



15 CUMBRIA GREENBURN BECK SKYLINE

■ Distance: 8 miles/13km ■ Time: 6-7 hours ■ Grade: Challenging



The Langdale Pikes from near Point 6.

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This excellent circuit of the fells surrounding Greenburn Beck takes in three peaks with great views (Wetherlam, Swirl How and Great Carrs) and three fine ridges (Wetherlam Edge, Prison Band and Wet Side Edge). Between Swirl How and Great Carrs the route visits a memorial to a Halifax bomber that crashed during bad weather in October 1944, killing all eight on board. It's a poignant memorial not least because it incorporates part of the undercarriage of the aircraft. Perhaps the nicest section of the walk is after the memorial and the last peak have been

passed. Wet Side Edge (which is not nearly as bad as the name suggests) sweeps around the northern side of the Greenburn valley. It's little frequented but has views of the Scafells, allowing a rare opportunity to enjoy some of the Lake District's finest scenery in peace and tranquility.

1 Start

Take the steps leading up from the S end of the parking area, climbing through old quarry workings. Keep R at fork, then descend to cross Tilberthwaite Gill by footbridge. Follow path out of ravine, through gate, then up to meet path. Turn L and follow path around Blake Rigg,

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Low Tilberthwaite (free), postcode LA21 8DG, grid ref NY306010

Is it for me? Long walk with a considerable amount of ascent, some steep, rocky sections
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Ambleside
Refreshments Various options in Conistone, 3 miles away (try The Black Bull, 01539 441335)
Public toilets Conistone
Public transport None
Maps OS Explorer OL06; Landranger 90; Harvey Superwalker Lake District West

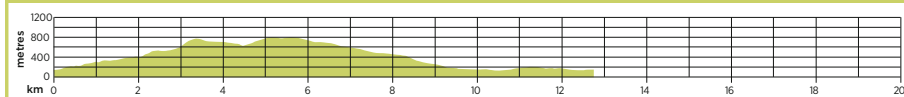
keeping R at fork, to pass around Dry Cove and reach a shoulder.

2 1¼ miles/1.8km

Ignore faint path heading



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R but follow the most prominent one as it contours around a fenced, water-logged area to the L. Steeply ascend steps to larch trees. Pass through low wall then climb up to Birk Fell Hawse. Detour R to cairned Birk Fell Man for view. Return along ridge and follow to foot of Wetherlam Edge. Climb the edge, which is steep with a few rock steps. As the gradient eases the worn path leads to Wetherlam's summit.

3 2 miles/3.2km
Leave the summit due W to follow path above Keld Gill Head down to Swirl Hawse. Climb Prison Band directly ahead which leads directly to Swirl How's summit with its large cairn.

4 3 miles/5km
Leave Swirl How heading W initially, curving N on the clear path towards Great Carrs' rocky summit. 150m short of the summit, just off the path to the L, is the Halifax bomber crash site. Leave Great Carrs heading N, passing Little Carrs, then following the broad ridge of Wet Side Edge as it swings NE then E as a grassy path.

5 5½ miles/8.3km
As the ridge narrows and becomes rockier at Rough Crag, the path deviates off the ridgeline R to descend to a flatter, boggy area. Cross this, aiming for the R side of intake wall, where it descends through bracken to the Greenburn Beck. Cross the

footbridge then climb up to a track. Turn L, pass through a gate and follow the path onward with a great view of the Langdale Pikes to the L.

6 6½ miles/10.5km
On reaching a T-junction with another track, turn R, then R again when that forks. Follow the permissive track S, rising initially, then descending to the end of the road at High Tilberthwaite. Turn R along road to return to start. **CW**

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DATE WALKED

TIME TAKEN

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