

AMBLESIDE TO GRASMERE

COFFIN ROUTE

ROUTE ESSENTIALS

Walk Route: Ambleside - Grasmere

Duration: 3 - 4 hours

Miles: 4

ROUTE DETAILS

1. From Ambleside head North on the A591 (in the direction of Keswick) for 750m until you reach Scandale Bridge over Scandale Beck. Cross the bridge and immediately turn right on to a path. This path follows the side of the beck for a short distance then swings north towards the trees of Rydal Park. Follow it past the pasture and trees to Rydal Hall. The path loops around the back of Rydal Hall and joins a rough tarmac lane. Turn right onto the lane and follow it a short distance up hill to Wordsworths House, Rydal Mount.

2. A bridleway starts around the back of Rydal Mount. Join it and follow as it climbs alongside the garden wall of Rydal Mount and then works its way West across the lower slopes of Nab Scar. The bridleway pops in and out of the trees and dips up and down for 1.5km until it comes to a junction with another bridleway on the left. Ignore this and carry straight on to reach a tarmac lane on White Moss Common by some cottages. Ignore the bridleway that drops away on the left and continue heading West along the lane. This is followed steeply down hill to join a road at How Top.

3. Turn right onto the road and follow it down to Dove Cottage. Dove Cottage is open to visitors as is the Jerwood Centre, so if you have time both are well worth a visit. To reach Grasmere the A591 must be crossed; the safest place to do this is by the mini roundabout. On the other side follow the road into Grasmere. St Oswalds church is reached just after crossing the bridge over the River Rothay. There is a footpath that leads around the graveyard past Wordsworths grave. The path loops back to the road which is then followed into the centre of the village. The bus stop is near the village green.