

LAKE DISTRICT

Stargazing walk at Friars Crag

Pick a clear night, leave the bright lights of Keswick behind and take a short stroll to a place free from light pollution, to see the stars spread out across the sky and reflected in the lake below. Perfect for families and astronomy novices, this easy walk will introduce you to one of the most scenic stargazing spots in the Lake District, Friars Crag. Don't forget binoculars and a torch.



Information

Address: Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DJ

OS map: Explorer OL4; Landranger 89 and 90

Activity: Walking

Easy: Flat and level route. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 0.75 (km: 1.2)

Duration: 15 mins

Terrain

Terrain is flat and level for the whole route and easily accessible for all, but please be careful of the unprotected edge at the end of the walk.

Total steps: 3

Start point: Lakeside car park, grid ref: NY265229

1. From Lakeside car park walk down towards the Theatre by the Lake, which will be on your left as you pass it.
2. Continue on the road with the launch jetties and lake on your right until the tarmac road runs out.
3. Continue straight on, on an unsurfaced track to the bench end of Friars Crag. This is your stargazing spot. Lay a blanket on the bench and take in the views of the wide open sky reflected in the lake. Return the way you came.

End point: Lakeside car park, grid ref: NY265229