

Grace Priory, on the edge of the Cleveland Hills, flows by a singular course north-westward nearly to the Tees, and then returns south by North Allerton to join the Swale. It retains the Gaelic name for 'water' (uisg). North Allerton has been thought to be a Roman station. The names near it—Romanby, Thornborough, and Thornton—seem to indicate a 'street' between Thirsk and North Allerton.

Still flowing south-east, the Swale reaches Topcliffe, with its fine old church (where it touches the Lias formation), and receives a branch which rises on the Osmotherley Moors, near the sources of the Wisk and the Leven, and flows by Ellerbeck, Crosby, and Thirsk, under the name of Coldbeck or Codbeck. At Thirsk, the church (15th century) is large and fine; the old castle of the Mowbrays is traceable only by earthy mounds. There is a large tumulus near Thirkleby. Parallel to the course of this valley on the east is the grand range of the Hambleton Hills, on which an ancient (British?) road runs from Oldstead to Hambleton End. The region below these hills on the west is one of the pleasantest parts of Yorkshire, being in general fertile, well-sheltered and woody, with magnificent hills and mountains for the background of rich domestic pictures. The Carthusian Priory of Mount Grace (14th century) is sheltered by the woods of Arncliffe, and Mount St. John—a Preceptory of the Knights Hospitallers—on rising ground below the Edge of Hambleton. Above Thirsk, but under the perpendicular scars of Whitstoncliffe, Gormire Lake, formed by a great landslip in some early time, is a conspicuous and beautiful object. The road up Hambleton by the side of the lake passes among grand scenes, and displays an extensive and noble prospect to the west. From Topcliffe to Myton the Swale runs more nearly south, and here it joins the Ure.

Stations in Swaledale:—Muker, in the upper part, offers only the simple accommodation fitted for enthusiastic artists, sportsmen, or naturalists. Reeth has a better inn, and is well situated for ascending Calver and Healaugh Crag, and visiting Arken-