

Car Free Cumbria

HAWKSHEAD TO LATTERBARROW

This walk takes in the summit of Latterbarrow where you can get fantastic panoramic views of the surrounding fells. You can access the start of the route on the #505 Coniston Rambler bus service from Windermere Train station. The bus stops next to the public toilets and main car park marked below. For a timetable visit www.stagecoachbus.com

Grade: Strenuousness 3, Navigation 2, Technicality 3

Start/Finish: Hawkshead Post Office

Distance: 5 miles

Time: 2-3 hours

Height gain: 173m

Terrain: Road, bridleway, paths and stiles.

Refreshments: Hawkshead

Maps: OS Landranger 90, OS Explorer OL7, Harvey's Superwalker (1:25 000) Central Lakeland

1. From Hawkshead Post Office walk north through the village towards the Red Lion Pub. Turn right, under the archway by the pub and down to the main road. Carefully cross the main road and continue straight ahead, down a lane and past several houses, before crossing the stream by a small bridge.
2. Bear left and follow the path leading across the fields, keeping right before you cross a lane and climb the short hill opposite. At the top cross the stile and head across the field towards the cottage. Take the path to the right, through a gate and then right down the lane to the road. Turn left and after a short distance turn right through a gate and onto a bridleway.



3. Climb steadily through the woodland, following the track and going through several gates. Eventually you will enter a walled track, which leads you to a gate at the Guide Post. Turn left here, through the stile. Follow the undulating track through the forest until you come to a stile leading to the open fell top. At this point you are rewarded by magnificent views of the Coniston and the Langdale Fells. Turn right and follow track up the open fell to the large summit cairn
4. After stopping to admire the views carry on over the summit before bearing left and picking up the path that descends to the road. Care should be taken as the path is steep. At the road turn left, and after about 200 yds, pick up the route you came out on. Retrace your steps back to the village.

Map is for illustrative purposes only. Always be prepared and adhere to the countryside code