

Route Description: Little Langdale from Tilberthwaite.

1. There's a LDNP car park at Tilberthwaite, the start of the walk. Cross Tilberthwaite Gill over the road bridge, continue up the road to reach High Tilberthwaite Farm.

2. At High Tilberthwaite Farm yard, take the left hand fork, through a farm gate following the stony road uphill. Continue on the excellent byway, at the high point Lingmoor Fell dominates the view ahead, then Harrison Stickle and Pike O'Stickle appear as progress is made. Descend to a junction overlooking Little Langdale Tarn, turn right (signpost Public Way A593) passing a farm gate to reach High Hall Garth, then Low Hall Garth (climbing huts). Continue to a kissing gate and stile on the left, leading to Slater Bridge. Make the short detour to the 17th century pack horse bridge – it's worth it.

3. From Slater Bridge, return to the Public Byway, turn left to reach a farm gate. About 100m beyond the gate, follow the track on the right after crossing a fence stile by a farm gate, it's a short uphill walk to reach a flat area where the entrance tunnel into Cathedral Quarry. See my Overtones for a brief description of Cathedral Quarry.

4. Leave Cathedral Quarry crossing the stony platform (spoil heap), descend a path to reach the Public Byway. Continue along the Byway, it's a short distance to a footbridge beside a ford. Do not cross the river, bear right following the Byway to reach a fork (about 30m after the ford). Follow the left fork (signposted Coniston via Hodge Close), continue to Stang End.

5. Stang End is a small farm and cottages, there's a skew in the road amongst the buildings. Leave the tarmac road by turning right, uphill signposted Hodge Close. Continue along the Byway to reach a cluster of cottages at Hodge Close. At Hodge Close follow the short diversion to visit Hodge Close Quarry, there is a bridleway on the left, walk up the bridleway for 20m, follow an indistinct path on the right, descend the steep path into the Hodge Close Quarry to reach the arch, return to the road. Continue uphill, the impressive Hodge Close Quarry is on the left, walk along the road to the far end of the quarry.

6. At the south end of Hodge Close Quarry, leave the road on a bridleway on the left through woodland, the bridleway runs almost parallel to the single track road. Continue on the bridleway, passing the back of a row of cottages then a farm. Continue along the bridleway to reach the road. Turn right on the road, walk up the road for about 500m to reach a public footpath (signposted) on the left. Leave the road, follow the path into woodland, cross two fields to reach High Tilberthwaite Farm. Return to the car park along the road.