

## **Catbells & Derwentwater Lakeshore**



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Distance - Approx 3.5 miles/5.7 kms

**Time** - 3 hours plus stops **Difficulty** - Moderate. A short steep section on ascent with some minor scrambling. **Starting point** - This walk starts at Hawes End Landing Stage which can be best reached by taking the Launch from Keswick.

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From the moment you step on the fell you can start to enjoy sensational panoramic views over Keswick, Derwentwater and Borrowdale. To the West the views of Newlands Valley and the Western Fells making this walk unrivalled in spectacular views.

1.Follow the path up to the road away from the lake shore. From the cattle grid walk up the road 50 metres. The clear path leaves the road at the first bend and zig-zags steeply up the main breast of Skelgill Bank. The path levels for a short while and then climbs again to the summit of Cat Bells. There are some scrambly sections but nothing too technical.

2. Take a well deserved rest and obligatory photo stop at the top before descending south to the saddle of Hawes Gate.

3. From Hawes Gate, at the point where four paths meet, descend the steep but made up path to your left (East). Follow the path down and then take the path left towards a plantation of conifers. Here you join the main terrace path but your direction is downwards following a dry stone wall to the road. Follow the road left for approximately 50 metres and then turn right down to the lakeshore at Brandlehow Bay past the old mine workings.

4. Now follow the lakeshore path through the wooded shore line, passing High Brandlehow Landing stage and then Low Brandlehow, eventually returning to the start point at Hawse End.



