

School Knott 75 minutes 2.9 miles

Turn left out of Ivythwaite's front gate. Walk to the end of Prince's Road. Turn left at the junction where you will find a grand property called Oakthwaite. Head up Thornbarrow Road, admiring Loughrigg Fell and the high fells of the Langdales to your left.

At the crossroads, turn right onto Park Road, heading towards Windermere Park. Turn left at the junction with Lickbarrow Road. And follow the steep uphill road. After 200m, you will get your first view of Lake Windermere. The road bears to the right. Go straight on past footpaths to the right and left, a metal bench to the left and rock outcrops in the fields to the right. You will see the summit of School Knott to the left.

Take the turning to the left, signed 'Gated Single Track Road'. When you reach High Lickbarrow Farm on your left, go through the metal gate in the wall on the right, following the 'Public Footpath to Pinethwaite and the Dales Way'.

Follow the path as it bears to the right and meets another footpath. Go through the wooden gate with the stream to your left. Cross the stream via the stone steps and follow the footpath uphill with open fells above to your left and the stream below to your right.

Where the footpath splits, take the path uphill to the left, following the sign for 'Hag End, Dales Way'. Follow the path uphill, enjoying the fell views to your right. **P1** Cross over the stream, keeping the dry stone wall on the right.

Pass through the wooden kissing gate, following the yellow marker arrow. After 30m, carry straight on, ignoring the path through the wall to the right. The dry stone wall is to your right. Where the path reaches the tarn, take the upper of the two paths over the summit with the tarn to your right. Follow the path to the gate in the dry stone wall with the summit of School Knott ahead in the distance.

There are a number of routes to the summit. **P2** From the summit (232m), you have views of the northern half of Lake Windermere and Belle Isle. Heald Wood, Arthur Wood and the high fells of the Langdales can be viewed across the lake. **P3** The village of Windermere is below you with the summits of Orrest Head (239m) and Banner Rigg (265m) to the right.

You can retrace your steps back past the tarn to Ivythwaite. To complete the circular walk, head down the meandering path across the fells to the houses of Windermere village.

At the bottom of the fell, go through the head height wooden gate in the dry stone wall. There is a small pond in front of the gate and a bench facing the lake beyond it. There are two footpaths leading to the same point. Straight on is quicker but steeper and slippery with water or ice under foot. To the left through the woodland is longer and gentler.

At the bottom of the slope is an upright commemorative stone. A footpaths crosses left to right. Cross the path and head straight on to a head height wooden gate into a residential street.

Walk along Victoria Road North, then turn right into Fairfield Road and proceed downhill. Turn left into Limethwaite Road with Queen's Park to your right. At Heathwaite corner shop, turn right into Park Road, with Queen's Park still to your right. The summit of Orrest Head can be seen ahead to the right.

Turn left at the crossroads into Woodlands Road, downhill past Special Spaces. At the next crossroads, with the fire station to your right, go straight ahead into Ellerthwaite Road, crossing the brook. Pass the Brookside public house on your right and turn left into Oldfield Road. At Oldfield Garage, take the lane to the right. Go past the church. The car park and rear entrance to Ivythwaite is the next left.

