

# Glendale Guest House—Walk Route 02

## Cat Bells and Derwent Water Lakeshore

From the moment you step on the Fell you can start to enjoy sensational panoramic views over Keswick, Derwent Water and Borrowdale. In the West the views of Newlands Valley and the Western Fells make this walk with out rival for such a small amount of effort.

1. This walk starts at Hawes End (1) which can be best reached by taking the Launch from Keswick to Hawes End landing stage. Alternatively by car (Limited parking). and by Bus.

2. From the cattle grid walk up the road 50 meters. The clear path leaves the road at the first bend and zig-zags steeply up the main breast of Skelgill Bank. The path levels for a short while and then climbs again to the summit of Cat Bells (2)

3. After the required stop, the photos, the pat on the back and general enjoyment of the views, descend South to the saddle of Hawes Gate (3)

4. From Hawes Gate descend the made up path left (East), pass the short cut with sign “No Path” and continue down. Take the path left towards a plantation of conifers. Here you join the main terrace path but your direction is down following a dry stone wall to the road. Follow the road left for approx 50 meters and turn right down to the lakeshore at Brandlehow Bay.(4)

5. Now follow the lakeshore path through the wooded shore line, passing High Brandlehow Landing stage and then Low Brandlehow. Eventually returning to start point (1)

Here you can return by your chosen transport or continue on around the Lake shore to Keswick.

### Walk Variations

Maiden Moor and High Spy—From Hawse Gate (3) continue South on the ridge over Maiden Moor and High Spy and descend Rigg Head to Rosthwaite. Additional map required.

Distance—Approx 3.5 miles/5.7 kms

Time—3 hours approx plus stops

Watering Holes—None

Difficulty—Moderate Short steep section on ascent. Generally good paths

Map recommended—1:25000 North West area



From Cat Bells looking back to Keswick



Plaque to Thomas Arthur Leonard



Looking towards Brandlehow Bay from Hawse Gate



Launch landing stage at High Brandlehow



Sculpture in Brandlehow Woods

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