



10.5 Distance **10.5km/6½ miles**
 Time **4 hours**
 Grade **Challenging**
 Refreshments **0 pubs/0 cafés**



Descending towards Coppermines Valley, between Points 3 and 4.

Photo: Steve Goodier

Many Lakeland regulars have never climbed the Yewdale Fells. This is a shame as this is great fellwalking country, and even though the distance is not great in this route, it's a real tough outing with steep climbs and rough terrain to traverse. This walk is remote in parts and is not suitable for misty days.

By Steve Goodier.

1 Start

Leave car park up steps by 'Tilberthwaite Gill' sign. Climb to go R at T-junction, rising above quarry and cutting back L through old quarries. Continue with gill down R and go R at fork, leaving main path to descend crossing bridge over gill. Cut back R (steps) following obvious path, steeply rising to pass through kissing-gate. Continue going L at T-junction. Follow path and when it descends, stay L at fork

(cairn), cross stream and reach footbridge over gill.

2 1.5km/1 mile

Cross footbridge, going L and following path to drop and re-cross gill via stones. Follow path beyond, climbing to go R at path junction. Follow path, eventually descending to curve R over gill and continuing to rise up to gap of Hole Rake. Pass tarn, R, keeping eye open as rake narrows for path cutting back, L. Take this. It soon fades but will get you started to Kitty Crag (summit of Yewdale Fells). As you climb identify Kitty Crag – it is nearer of two cairned tops in view – and work a trackless way to it.

3 3.7km/2¼ miles

Retrace steps to Hole Rake, going L on path and following to descend towards Coppermine's Valley. Ignore any turnings off, following it down

PLAN YOUR ROUTE



ROUTE

Is it for me? Paths, tracks and rough trackless ground; careful navigation required so not for a misty day. Dogs on lead
Stiles None

START/PARKING

Car park at Low Tilberthwaite, grid ref NY306009

Nearest town

Ambleside

Refreshments

None

Public toilets

None

Public transport

None to start

MAPS

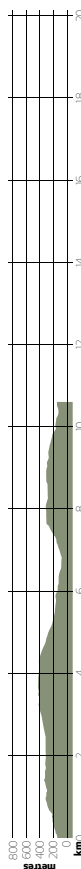
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to cut back R at old mine level, going L shortly after, following path L of buildings to reach access lane.

4 5.5km/3½ miles

Descend L to join main valley road, going L on it. Follow this, continuing ahead past Miners Bridge (junction) to cross cattle grid by gate. As road bends R, leave it, L, at path junction (signposted 'Yewdale, Elterwater and Ambleside'). Pass through gate following track beyond (wall R) to reach gate, R, giving access to buildings.

5 6.7km/4¼ miles

Take path rising L (leave main track), going L of tree following path steeply uphill. This right-of-way takes you back to Tilberthwaite, but requires care in following path. Climb through gorse to scree run. As path splits, ignore R turning and follow path up scree run. Continue to climb above, following path towards notch in skyline, eventually reaching col (marshy). Pass cairn, continuing up and down until path appears to peter out in boggy area. Go R up obvious slope to find path again, or go ahead curving R (old cairn) picking up main path at junction higher up. Once on main path, follow it going ahead at crossroads to eventually descend rocky gully and wind a way down track. When brook appears, L, watch

for path leaving L (not obvious) a bit further on. Take it leaving main path and crossing brook. Keep R, aiming to curve R around L side of bush-topped

crag. Descend to building and tree, going L once you reach them. Curve L then R through mine workings, descending to road. Go L to car park. **CW**



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