



16 CUMBRIA FELLBARROW

▶ Distance: 4¾ miles/7.7km ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate

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Crummock Water
from Low Fell.

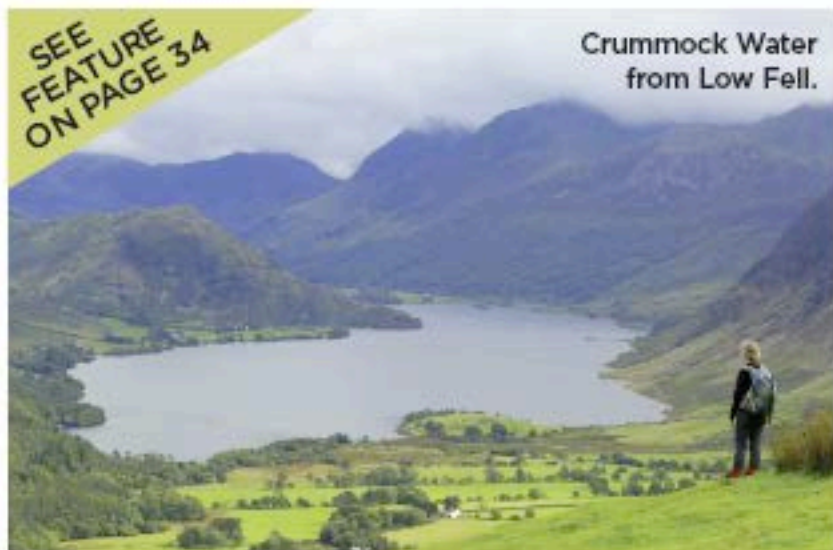


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Very much among the less well-known hills of the Lake District, Fellbarrow is a broad, self-contained upland north of the Buttermere valley, with deep valleys either side of it and two lakes (Lowswater and Crummock Water) very close at hand. This area was beloved of pioneering guidewriter and photographer Walter Poucher; climb the varied summits of Fellbarrow and you'll get some idea of what he loved about it.

1 Start

Head south on road, entering Thackthwaite. Pass

Brook Farm L. Take the first footpath R, signed for Low Fell. Climb steadily up track which becomes enclosed green lane. Go through kissing-gate onto open hillside. Climb along R edge of meadow. Go through next kissing-gate and continue, rising to meet wall-line. Go through kissing-gate through wall.

2 ½ mile/0.8km

Turn R and follow rising path with wall R. Stay on higher path, tending L to climb hillside. Pass through old fenceline and continue on path which zig-zags up edge of coombe, later crossing flank of Sourfoot Fell. Pass through gate and continue (view of Crummock Water

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking

Roadside parking just north of Thackthwaite village, grid ref NY148237 (Nearest postcode CA13 0RW)

Is it for me? Mostly clear paths but indistinct at times; summits are exposed. Several of the paths used on the route are not marked on OS maps but are clear on the ground

Stiles 2

PLANNING

Nearest town

Cockermouth

Refreshments

None on route – but the renowned Kirkstile Inn is close by in Lowswater village

Public toilets

None on route

Public transport

None to start

Maps OS Explorer OL4, Landranger 89

GRADIENT PROFILE



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FELLBARROW► OS Explorer map OL4 ► Buy maps at: ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop

ahead). Path continues over Watching Crag and between a series of rocky knolls. Climb steeply and cross stile to reach summit of Low Fell.

3 1¾ miles/3km

Continue on from Low Fell to unnamed pike ahead for best view over Crummock Water and Loweswater. Then retrace steps back to Low Fell summit and back to gateway in fenceline on Sourfoot Fell. Go through gate and turn L off outbound path. Path contours round to join ridgeline by fence on Smithy Fell. Continue with fence, descending then climbing sharply to summit of Fellbarrow. Cross stile to the trig point.

4 3½ miles/5.3km

Re-cross stile and turn L, descending far side of hill (beside fence) to haue between Fellbarrow and Hatteringill Fell. Turn R following new wall-line L (path not marked on OS map). Path eventually veers R away from fence and descends to small stream.

5 4 miles/6.5km

Cross the stream and continue on far side. Continue over a crossing track. Go through earthworks to reach second track (your outbound route) and turn L. Follow the path downhill to return to the



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kissing-gate, L. Go through and continue downhill, retracing outbound steps. Pass through kissing-gates and down green lane to re-emerge through cottage access onto road. Turn L to return to start. **OS**

**VIEW THE WALK ON
OS MAPS ONLINE!**

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