

Walla Crag via Castle Head and Ashness Bridge

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Distance - Approx 6.5 miles / 10.5 km

Time - 3.5 hours plus stops

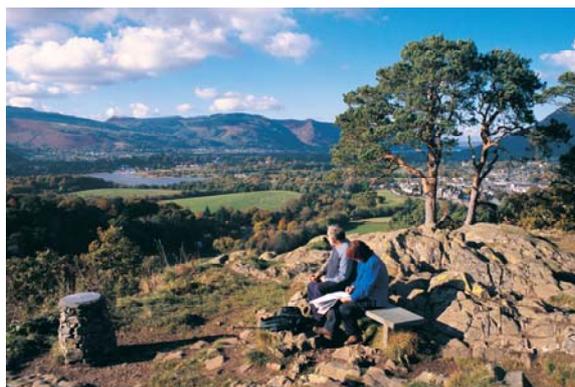
Watering Holes - Tea Shop at Ashness Farm (GR 273193) and Ice Creams at Springs Farm (Both seasonal)

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.



View from Friars Crag



Ruskin's Monument



Millenium Stone, Calf Close Bay

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



Small waterfall at top
of Cat Gill

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

Ashness Bridge



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



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.

