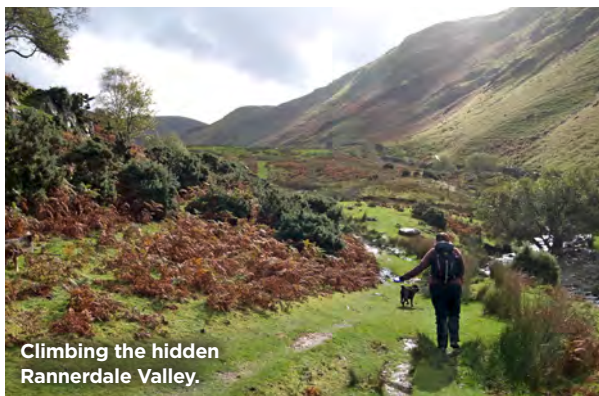




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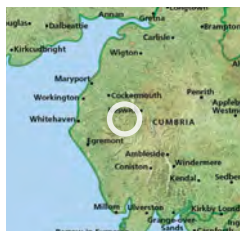
▶ Distance: 4¼ miles/6.8km ▶ Time: 2½ hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



Climbing the hidden Rannerdale Valley.

PHOTO: STEVE GOODIER

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Use the northerly of two car parks at Cinderdale Common on B5289/east side of Crummock Water, grid ref NY162193

Is it for me? A short, sharp outing up a rough valley and along a ridge, with a steep/uneven descent from Rannerdale Knotts

Stiles 1

PLANNING

Nearest town Keswick

Refreshments Buttermere

Public toilets Buttermere

Public transport Honister Rambler bus 77/77a

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CHOSEN BY...

STEVE GOODIER

At 355 metres, Rannerdale Knotts

is a small fell by Lakeland standards, yet it stands in an enviable position overlooking Buttermere and Crummock Water. Its ascent up the hidden valley of Rannerdale and along Low Bank Ridge is a beautiful walk. Rannerdale is famed for its bluebells, said to spring from the blood of a Norman army defeated by the Cumbrians. The summit is a superb place to linger before a rugged descent to Crummock Water.

1 Start

Exit car park following the arrow direction on the footpath

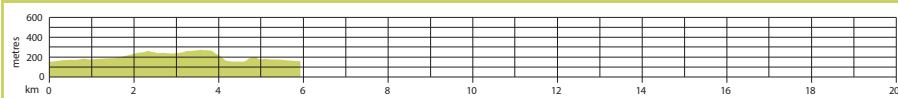
sign to cross a low grassy rise. Cross a ford over Cinderdale Beck and follow the track beyond soon rising L to leave wall R. Cross a stream and rise briefly, soon descending and passing through a gate/stile. Descend beyond to curve R over a bridge to a gate.

2 ¾ mile/1km

Pass through the gate to go L. Head up the valley with wall L. When wall ends continue by fence. When this bends L continue ahead towards the upper reaches of the valley. Rise to cut L over stream and continue climbing on the opposite side of it. Cross a gully/stream, and continue beyond up the L side of it. Soon cut L and R to continue

up the valley. As the valley narrows pass a sheepfold. Higher again stay ahead at a path junction R continuing rising to a small col and path junction under Whiteless Breast.

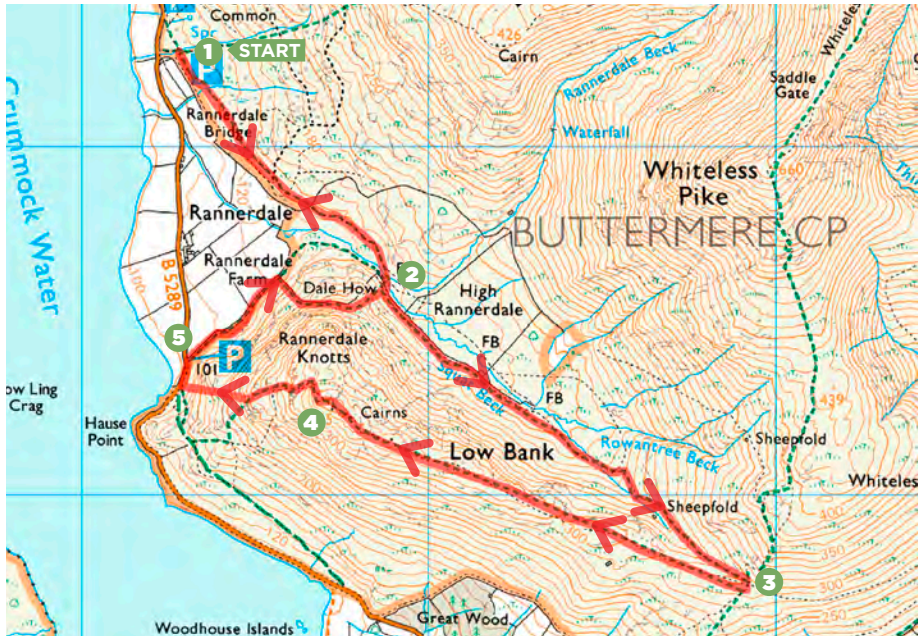
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3 1/2 miles/2.7km

3 Go R and immediately R again to begin the ascent of Rannerdale Knotts. Rise then descend crossing over small col staying ahead at two junctions to climb more steeply. Make another descent to cross a col and continue up the undulating ridge beyond. Continue to scramble through a rock buttress and then pass L of another rock buttress to descend then climb again. Continue on the path rising to cairn on Rannerdale Knotts.

4 2 1/2 miles/4.2km

4 Follow the descending path northwesterly past a rock

buttress towards Crummock Water. Descend stone steps to continue down to a grassy gully. Go L descending roughly/steeply towards the lake. Curve R below rock buttresses to cut L down boggy ground. Descend a very steep stepped path to a small grassy plateau reaching a low cairn. Cut half L cutting back R shortly just before a low rock outcrop overlooking the lake. Follow the descending path to the road below. Go R shortly going R into car park.

5 3 miles/4.9km

5 Pass through carpark taking path beyond. Pass

through a kissing gate to curve R and continue roughly by Squat Beck L to pick up your outbound route at the wall corner. Go L through the gate, cross bridge to go L continuing through a gate. Follow track to re-cross Cinderdale Beck and go ahead back to start. **CW**

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