



# 'Steamer' Walks

## Cruise & Walk with the Ullswater 'Steamers'

### Lanty's Tarn Circular Walk

<b>Description:</b>	Very rewarding short walk with stunning views of the Ullswater Valley
<b>Starting Point:</b>	Glenridding 'Steamer' Pier
<b>'Steamer' Options:</b>	1. Cruise from Pooley Bridge or Howtown to Glenridding, complete this walk and return on a later boat 2. Take a 1 or 2 hour round trip from Glenridding before or after completing the walk
<b>Difficulty:</b>	Moderate Easy
<b>Distance:</b>	3 miles / 5 km
<b>Terrain:</b>	Initially a little uphill stretch soon evens out into a gradual zigzag path. It is necessary to cross over the road twice, but there is nothing difficult, although I would not recommend the route for prams
<b>Duration:</b>	1½ hours average, a lot shorter if you backtrack down from the tarn to the village (see OPTION 2)
<b>Footwear:</b>	Boots/sturdy shoes
<b>Clothing:</b>	Waterproofs during wet weather
<b>Toilets/Refreshments:</b>	Glenridding Pier, on the 'Steamers' or in Glenridding village
<b>Always check the weather forecast and boat times before your walk.</b>	
<b>Take plenty of water, especially on hot days!</b>	

1. Follow the **TO VILLAGE** signs from the Glenridding Pier car park entrance pointing along the road. There's another sign pointing you right just prior to the public toilets. Walk through the Glenridding Hotel car park and under the archway. Carefully cross over the road and go up the road between the shops and the stream, signposted **Public Bridleway, Mires Beck, Helvellyn**. Follow this road for several hundred metres, passing the mini-market on your left and the Public Hall on your right before the road turns into a track. When the track forks, take the left path sign-posted to **Lanty's Tarn, Helvellyn** and again follow this for a while. You will soon reach a signpost with a single yellow arrow pointing you left towards Lanty's Tarn. Take this path (or the next one situated a little further along after the last cottage) either of these and, from now on, watch out for the Red Squirrels!!
2. Climb the stone steps straight upward. They start off quite steep but soon even out so don't panic. After a few metres the path bends right – there's a bench on your left with great views down the lake if you need a rest. A few metres after the turn you will pass through a swing gate and continue along the path, which, again briefly gets a little steeper. There are great views down the lake from any point up this track. When you reach another gate **DO NOT GO THROUGH IT**, but follow the path **LEFT** sign-posted **Striding Edge, Grisedale** and head for the brow of the hill. Again, great views can be seen looking back down the valley from

here. Once over the brow of the hill continue down the track towards the tarn, now visible to your right. Please note that the tarn can get quite low during dry spells.

3. OPTION 1: If you wish to take a detour to reach the top of Keldas then cross the stile to your left and follow the path up and to the right to find the peak – its only a few metres away. **You must backtrack and re-join the tarn path over the same stile** when you come down, please do not try to get down the fell through Patterdale Hall Estate.

4. OPTION 2: having seen the tarn or been up Keldas, you can either backtrack down to Glenridding using the path you've just come up, OR you can continue on (see instruction 5 & 6 below) for a longer circular route around the fell.

5. Go through the swing gate and follow the track down the right hand side of the tarn. There is a nice flat stretch of ground at the far end of the tarn where you can have a picnic or take a breather. After the tarn the path dips down a hill and, after about 300 metres, splits into two with a gate on each path. Take the left path and turn left and downhill after the gate. Head straight down this track (careful, it is quite a steep descent) and go through the swing gate at the bottom. Walk directly forwards along the road and over a bridge before bearing left, always sticking to the tarmac road. The road goes all the way to the junction for the A592 main road.

6. When you reach this, turn left and carefully cross the road onto the pavement opposite. Continuing along past the Glenridding sign, the pavement turns into a path through trees. At the end of this path carefully cross back over the road and take the track up to the left taking you 200 metres along in the direction of the road. Passing the War Memorial on your right, drop down the few steps at the end of the track and cross directly over the road and through the gate opposite. The lakeshore path takes you all the way back to the 'Steamer' car park.

