

## Name of walk

Aira Force

## Length

1.5 Miles/ 2.5 Km

## Description

A short climb through splendid mixed woodland, passing through two fine waterfalls crossed dramatic bridges. The paths are good, through steep in places.



## Safety

Suitable footwear with good grip and support are always recommended. The weather can change rapidly so wear appropriate clothing

## Route

Aira Force is the lower of two fine waterfalls forms where Aira Beck tumbles down the final, steep slope above Ullswater.

From The Inn on the Lake turn right at the main gates and follow the A952 approximately 4 miles until you reach the junction A5091 signposted Keswick, just past the junction you can turn left into the Aira Force car park.

Go through the gate at the back of the car park and start walking along the clear track straight ahead, with the beck down to your right. The track swings right through a gate in a Dyke and crosses a little tributary of the beck, immediately beyond the track splits. Go straight on, dropping to cross a bridge over the beck, climb the steps on the far side and follow the path beyond until it reaches a split by a giant conifer, keep left and follow the path to the bridge at the foot of Aira Force. Cross this and climb the steep flight of steps beyond. At the junction at the top of the steps, turn right and continue for a short distance to reach another bridge crossing the top of the falls, a most dramatic spot. It is possible to shorten the walk from here, simply by following the clear track down the western side of the beck to the car park, but it is worth the extra effort to continue up to High Force, to do this cross the bridge and turn left,

When you reach the fall, cross the bridge over the beck and turn left to return to the car park,