



16 CUMBRIA SCA FELL

▶ Distance: 6¼ miles/10km ▶ Time: 5½ hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



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Sca Fell seen from
Scafell Pike.



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Once thought to be higher than its neighbour (but in fact shorter at 3163 feet/964m), Sca Fell is England's second highest mountain. In 1802 the opium-pumped poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge famously made a hazardous decent from its summit down the rockface of Broad Stand to Mickledore. We take a gentler route up and down this shapely Lakeland fell's west flank from Wasdale, via tranquil Burnmoor Tarn. Your efforts will be rewarded with splendid views from the cairn-topped, rocky summit.

1 Start

Leave the car park via the

top exit near toilets, turning L. Pass through wooden gate and cross the bridge over Lingmell Gill, immediately bear L following signs for Eskdale and Miterdale. In a short distance bear R on bridleway, signed Eskdale. Quickly reaching and passing through wooden gate, following path beside wall. Continue, ascending on good path, passing through gates and over a stone bridge to grid ref NY182 062.

2 ¾ mile/1.2km

Immediately after crossing the stream, bear L following cairned grass path, indistinct in initial stages, heading S. Follow improving path marked with cairns to junction of paths

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Wasdale car park at the north end of Wast Water, CA20 1EX, grid ref NY182 074

Is it for me? Uses rough, rocky and faint/boggy mountain paths/tracks.

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PLANNING

Nearest town Egremont
Refreshments In car park or Wasdale Head Inn
Public toilets None on route, car park portaloos
Public transport None
Maps OS Explorer OL6; Landranger 89 or 90

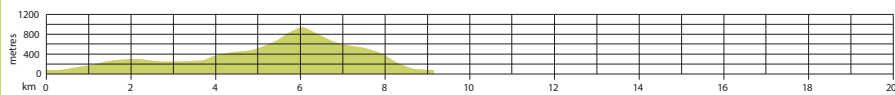
at grid ref NY183 055. Continue straight on heading SSE for shore Burnmoor Tarn.

3 2 miles/3.2km

Prior to reaching Bulatt Bridge turn L heading NE for Hard Rigg. Path which is indistinct initially, passes over boggy moorland, to then start

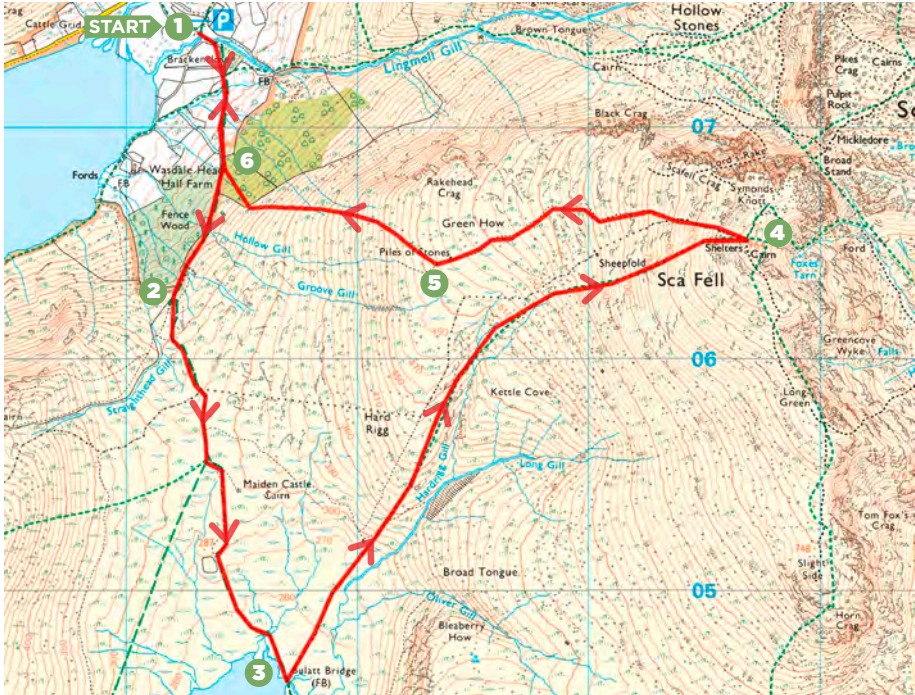


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DATE WALKED

TIME TAKEN

YOUR RATING

DON'T MISS...



Burnmoor Tarn is one of the largest entirely natural tarns in the Lake District. It is reached by the Old Corpse Road where bodies would have been carried on an arduous five mile up-and-down route from Wasdale Head to consecrated ground in Boot for burial.

ascent of steeper ground. Eventually reach steep scree, where path turns E. Follow to ridge, and turn R to climb onto the summit of Sca Fell.

4 4 miles/6.4km Turn around following route of ascent, descending to the ridge and turn L to descend steep scree and rock path. When path branches, take RH side, continuing with descent.

5 5½ miles/8.4km On reaching Piles of Stones (grid ref NY 194 064) bear R following faint path along

steep grass slope heading NW to hit wall at NY185066. Arrive at stile, cross and continue descending NW.

6 5¾ miles/9.25km Arrive at track, turn R and retrace outward steps back to start. **CW**

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