



WATERSIDE HOUSE
CAMP SITE

Gowbarrow

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

DURATION: 2 - 4 HOURS

Guide to walking Gowbarrow Fell

Summary: Best combined with a visit to Aira Force waterfall, Gowbarrow fell is a moderately challenging hike that offers a different perspective of Ullswater from that of Waterside. This guide will only cover Gowbarrow fell, leaving you to explore Aira force for yourself - there is a lot to see!



Starting point: Aira Force and Gowbarrow are on the opposite side of the lake. We would recommend either driving there (though the Pooley Bridge diversion will add on approximately 30 minutes to your travel time) or getting the steamer there. We suggest starting at the **main car park for Aira Force** to get the full experience.

You should head through the car park into the picnic field. Continue through this field looking for a gateway in the wall leading into another grass field.

Take the path going left and follow it up until you reach a wooden gate (will be on your left hand side). Instead of going through the gate, follow the path to the right, this will take you to a viewing platform at the base of the waterfall (view from platform pictured on the left of this page),

You will see a bridge, which you will be going across once you have finished gazing at the waterfall! You will then need to go up the steps on the left, continuing uphill on the main path, keeping the river on your left.

This path will eventually take you through a gap in the wall and out of the tree cover into open farming fields. You will continue on the field until you see a gate in the wall. Do not take this gate, instead turn right up the field keeping the wall on your left hand side.

Continue following the stone path as it takes you away from the wall. The path will take you to the summit of Gowbarrow now, and you are looking out for the pillar with the national trust signage on it, as seen here:



Once you reached the pillar, you can say you have conquered Gowbarrow - and ticked a Wainwright fell off!

Well done!