the lovely town that marks the starting point for the Yorkshire Dales Way long distance footpath.

The spa town of Ilkley was established in AD79 when the Romans built the fort of Olicana and is now highly regarded for its stylish architecture and colourful flower

beds. Tree-lined Edwardian streets offer a wide range of quality shops and award winning tea-rooms and restaurants. Ilkley, situated in the Wharfe valley is surrounded by glorious countryside. Prehistoric man lived on the moors and left behind stone circles and hundreds of rock carvings, including the famous Swastika Stone.

Nowadays walkers and nature lovers have unlimited access to the moors and are free to enjoy the spectacular views across Wharfedale.

There is a permanent orienteering course and opportunities for rock

climbing on the Cow and Calf Rocks. On the other side of the valley, the ancient Middleton Woods are well worth a visit particularly in May when the bluebells are spectacular. The woods form a beautiful backdrop to Ilkley’s extensive recreation area which includes one of Yorkshire’s few surviving Lidos.

Within easy reach of the site are many beautiful and scenic parts of the Yorkshire Dales. Take the organised trips to the pretty market town of Skipton with its historic castle and bustling market, go underground and explore Stump Cross Caverns or join in the river walk around Bolton Abbey and along to the Strid.

Jon Dobson and his team have arranged a super venue located in Ilkley, just out of the town centre

with pitches for tents and caravans. Or if you prefer you can stay in one of the many hotels and B&Bs in the area (special rates available on request).

Lots of good food, fun and a famous Northern welcome awaits you in the Yorkshire Dales.

The adult package for the full event is £100, kids £25 (*plus 3 for 2 offer and under 4’s free*), dogs welcome. This includes your pitch, on site facilities, entertainments and a pack with local places to visit.

A full programme of entertainments will be provided including: live music, dancing for adults and kids, a gala dinner, trips to local places of interest and much, much more.

So come along for a great weekend for all the family.



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