



# 'Steamer' Walks

## Cruise & Walk with the Ullswater 'Steamers'

### Hallin Fell Circular Walk

<b>Description:</b>	Very rewarding short walk with stunning views of Ullswater
<b>Starting Point:</b>	Howtown 'Steamer' Pier
<b>'Steamer' Options:</b>	1. Cruise from Glenridding to Howtown then walk before catching boat back 2. Cruise from Pooley Bridge to Howtown then walk before returning 3. Complete the walk and take a 'round the lake cruise' on the 'Steamers' starting at any of our piers.
<b>Distance:</b>	3 miles / 5 km
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Fairly easy
<b>Terrain:</b>	Easy going but with some uphill stretches and slightly rocky sections of path.
<b>Duration:</b>	1½ - 2 hours average, a bit more if you climb up the fell or if you visit the churches
<b>Footwear:</b>	Boots/sturdy shoes
<b>Clothing:</b>	Waterproofs during wet weather
<b>Toilets/Refreshments:</b>	On the 'Steamers', in Glenridding or Pooley Bridge villages, or at the Howtown Hotel Public Bar (open March to October).

**Always check the weather forecast and boat times before your walk.**

**Take plenty of water, especially on hot days!**

1. Disembark the 'Steamer', walk to the end of Howtown pier and take an immediate right across a small bridge, signposted **Public Footpath – Sandwich No Cycling** and follow the lakeshore path. After the second swing gate, continue straight forward along the road for 30 metres and then go through the swing gate on your left signposted **Patterdale Sandwich** and follow this path along and up the steps until you reach the next swing gate. After the gate turn LEFT and follow the grassy path gently rising around the side of the fell, notice the view back towards Pooley Bridge over your shoulder. There are excellent views across Howtown and towards Fusedale all along here. After 40 metres or so the path splits, take the upper/right hand path. This path continues to gradually rise and after ½ km flattens out next to the road, a wooden 'no cycling' post lies to your left.

OPTION: At this point, if you are feeling fit, you can head diagonally up to the right and follow the grassy zigzag path up to the top of Hallin Fell with its fantastic views of the lake and valley. Then retrace your steps back to the wooden 'no-cycling' post at the bottom. Add an extra ¾ hour on to the walk for this.

2. From here carry on along the road (there are benches to sit on opposite which take in great views down the lake). Continue over the brow of the hill and past St Peter's Church, which, if you have time, is well worth a visit as it has stunning stained glass windows. Follow the road signposted **Sandwich**.

Note: there is an optional ¼ mile walk along a road to the left to see the C17<sup>th</sup> Old Church of St Martins, again well worth a visit).

Take the path to the right just before the river and follow this all the way to a wide gate signposted **Footpath** and past a cottage through another similar gate marked **Footpath down hill, keep left of farm (beside beck)**. Cross the field diagonally down to the left, following the yellow arrows on the marker post and electricity pole. Go through the gate next to the beck to the left of the farm and after 20 metres cross a stepped wall with a tiny gate. Cross Doe Green Bridge, turn right after the gate and continue along the road, over the white railed bridge, and again turn right. Follow the tarmac road for a while passing a signpost **Public footpath Howtown via Hallin lakeside path** and down into Sandwick.

3. From Sandwick, bear right and follow the sign set into the wall **Footpath to Howtown**. Go through gate, across bridge and take the path to the left marked **Footpath**. After 30 metres follow signpost **Public Footpath** up to the right. Skirt the wall (notice the great views across the lake) and pass through several gates, always keeping the lake on your left and following the signs for Howtown. The path gets a bit rocky as you pass through Hallinhag Wood but you soon reach easier ground as the path rises up and around into Howtown bay. The views from here are stunning. Follow the path all the way until you reach the swing gate, which you started at, turn left through the gate and down the steps. Go through the gate and head straight along the road.

OPTION: If you are early for the 'Steamer' then bear right along the road here and head up to the Howtown Hotel Public Bar for a drink (open March to October).

You should now be back on familiar ground and can retrace your steps directly along the lakeshore back to the 'Steamer' pier.

