



STORRS HALL

Enjoy the big lake view from the hill behind Storrs Hall, right from our door

It'll take about 1 to 1.5 hours, depending how long you linger over the views, or indulge in a bit of nature watching. Ordnance Survey ref: <https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/54.33311,-2.92847,16>

GHYLL HEAD

The walk takes in a mix of woodland, and craggy fellside – the track itself is wide and sound underfoot apart from the early stages through the lower field, and the woodland either side of Ghyll Head itself, this is in parts wet woodland and part of the footpath there is raised walkway. A couple of dips in the path stand in water even when it's dry, though there are stepping stones.

The plus side of this variety is a beautiful diversity of plantlife, the flowers are plentiful from spring to late autumn – which in turn makes for numerous insects. The differing woodlands and open trees are home lots of birds. There's a bird of prey up there partial to pheasants.

The view itself from the convenient stone seat at Rosthwaite Heights, (5), may be as far as you wish to go.

To add an extra facet to your walk we recommend a loop of the woods around Ghyll Head – the direction you choose is up to you. Ghyll Head reservoir as viewed from the lane is a pretty tarn, the property of a local angling group. You'll start and return to (4), and though a path is not shown leading to the viewpoint at (5) it leads from a 'crossroads' at 4, up to 5, and you can take a shortcut to the lower Ghyll Head loop of footpath from here too as it forms two sides of a triangle with the main marked path.

We recommend joining the walk at (1) as it's safer to walk on the road here. Head towards Bowness taking a left out of main entrance, heading north, and at the end of the houses double back on the private road on the right. This is a public footpath. Head out of the woodland and turn right downhill on the public road for about 100m, then take the footpath on the left, signposted to Rosthwaite ½ mile. (2).



This leads up through more woodland for a short way, before leading through a gate to a field, and eventually open hillside. Follow the path by the wall that leads to a wider track – this itself leads to another gate, and then a T-junction on a gravel and stone track with a signpost. (3). Turn right and follow the track to Ghyll Head 3/4 mile.



In turn this leads you to the start of the woodland loop around Ghyll Head, partly on the road, if you wish to extend your walk. This is marked by a crossroads in the path by a tree, marked with a signpost, (the path to the seat is not marked but it is the one leading off to the right). (4).



From here (5), you have a long view along lake Windermere, and can see the sweep of mountains from the Conistone range and the Langdales, round to the Fairfield Horseshoe, Kirkstone Pass, and over to where the Lake District National Park meets the Yorkshire Dales. The Temple of Heroes is a handy landmark for spotting Storrs Hall's location.

If you loop round the back of Ghyll Head it adds an extra dimension to your walk, the picturesque Ghyll Head tarn as viewed from the lane is a pretty stretch of water – the property of a local angling association. (6). Whilst the woodland to the east side is wet woodland – stretches of it

are a raised walkway – and home to an abundance of flowers, fungi, birds and insects.

Whether you add on this last section or not, the way back to Storrs is to retrace the path back down the hill. It's a beautiful, handily located, short walk to do right from our door.



