



17 CUMBRIA LAKELAND MEMORIAL WALK DAY 2

▶ Distance: 11 miles/17.5km ▶ Time: 5½ hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



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Ascending beside Piers Gill
on the way to Lingmell.



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PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Wasdale
Head Inn, Wasdale, CA20
1EX, grid ref NY186087

Is it for me? Experienced
Lakeland hillwalkers only.
Steep ascents (particularly
at Piers Gill) and descents
(off Scafell Pike). 'Escape
route' via Esk Hause
and Grains Gill

Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Keswick

Refreshments

Café in Seatoller at end

Public toilets At end

Public transport Bus 78

Keswick-Seatoller;

www.traveline.info

Maps OS Explorer OL4
and OL6, Landranger 90



CHOSEN BY...

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Day 2 of our walk
exploring the fells

of the FRCC war memorial
(named in **bold**) completes the
loop, returning from Wasdale
to Seatoller via some of the
highest ground in England
– including Scafell Pike, the
highest of the lot (though
it isn't part of the memorial
– it's just in the way). If you
don't fancy continuing to Allen
Crag and Glaramara from
Esk Hause, an easier (though
not shorter) alternative is
provided via Grains Gill.

1 Start

From Wasdale Head Inn,
take track heading east to visit
Wasdale Church, then turn L to

follow track heading north-east
towards Styhead Pass. Entering
Burnthwaite Farm, take L fork
past barn. Go through gate
and tend R on path. Cross
footbridge then, at fork, take
R path running beside river.
Where path forks again, stay
R with river. Go through gate.
Path climbs through bouldery
ground. Just after watersmeet
in river, look for large, flat rock
R with arrow marked on. Cross
river here (grid ref NY212091).

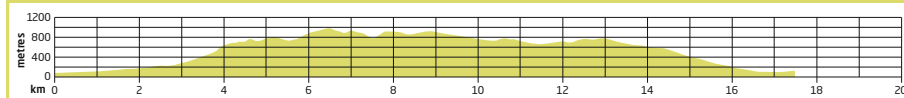
2 1¼ miles/2.9km

Climb far bank then tend L
with path, climbing steep green
tongue. After 200 yards, path
forks; take less distinct R path
which now climbs above lower
reach of Piers Gill. After 500m,
descend to cross side-gill and

continue climbing on the far
side, with Piers Gill below, R,
becoming more spectacular.
(NB: Do NOT enter gill from
this point). Climb sharply (one
short scrambling section) and
follow Piers Gill as it turns



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sharp L. Continue uphill to join Corridor Route path.

3 2¼ miles/4.5km

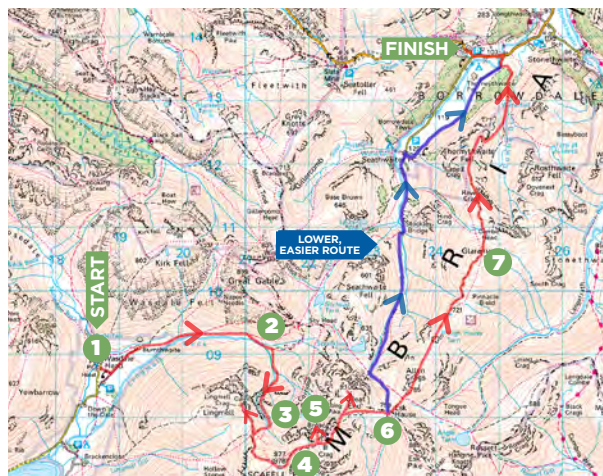
Turn R, soon crossing the head of Piers Gill. Continue uphill on Corridor Route. Where path splits, take lower, fainter track R to reach stone wall at Lingmell Col (a pass between Lingmell and Scafell Pike). Turn L along wall-line, then pass through wall at gap and follow path north, climbing sharply to summit of **Lingmell**. Retrace steps down to Lingmell Col. Take wide, clear path climbing ahead onto flank of Scafell Pike. Climb steadily for half a mile to reach enormous summit cairn of Scafell Pike.

4 4½ miles/7km

Descend north-east from summit on cairned path passing L of three shelters. Path descends very steep shoulder of pike, down to Broad Crag col. Climb steeply up far side. As path levels out, detour L across boulder field to summit of **Broad Crag**.

5 4½ miles/7.5km

Retrace steps to main path and turn L, following path north-east across depression (Ill Crag Col). Path descends gently through rocky knolls. As path flattens out at Bield (grid ref NY224079), take branching path L and follow across bouldery ground, climbing steadily to summit of **Great End**. Retrace steps to Bield and



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turn L on main path, which continues gently down to cairns at Esk Hause. *(If at this point you don't fancy two more peaks, branch L here and continue to head of Ruddy Gill. Branch R and follow path beside Ruddy Gill, which becomes Grains Gill lower down. Continue to Seathwaite Farm. Turn R at farm and follow valley path to Strands Bridge. Turn L on road back to Seatoller).*

6 6 miles/10km

If continuing to Allen Crag and Glaramara, continue past Esk Hause cairn (north-east), descending slightly L to reach cross-shaped wall-shelter. Continue ahead, climbing to summit of **Allen Crag**. Continue ahead (north-east), passing Lincomb Tarn and eventually climbing sharply

to summit of **Glaramara**.

7 8 miles/13km

Descend with care (scrambling step) and continue north, ignoring branching paths and descending over Thornythwaite Fell. Lower down, pass through wall-line to enter woodland. Just before B&B access track, branch R on path down bank. Go through kissing-gate onto track. Turn R to reach main road. Turn L over Strands Bridge and follow road back to Seatoller. **CW**

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