

LAKE DISTRICT

Elterwater to Cathedral Quarry

A scenic walk to Little Langdale and Cathedral Quarry with views over Little Langdale tarn and the surrounding fells

! Rockfalls, sheer drops and deep water

As a disused quarry the site has unprotected sheer drops, deep water and there is a chance of rockfall, so if you choose to visit, please come prepared.



Information

Address: Elterwater National Trust car park, Ambleside, Cumbria. Grid Reference: 32770476 what3words location: nest.frosted.blotchy

Activity: Walking

Easy

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 1.9 (km: 3.04)

Duration: 1 hour

Terrain

The route is on man made paths comprised of loose gravel. There is a steep climb at the start of the route for 656yd (650m) before the path begins to level off. There is a short steep downhill section on broken ground towards Slater's Bridge. Paths can become flooded during periods of heavy rainfall.

Total stages: 15

Start point: Elterwater National Trust car park, Ambleside, Cumbria. Grid Reference: 32770476 what3words location: nest.frosted.blotchy

1. Leave through the entrance of Elterwater car park turning left at the road junction. Walk over the stone bridge and remain on the road for 273yd (250m) until you reach the Eltermere Inn and a road junction on the right.
2. At the road junction, take the road on the right. It is signposted 'Conistown challenging option'.
3. Continue straight on the road as it begins to climb, becoming a bridleway with large loose boulders. Ignore the footpath on the right and continue uphill for 656yd (650m).
4. At the metal gate, go straight through and ignore the adjoining bridleway on the right.
5. Continue on the path ignoring the footpath on the left.
6. Go straight through the metal gate and remain on the path as it passes alongside the farm buildings.
7. After the farm buildings, the footpath joins the road. Continue on the road downhill for 426yd (390m) until you reach a road junction.
8. At the road junction, take the footpath opposite signposted 'Cathedral Quarry footpath only'. Follow the gravel track until you reach a farm and a slate sign for Slater's Bridge.
9. At the farm entrance, follow the slate sign for Slater's Bridge, going through two wooden gates on your right.
10. Continue on the footpath at the top of the field, following it as it descends towards the river.
11. At the footpath junction, continue straight and cross over the stone bridge. At the other side, take the stone stile through the drystone wall and follow the path across the field to a wooden

gate.

12. Go through the wooden gate and turn left on the gravel track. Follow the track round until you reach a wooden gate.
 13. Go through the wooden gate and remain on the footpath for 142yd (130m) until you reach the entrance for Cathedral Quarry on the right.
 14. Go through the wooden gate and take the short climb up the footpath to the information panel at the top.
 15. On the right of the information panel is a long tunnel which takes you directly into the cave.
- End point: Cathedral Quarry, Little Langdale, Cumbria
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