



Skiddaw via Jenkin Hill

Start Moot Hall, Keswick

Distance 10 miles

Time 5-6 hours

These directions should be used in conjunction with a map, for example Ordnance Survey map OL4

The mighty Skiddaw and its neighbouring peaks provide a magnificent backdrop for Keswick. Skiddaw, at 931m, 3054'), is the fourth highest mountain in England and it's one of the most popular to climb. From Keswick there is a clear stoney path all the way. It can often be cold and windy at the top compared to the town below so always go well prepared. There is an excellent parorama of Keswick and Derwentwater and on a clear day the views are far reaching to Buttermere and Ennerdale in the Western Lakes, Scafell and Helvellyn mountain ranges, coastal towns and the Isle of Man and over the Solway Firth to the Scottish mountains.

1. Leave the Market Square between the Royal Oak & Greggs. Turn left into Station St. Go straight across the junction via the pedestrian crossing. Cross the bridge over the river Greta and immediately take the steps on your left down into Fitz Park.
2. Follow the path beside the river and take your first right. At the opposite corner of the park from which you entered follow the path uphill & past the BMX track. In 300m leave the path by a gate on your right and turn right into a metalled road.
3. After 200m turn left up Spooney Green Lane, a public bridleway signposted Skiddaw. The path takes you across the bridge over the A66. Go through a gate and continue up the same path ignoring turnings to your right.
4. The path rises more steeply now for 500 metres. Keep to the same path ignoring turnings to your right.
5. Cross 2 streams and go through a gate. Keep to the same path passing a tree plantation on your left with views over to the mighty Skiddaw. Ignore a path to your right signposted Latrigg summit 3/4 mile. Keep straight ahead and follow the path as it zigzags up to Latrigg car park.
6. Follow the fenced bridleway to a fork. Take the left branch and climb the steep fellside towards Jenkin Hill.
7. At the gate pass through it and follow the bridleway to another gate and up to a final climb onto the summit ridge. Follow the path to Skiddaw's summit.
8. To descend head along the summit ridge and descend to a fence and gate. Continue around the flank of Little Man to another gate and follow the bridleway onto the intake wall. Join the fenced bridleway and follow it back to the car park. Retrace your steps back to Keswick.

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- Am I confident I have the KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS for the day?
- Do I know what the WEATHER will be like?
- Do I have the right GEAR?

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