

TARN HOWS WALK

6 MILES. SOME ROAD. BOOTS OR STOUT SHOES RECOMMENDED.

'Justifiably popular, but with a slight variation from the popular route'

Whilst this is a very popular walk, the views across the tarn towards the Coniston and Langdale Fells still make this walk very much worthwhile.

If possible, choose a clear day, and if you don't like the crowds set off early in the day!

In the summer this makes a nice late afternoon or early evening walk, again you may have the place to yourselves, if you're lucky.

1. Take the footpath on the left, out of the gates towards the village, cross the field and up the hill. Go through a gate stile and follow the track through a small wood and over stream. Climb a short embankment and into field. Follow path across a farm track and straight forward to the road.
2. Turn left into Hawkshead Hill, and next right (sign posted Tarn Hows.) At the next junction turn right towards Knipe Fold and Ambleside. After about 200 yds. turn left onto track/footpath. Follow this through a small hamlet and up a gentle hill. Two gates.
3. At the top in a clearing watch out for small stile in a wall on the right, take this and walk across field towards a delightful Nat. Trust cottage, perched over looking Tarn Hows. Follow the track behind the cottage, and take the first right turn zigzagging down to the lakeside.
4. There is a good circular path around the tarn so you can either turn left or right and walk either way. As you get to the far side, about half way round look for a path signed Arnside and Langdales. Take this path and follow until you get to a walled lane.
5. Turn right (signed Hawkshead) and follow the lane up the hill and down the other side to the road. Turn right and then left. After about 50yds, just past some houses, take the footpath through a small stile on the right. Go straight up the field (indistinct path) to stile in wall. Climb this and follow path keeping right where necessary. This leads to the Hawkshead Hill road. Turn left and retrace steps back to the house.