

<p>Distance: Approx 7 miles</p> <p>Time Taken: Approx 2-3 hours</p> <p>Terrain: Half the route is undulating rocky and woodland paths. There are lots of high tree roots on some of the path. The other half is flat road and path.</p> <p>Total ascent / descent: 591ft 180m</p> <p>Dog Friendliness: This walk is very dog friendly and they can be kept off lead for pretty much all of the walk.</p> <p>Toilets / Refreshments: Toilets are available to use for customers of The Shepherds Arms Inn.</p> <p>Parking: Small carpark available near Ennerdale Water. Roadside parking is also available.</p> <p>OS Maps: OL4</p>	<p>Ennerdale Water</p> <p>Background: Ennerdale Water is the most westerly lake in the Lake District. It is a glacial lake with a maximum depth of 150 feet (45 meters). The lake lies in the valley of Ennerdale, surrounded by some of the highest and best-known fells in Cumbria including Great Gable, Steeple and Pillar. This route is a largely unknown hidden gem of the lake district.</p> <p>Route Description: From the car park which is accessed from Ennerdale Bridge we headed towards the lake and followed the route anti-clockwise around the lake. The path follows the edge of the lake around Angler's Crag, which is quite rocky and uneven with short ascents and descents along the way.</p> <p>The path then continues to follow the edge of the lake into a wooded area which again is uneven as lots of the tree roots are across the paths so be careful when walking through here. The views down the lake are spectacular.</p> <p>Follow the path to the end of the lake and continue through the woodland until the path turns left along a wall. Follow this wall until you reach the road and turn left again. The path then follows this road up until you reach the carpark of Bowness Knot viewpoint. Once here the path bears left to follow the edge of the lake again all the way back to the start.</p> <p>This walk is a very easy route to follow as the path follows the lake edge all the way around. It's a wonderful walk that can be done over a full day stopping for a picnic and enjoying the water or can be done in a couple of hours on a long summers evening. This is a Lakeland must, we have walked it three times and been the only people there all those occasions even in the height of summer.</p> <p>Points of Interest: Bowness Knott viewpoint should you wish to do a little detour up to it.</p> <p>Recommended: These are places we've stayed / drank / eaten and enjoyed.</p> <p>Accommodation: We haven't stayed in Ennerdale thus far.</p> <p>Refreshments: The Shepherds Arms, do lovely food and good beer.</p> <p>Outdoor Gear: No outdoor shops in Ennerdale or Ennerdale Bridge.</p>
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