

Glendale Guest House—Walk Route 03

The Circuit of Derwentwater

1. From Glendale (1) turn right out of the front door.
2. Turn right on Ambleside Road
3. Take footpath left beside St Johns Church, cross Borrowdale Road and continue on path passing Mountain Rescue HQ and Theatre to the lake shore.
4. From the lakeshore (Boat landing stages) take the path left clockwise around the lake to Friars Crag (2).
5. The way forward is obvious on the lake shore passing the National Trust Centenary Stone (3), further on at times of high water it is necessary to deviate slightly towards the road. Rejoin the path when possible passing Ashness Gate launch landing stage.
6. On reaching Kettlewell Car Park the path crosses the road and continues through a wooded area beside the road and passes behind the Lodore Hotel. (Here a short diversion will take you to the Lodore Falls) Lodore landing stage is a short distance from the road.
7. Rejoin the road and follow the footpath a little way to a gate where a sign will direct you across a field to Manesty via a foot bridge (5.Chinese Bridge). After crossing the bridge a raised duck board takes you across a marshy area before rejoining the lake shore.
8. The path now meanders through the beautiful woodland of Brandlehow Park at the lake side. You pass the landing stages of High Brandlehow (6) and Low Brandlehow (7) before reaching the stage at Hawse End.
9. From Hawse End follow the lane a short distance away from the lake to a footpath sign for Fawe Park and Nichol End. This path eventually brings you To Nichol End Marina.
10. From Nichol End take the road (8) to Portinscale Village turning right after the tea rooms to pass Derwentwater Hotel and to the footbridge (9) over the river Derwent.
11. After crossing the footbridge a footpath right across fields brings you back to Keswick rejoining the road at Greta Bridge and a short distance to the Town centre.

Distance - Approx 9 miles/15 kms

Time - 4.00 hours plus stops

Watering Holes - Mary Mount & Lodore Hotel. Tea Shop at Nichol End and Portinscale.

Difficulty - Easy. Good paths with some muddy sections when wet.

Map recommended - 1:25000 North West area



Landing Stage and Lake shore



Ruskin's Monument - Friars Crag



Centenary Stone - Calf Close Bay



Looking across to Cat Bells



High Brandlehow landing stage



Sculpture in Brandlehow Park



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