Walla Crag via Castle Head and Ashness Bridge
Kindly supplied by Glendale Guest House, Eskin Street, Keswick

**Distance** - Approx 6.5 miles / 10.5 km
**Time** - 3.5 hours plus stops
**Watering Holes** - Tea Shop at Ashness Farm (GR 273193) and Ice Creams at Springs Farm (Both seasonal)
**Difficulty** - Moderate Rocky Paths with some boggy patches
**Map recommended** - 1:25000 North West area

1. Start from the Moot Hall, Market Square, Keswick
2. Proceed south east on Ambleside Road passing the Alhambra Cinema and St John's Church.
3. Take second right after St John's Church into Springs Road.
4. After approximately 200 metres turn right on footpath to gate and enter woods
5. After climbing a few stone steps take path to the right and keep going up hill.
6. Continue up hill until reaching the summit of Castle Head.
7. Retrace your steps for approximately 200 metres and turn left on path down hill past a wooden bench.
8. Cross over Borrowdale Road and take footpath towards the Lakeshore and through Cockshot Wood.
9. Turn left on lakeshore footpath. Proceed for approximately 1 mile past Friar's Crag through 2 gates. The path turns right and on to Calf Close Bay and the National Trust Millenium Stone.
10. Turn left away from the lake at the National Trust coin box and cross the road into Great Wood.

11. Cross the tarmac road to the Car Park and take the signed stone track south and continue beneath Walla Crag to the footbridge at the bottom of Cat Gill.

![Foot bridge at base of Cat Gill](image1.png) ![Small waterfall at top of Cat Gill](image2.png)

12. Cross the foot bridge and proceed south on the footpath to Ashness Bridge.

![Ashness Bridge](image3.png)

13. Retrace your steps to the gate in the wall and take the path up the hillside alongside the wall.

![Keswick & Derwentwater from Ashness path](image4.png)

14. Continue on the footpath North to Walla Crag summit.

15. Leave the summit and cross the wall joining the path north east down grass slope to the foot bridge at Rake Foot Farm.

16. Join the narrow lane and after approximately 200 metres turn left on a signed footpath.
17. Cross the footbridge and continue northwest past the radio mast down to Springs Farm.

18. Return along Springs Road and turn left to return to the Market Square.