



LINEAR WALK TO WINDERMERE

DISTANCE: 4.0 Miles

TIME: 2 ½ - 3 Hours plus return via bus

REFRESHMENTS: Plenty in Windermere

Overview of Walk:

This walk has only just been made possible as the bridges over Troutbeck were washed away by storm Desmond in 2015 and have only just been rebuilt (2019). This walk is a very easy as a family **walk**, with wonderful views of Lake Windermere the Coniston fells and the Langdales. The walk starts at the Cottage and finishes in Windermere. You will need to get the bus back or walk back along the main road on the pavement

DANGER NOTE: There are some very brief sections of road walking on quiet minor roads and you have to briefly walk along the main Troutbeck road along the pavement. Dogs can be let off the lead in plenty of places although there are quite a few fields with sheep in. There are no stiles.

Cottage to Windermere Walk Description:

1. From the cottage go through the gate and turn left and follow the path into the woods behind the cottage gardens. Continue on the path until you cross over a beck and enter a surfaced road. Turn left here and very shortly the footpath becomes a loose stone path as it rises steeply uphill, with your first decent glimpse of Lake Windermere on your right.
Continue upwards and immediately after passing through the buildings at Castle Syke Farm you enter a surfaced road, known as Holbeck Lane.
2. Continue up Holbeck Lane for 500m noting the Wain Lane path joining from the right. Shortly after a parking spot, before the road bends to the left there is a footpath on your right.
3. Follow this path down a stony track until you reach a group of delightful cottages.
4. The path crosses a minor road and continues downhill to the newly rebuilt Troutbeck bridges.
5. Once over the Bridges continue along the graveled track across the field to the main road.
6. Turn right along the road for 300m. take care the pavement is quite narrow but it does briefly duck behind the wall that separates it from the road. Keep your eye open for a footpath across the road on your left.
7. Once having crossed the road take the path that leads diagonally uphill on a grassy track. As you progress uphill some fantastic views of the Lake and the fells beyond start to reveal themselves.





8. Eventually you will reach some farm buildings and a small minor road cross straight over this road past some cottages until you reach another farm Far Orrest.
9. Take the path to the right of the farm buildings gaining access to the fields, it's usually quite muddy here !
10. The path continues through the fields passing through a number of gates eventually ending up at Crosses Farm. Turn left along a minor road passing some splendid stone farm buildings.



Crosses Farm



11. Walk up the road for 100m until there is a break in the wall and enter Low Hagg Wood on your right. Take the path through the woodland crossing the stream on a wooden bridge.
12. When you reach a stone wall bear right through the woodland again crossing the stream. The path eventually reaches a gate with a field beyond. The National trust are currently seeding this as a wildflower meadow.
13. Bear left alongside the wall in the meadow through a gate and down to a graveled track. Turn right here down towards the main road, when you reach a four way finger post turn left.
14. Follow this path through the woods all the way into Windermere. If you are still feeling energetic there are a number of paths through the woods that will lead you up to Orrest Head.
15. Once out of the woods turn right down towards the main road. The bus stop is to your left in front of the station. Or you could of course take advantage of the numerous cafes and bars in Town, our favorites, "The Crafty Baa" and "Homeground Café"