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easy

## Bigland Barrow

This walk is an ideal way to introduce kids to the wonders of Lakeland walking and explores one of the lesser known tops of the area, that being Bigland Barrow, rising to 630ft above Newby Bridge.

Plantation.

where track bends westerly and narrower path leaves it. Once you locate this, take it and climb up hillside to watchtower on summit of Bigland Barrow.

### The walk

**1** From parking area walk south down Hazelrigg Lane with Hoggarths Plantation, R. Take a stone stile, R, by a footpath sign, signposted 'Backbarrow', near a cream house. Follow faint path uphill, forest edge, R, to stone stile. Cross and enter forest. A good track rises gradually through trees to cross another track and carry on uphill to stile in a wall corner.

**2** Cross and take path ahead that drops down through heather with wall, R. Head westerly with tarn coming into view below, R. Reach good track at gate in wall, R, and pass through to make short detour to visit tarn, which is in fact a small reservoir.

**3** Retrace steps back to gate and once through it, follow good cart track straight ahead (southwesterly). Follow this through wonderful tangled country and when it splits twice take L fork each time. After second split, path begins to rise up and becomes narrower before reaching stile in wall. Cross and go forward few metres on path to reach distinct track. Take this, R, and follow it towards tower on Bigland Barrow. Track curves to avoid boggy patches, then begins to climb up. Watch carefully for point

### DETAILS

**Country Walking ID**  
3019  
Mag Route 29,  
January 2008  
Region North  
Area Cumbria  
**Length of walk**  
5.6km/3.5 miles  
**Time needed** 2.5  
hours  
**Difficulty** Easy

### IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?

**Terrain** Good paths through forest, tangled heathland and open fellside

### PLANNING

**Parking** Entrance to Hoggarths Plantation, grid ref SD375852 (along Hazelrigg Lane, a quiet back road running south from Newby Bridge at foot of Windermere)

**Start grid ref**  
SD374851

**Nearest town** Newby Bridge

**Refreshments** Newby Bridge Hotel and Swan Hotel, Newby Bridge

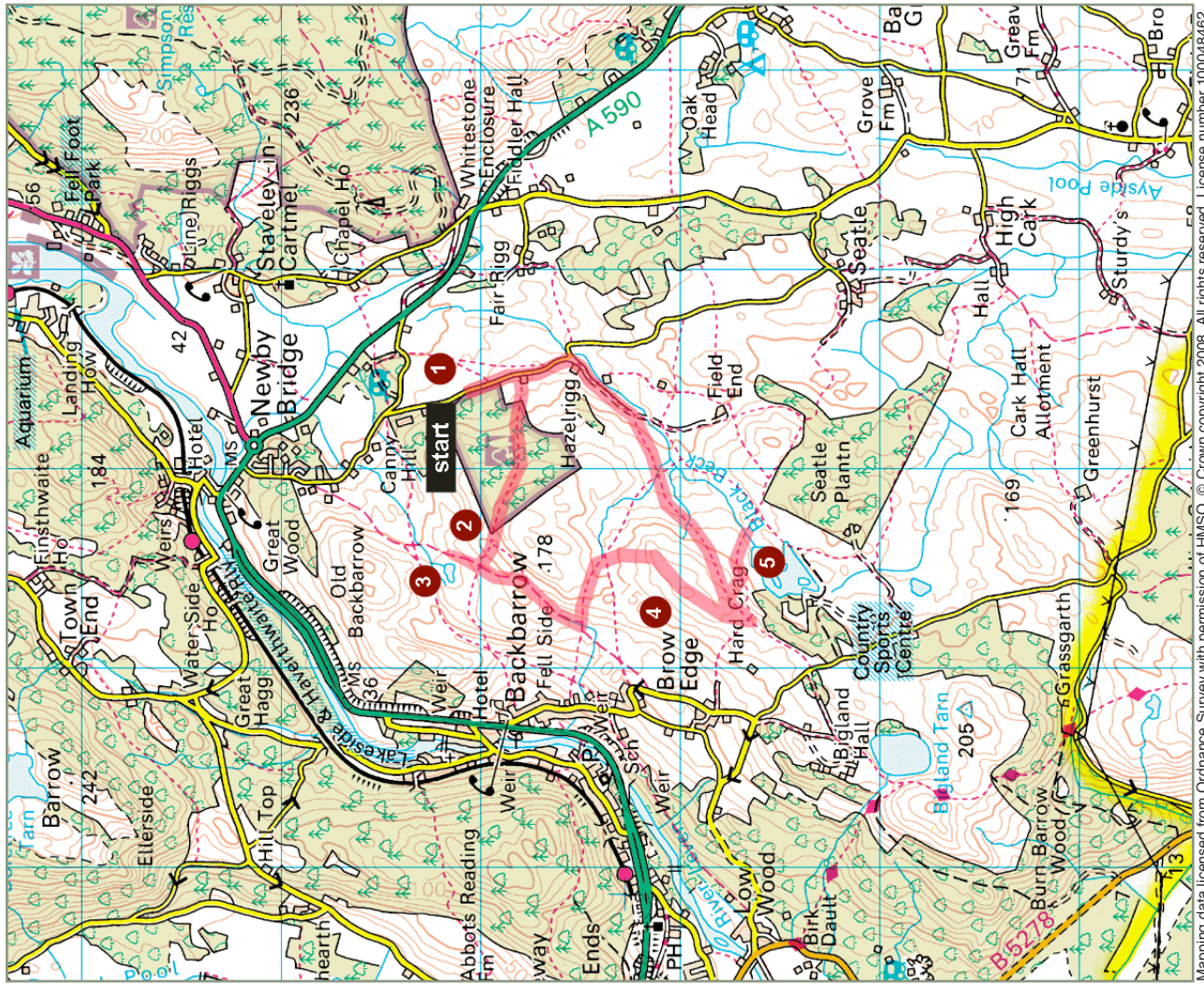
**Public toilets** None

**Public transport** The 618 service runs from Ambleside to Newby Bridge via Bowness about three times a day starting at 9.10am

### MAPS

Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7; Landranger 97

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