



16 CUMBRIA SCAFELL PIKE

▶ Distance: 8¾ miles/14km ▶ Time: 6-7 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



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The Scafells from the start of the Corridor Route.

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Scafell Pike is
England's highest,

and perhaps most iconic, mountain. But standing atop its towering summit is not simply about bagging the country's loftiest peak. Scafell Pike is also the nation's greatest war memorial; a place of beauty and grandeur to pay tribute to fallen heroes. In 1919, the mountain was bequeathed to the nation in 'perpetual memory of the men...who fell for God and King, for freedom, peace and right in the Great War'. So, when you're hiking this gloriously rugged and airy route up Scafell Pike from Borrowdale, spend a quiet

moment to think of those men – after all, you're enjoying the freedom they fought for.

1 Start Head S through farmyard and go through gate onto wide, rocky path. Ignore footbridge on your L and continue S through another gate. Proceed ahead with stream on your R. Cross small footbridge and go through another gate. After 1.4km from Seathwaite, turn R and cross Grains Gill via Stockley Bridge. Go through gate and climb W on winding path. Pass through another gate and veer R as path hugs fence with woodland to R. Loop SW along Styhead Gill, which you cross at a footbridge, and continue

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Seathwaite, CA12 5XJ, grid ref NY235121

Is it for me? Good fell paths; steep ascents and descents over rugged terrain; easy rocky scrambling
Stiles None

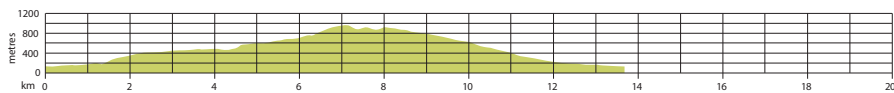
PLANNING

Nearest town Keswick
Refreshments The Langstrath Country Inn, Stonethwaite, www.thelangstrath.co.uk, 017687 77239
Public toilets Seatoller car park
Public transport From Keswick, take bus 78 (March-October only) to Seatoller and walk to Seathwaite
Maps OS Explorer OL4 & OL6; Landranger 89

S on other side of stream to emerge beyond huge cairn at Styhead Tarn.



GRADIENT PROFILE



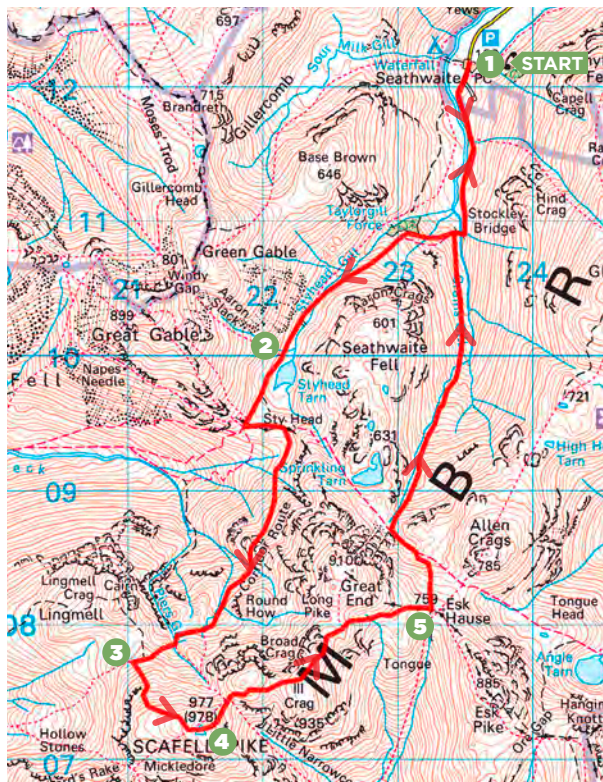
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2 **2 mile/3.3km**
Pass to R of tarn and climb gently to mountain rescue stretcher box. Turn L and head E following line of cairns to start of Corridor Route. Turn R and head S for Spout Head. After crossing Skew Gill, there is a short but easy rocky scramble trending L. Continue ascending south and, beyond Stand Crag, veer L to descend and traverse another section of rocky scrambling before crossing stream. Cross Greta Gill and emerge at prominent path junction. Bear W, veer L around crags and then turn R to cross head of Piers Gill. Continue SW for about 350m, following line of cairns and reach path junction located to S of Lingmell Col.

3 **4 miles/6.5km**
Turn L and follow path steeply uphill, heading SSE. Pass large boulder and large cairn. Continue uphill. Swing R around craggy outcrop. At cairn, follow path as it veers SE and then E. Guided by the regular cairns, veer L and then R to climb to Scafell Pike's summit.

4 **4½ miles/7.3km**
Descend NE off summit, following line of cairns to col below Broad Crag. Climb steeply NE ahead. As terrain flattens, veer E following line of cairns to col between Broad Crag and Ill Crag. Descend gently NE before turning

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R down path into Calf Cove, passing cross-shaped bield. Descend E and arrive at Esk House.

5 **6 miles/9.5km**
At the cairn, turn L and head N. Rejoin main footpath and veer NW briefly before turning R to cross stream. Continue N with deep ravine of Ruddy Gill to L. Descend steadily N on good track, cross Ruddy Gill at the footbridge, go through the

gate and then turn R through another gate to arrive back at Stockley Bridge. Cross bridge and re-trace your steps back N to Seathwaite. **CW**

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