

LAKE DISTRICT

Wansfell from Troutbeck walk

Follow this challenging circular trail along old tracks and footpaths from Troutbeck to the fells. You're rewarded with outstanding views over Windermere and Ambleside from the top of Wansfell.

1 Prepare for unpredictable weather

A map, compass, waterproofs, whistle, and torch are all essential for this walk. The weather on the exposed fell tops can be much more extreme than the start of the walk.



Information

Address: Jesus Church bus stop, Windermere LA23 1PQ

OS map: Explorer OL7 Landranger 90

Activity: Walking

Challenging: Some of the trail is on rocky and uneven ground. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 6.3 (km: 10.08)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 3 hours - 5 hours

Terrain

A walk on country lanes, footpaths through fields and onto the open fells. Some of the trail is on rocky and uneven ground, or can be muddy in places.

Total steps: 7

Start point: Jesus Church, Troutbeck, grid ref: NY412027

1. From Jesus Church bus stop, follow the narrow Green Gate Lane going west into Troutbeck village. At the top of this lane is Troutbeck tea-room. Turn left here and follow the road through the village for around 1km until you reach Townend on your right.
2. Stay right to stay on Holbeck Lane and head past Townend car park. Take the first path to your right, Fell Lane, and at the end turn left onto Hundreds Road.
3. Continue on Hundreds Road for almost a mile, until you pass a waterfall on the left. Turn up on to the grassy path towards Nanny Lane following National Trust signs.
4. Just before reaching Nanny Lane, turn left and go through a kissing gate and walk up to Wansfell Pike, which has superb views of Ambleside and the surrounding fells.
5. Follow the path that leads north-east from Wansfell pike along the side of a wall until you reach Baystones, the marked summit cairn of Wansfell.
6. From the summit cairn, walk southerly following the footpath downhill for 1.5 miles (2.4km) until you reach Troutbeck.
7. When you reach the road in Troutbeck, turn left and almost immediately turn right onto a small lane. Where that lane meets a small road, turn left and soon after turn right onto another lane, which then becomes a footpath back to Jesus Church.

End point: Jesus Church, Troutbeck, grid ref: NY412027
