

● **Distance** 10.9km/6¾ miles ● **Time** 5hrs ● **Grade** Moderate

KEITH WOOD



Skiddaw Little Man seen from the path across Carl Side.

A fantastic first climb to introduce someone special to the Lakeland heights, but also a sublime way for anyone to explore England's fourth highest mountain. The route rises through the slopes of Dodd Wood to climb Ullock Pike and follow a gentle flank leading on to Skiddaw itself. A steep climb to the summit is rewarded by some of the best views in the Lake District and the gentle descent through the woods is a gem.

By Nick Hallissey.

1 START

Pass tearoom and enter Dodd Wood, taking path L over bridge, following yellow signs for 'Sandbed Gill Trail'. Visit seasonal osprey viewpoint via detour, R. Continue NW round flank of hill following yellow signs, crossing Sandbed Gill via bridge. Path joins another then, after 200m, branch R up hill to

gate to leave wood and emerge on hillside.

2 1.7km/1 mile

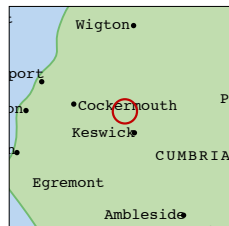
Turn R up steep slope and climb to skyline. Main bulk of Skiddaw comes into view ahead. Turn R to join Allerdale Rumble and follow obvious ridge path ('The Edge' on OS map) for steep ascent to summit of Ullock Pike, with occasional zig-zags.

3 3.8km/2½ miles

From summit of Ullock, continue over Longside Edge on clear path, crossing Long Side with Skiddaw in fine prospect on L. Path skirts L of Carl Side summit to arrive at Carlside Col, where flank joins Skiddaw. Obvious path runs diagonally up shoulder of Skiddaw, leading directly to middle of summit ridge. On reaching ridge, detour R to south summit for spectacular views over Keswick and Borrowdale, then turn ➤

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PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Terrain Woodland and steep hillsides

Stiles 1

Suitable for Fit walkers

START/PARKING

Pay-and-display at Old Sawmill Tearoom, Mirehouse, grid ref NY235281

Nearest town Keswick

Refreshments Old Sawmill Tearoom at start/finish; pubs in Keswick

Public toilets None

Public transport Local bus services 555, X4, 73 and 73A

MAPS

Ordnance Survey Explorer OL4; Landranger 90



Cumbria

Skiddaw

COUNTRY WALKING



The descent passes heather-clad slopes on the way to Dodd Wood.

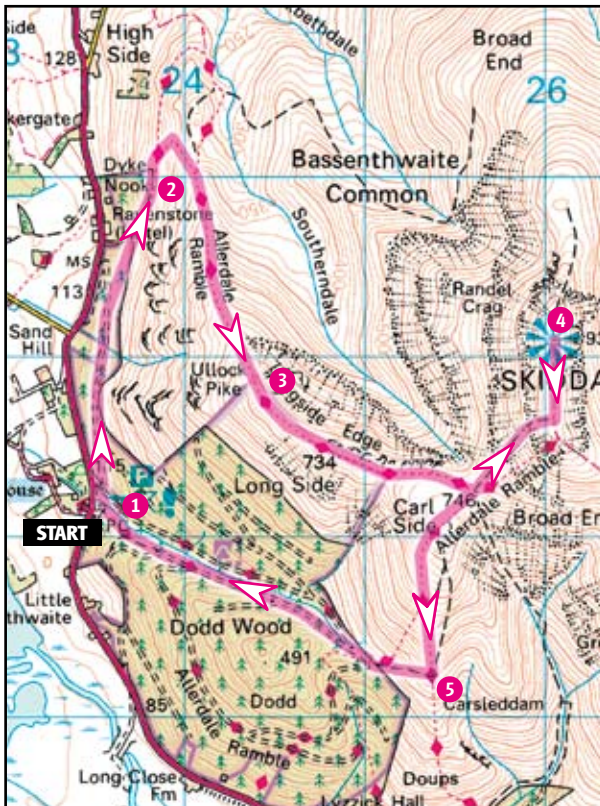
➤ back and head north to main summit. Note – despite path marked on Ordnance Survey Explorer map, there is no safe descent off south summit.

4 6.1km/3¾ miles

Retrace steps to cairn marking start of path back down to Carlside Col and turn R to descend. At col, turn L and pass Carlside Tarn. Path descends due south on flank of Carl Side. At 488m, path reaches junction by conspicuous outcrop of white stones (marked on map).

5 8.7km/5½ miles

Turn R and take path towards Dodd. Path forks at cairn, turn L and descend to forest road. At road, cross stile and turn R. Follow forest road to fork and keep L, following green marker. Continue downwards, following combination of green and red markers on obvious path towards Bassenthwaite. Path follows course of Skill Beck to return to tearoom.



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