



16 CUMBRIA SHEFFIELD PIKE & STYBARROW DODD

Distance: 8¼ miles/13.3km Time: 5-6 hours Grade: Challenging



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Ullswater and Sheffield Pike from Glencoyne Head.

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PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Glenridding Car Park (P&D), CA11 0PA, grid ref NY386170

Is it for me? Reasonable underfoot but with some very boggy terrain and steep, rocky and loose sections, and also an appreciable amount (3000ft) of ascent
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Penrith (13 miles)

Refreshments Fellbites Café, Glenridding (01768 482781)

Public toilets Glenridding Car Park Public Toilets

Public transport Stagecoach 508 Penrith to Windermere

Maps OS Explorer OL05; Landranger 90; Harvey Superwalker Lake District East



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Immediately to the northwest of

Glenridding, Sheffield Pike and Glenridding Dodd are worthy hills to climb. Heather-clad, scree-covered and craggy, both have sublime views of Ullswater. Moreover, Sheffield Pike's southeast ridge, which connects the two, is a route of such quality it all but makes the effort of the climb disappear. But variety is the name of the game for this walk, and the third peak could hardly be more different, for Stybarrow Dodd is rounded in nature and grassy underfoot despite its considerable height (843m). After a descent

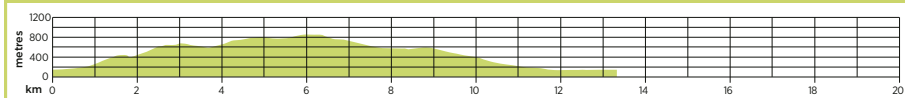
through Glencoyne with yet more sensational Ullswater views, the route passes through oak woods near Seldom Seen, before a fittingly beautiful finale on the Ullswater lakeside path back to Glenridding.

1 Start

Leave car park on N side and turn L into Greenside Road. Go past houses, keeping R when the road forks. After passing row of terraced cottages, bear R through gate before cattle grid. Follow steep and loose path as it climbs through bracken to col between Glenridding Dodd and Sheffield Pike. Before gate, veer R onto path that keeps R of wall, crosses scree,

then turns sharply R up to summit of Glenridding Dodd.

GRADIENT PROFILE



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2 **1 mile/1.6km**
 Return to col and cross it to start the climb of Sheffield Pike's SE ridge. Keep to path as it winds its way through crags and encounters minor rock steps. Emerging onto the flatter top, detour a few metres R to the subsidiary top of Heron Pike, marked by a post, for the view. Return to main path and cross boggy terrain to rocky outcrops. After passing outcrops, descend slightly before climbing to summit of Sheffield Pike.

3 **2 miles/3.1km**
 Descend W from summit on boggy path to col of Nick Head, then climb grassy slopes ahead towards Glencroft Head. As gradient eases, stay on most pronounced path as it veers L towards highest ground. Pass

the cairns of White Stones to drop to shallow col. Ignore path leading L to Sticks Pass but instead climb the grassy path straight ahead leading to Stybarrow Dodd summit.

4 **3¼ miles/6km**
 Leave summit on path heading SW, passing secondary top to descend to Sticks Pass. Turn L at junction and descend valley with Sticks Gill down to R. As the spoil heaps are neared, leave main path to the L on a slanting path through heather initially, then on grass. Follow this up to Nick Head, passed earlier.

5 **5½ miles/9km**
 At Nick Head carry on straight ahead onto thin path with hanging valley of Glencroft down to L. Follow path through gate then

steeply down beside wall to another gate. Don't go L through main gate but instead go through smaller one ahead into woodland. Follow path down to join track serving the buildings of Seldom Seen. Follow the track to A592 road.

6 **7¼ miles/11.7km**
 Cross over road and turn R on Ullswater shore path. Follow this, which has a short section on road itself, back to Glenridding, where it emerges onto pavement by the A592. Carry straight on until car park appears on R. **CW**

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