

LATTERBARROW WALK

5 MILES. CAN BE WET UNDER FOOT IN PLACES. STEEP DESCENT INVOLVED. BOOTS ADVISABLE.

'Magnificent views, for such a small hill'

Dotted around the Lake District are a number of hills that may not be amongst the giants, but offer some of the best panoramic views of the Lakeland fells. Latterbarrow is one such hill.

Pick a clear day and take a map; you will be surprised how many famous tops you can see.

1. Go down the lane back into the village to the Red Lion Pub. Go under the archway on the right and down to the main road. Straight across and down the lane opposite, which goes around the houses before crossing the stream by a small bridge.
2. Bear left and follow the path across the fields, through two stiles before you cross a lane and climb the short hill opposite. At the top of the hill climb the stile and head across the field towards the cottage. Take the path to the right, through a gate and then right down the lane to the road. Turn left and after a short distance turn right through gate and onto a bridleway.
3. Climb steadily following the track via several gates and through some beautiful mixed woodland. Eventually you will enter a walled track, which leads you to a gate at the Guide Post. On a clear day there are good views here towards Windermere and the distant fells of Kentmere.
4. Turn left here, through the stile and into an area of recently felled woodland. Follow the track through this area and into a small wood (undulating and muddy in places) until you come to a small stile leading to the open fell top. At this point you are rewarded by magnificent views of the Coniston and Langdale Fells. Turn right and follow track up the open fell to the large summit cairn.
5. After a well earned rest carry on over the summit before bearing left and picking up the path that descends to the road. (Care should be taken, as this is quite steep to begin with.) At the road turn left, and after about 200 yds, pick up the route you came out on. Retrace your steps back to the village, where you may fancy some refreshment on one of the four hostelries, before returning to Walker Ground Manor.