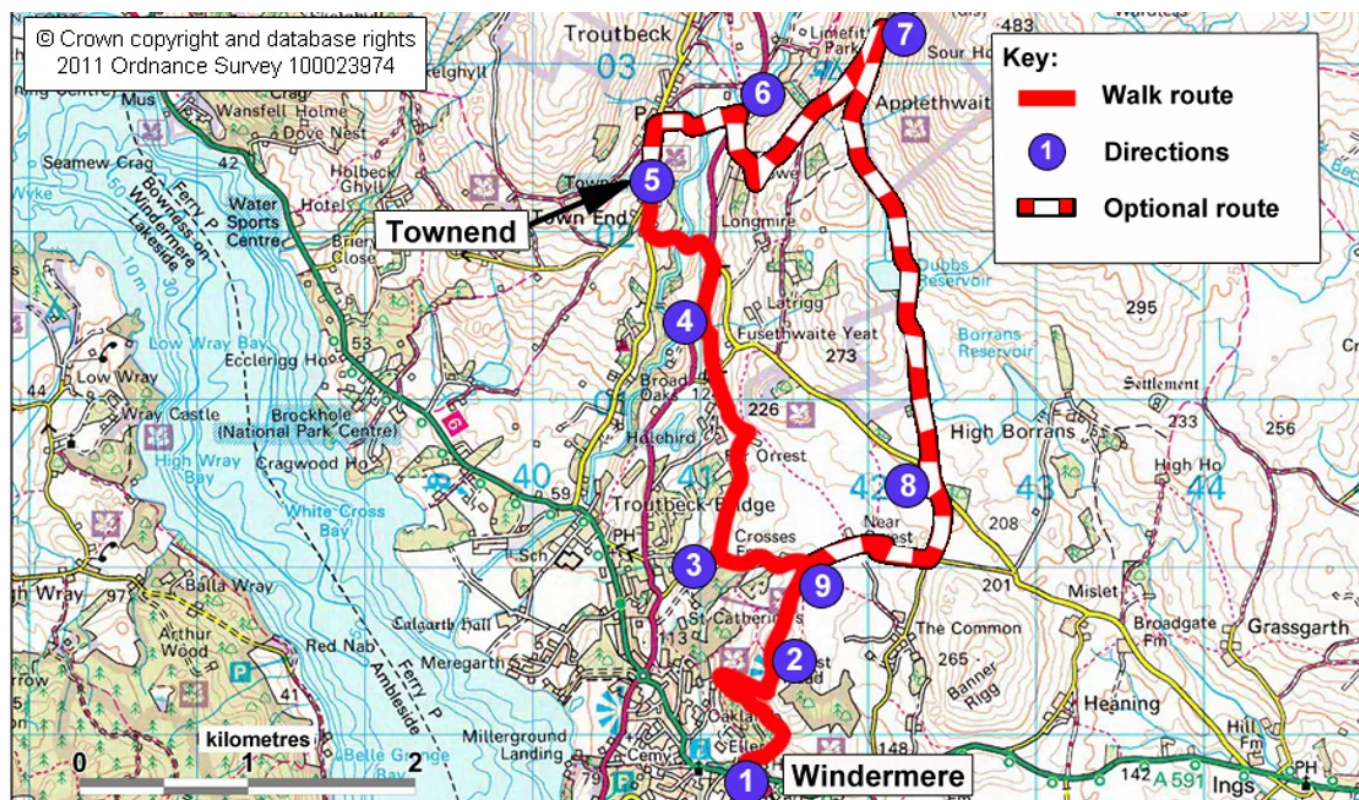


## LAKE DISTRICT

# Windermere to Townend walk

Follow this walk from Windermere railway station to Townend, a traditional 17th-century farmhouse in Troutbeck, which provides a fascinating insight into the local area. Discover far-reaching views of the fells, and keep an eye out for several points of interest along the way, including a church with stained glass windows by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris. This trail comes with the option of taking an alternative (but longer and more strenuous) route back to the starting point.



## Information

Address: Windermere railway station, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 1AH

OS map: OS Explorer OL7 Landranger 90

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Moderately challenging route with one steep climb towards the end. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Dogs welcome under close supervision

Full trail: Miles: 8.0 (km: 12.8)

Short trail: Miles: 4.0 (km: 6.4)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours 30 mins - 4 hours 30 mins

## Terrain

A walk following footpaths and tracks through fields and country lanes. On the return journey there is a steep climb on rocky tracks. Please note that dogs need to be kept on a lead in the fields, as they can scare livestock.

## Total steps: 9

Start point: Windermere railway station, grid ref SD414985

1. From Windermere railway station, turn left and take the road opposite the pedestrian lights leading up to Orrest Head. Follow the tarmac road up, which turns into a gravel track. Follow it to the wall and turn right. Go over a stile, turning left and continue up the path to the top of Orrest Head.
2. From the top of Orrest Head, go down the opposite side to where you came up, aiming for the white farmhouse. When you come to the stile in the wall, don't cross it, but follow the signpost for Causeway Farm. When you reach the road near Causeway Farm, turn left and follow the road to Crosses Farm.
3. At Crosses Farm, take the footpath marked Troutbeck and follow this through the fields to Far Orrest Farm. At Far Orrest follow the sign for A592 via Dubbs Road. When you come to the road, cross and take the footpath opposite and follow it through the field to the A592.
4. Carefully cross the A592 and turn right on the footpath along the road. Turn left at the footpath through the field, crossing the Trout Beck by footbridge. When you reach the road, turn right. Townend is at the crossroads at the top.
5. For the return journey from Townend, there is the option of a longer and slightly more strenuous route. Exit Townend's garden and turn left. Follow the road through Troutbeck village to the post office. At the post office turn right and follow the lane down to the A592.
6. At the A592 turn right and follow the footpath along the road. Carefully cross the road and take the first track to the left. Follow this up, another track joins from the right and shortly after separates again. When they separate, take the right-hand path, continuing

up the fell past a small woodland. When another track joins, take this sharp turn to the right

7. Follow this track, the Garburn Road / Dubbs Road, between fields and past the reservoir to the tarmacked Moorhowe Road. The long track takes you through some lower fells and past the Dubbs Reservoir.
8. At the Moorhowe Road, turn left and take the first road to the right. At the crossroads, turn right and follow this road past Near Orrest farm to Causeway Farm.
9. From the Causeway Farm, retrace your steps through the fields up to Orrest Head and down to Windermere railway station.

End point: Townend, grid ref: NY407023; Windermere railway station, grid ref: SD414985

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