The Ullswater Way is a stunning 20 mile walking route around Ullswater. The route can be walked in either direction and from any starting point. Why not walk the route in shorter sections, using an open top bus or steamer to start your journey!

General Information
Ullswater Information Centre: 0845 903 0845 (calls cost 2p per minute plus your phone company’s access charge)
www.lakedistrict.gov.uk

Linking Buses
Bus service 508 runs from Penrith to Patterdale, open top service at peak time. Details at www.stagecoachbus.com or www.traveline.info

Ullswater Steamer
01768 82229 www.ullswater-steamer.co.uk

Weather
Forecast available on Lake District Weatherline: 0844 846 2444 (calls cost 7p per minute plus your phone company’s access charge)
www.lakedistrictweatherline.co.uk

Accommodation, activities and attractions
For more information on the Ullswater Way, including detailed route descriptions and accommodation and attractions in the local area visit www.ullswater.com

Walking
This map is not to scale. The route is well waymarked, but please also take a detailed map with you. Mobile phone signal can be limited in the Ullswater Valley. There can be changing weather conditions – please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

In case of emergency please call 999. Ask for Police and Mountain Rescue.

Using Buses and Boats

Walking around Ullswater with Ullswater Steamers

Ullswater Steamers’ Ullswater ‘Steamers’ are an award winning attraction sailing on England’s most beautiful lake since 1859, providing the perfect opportunity to combine a cruise with the most spectacular walking routes in the National Park.
www.ullswater-steamer.co.uk

Reach beyond Adventure
Adventure activities in the Ullswater Valley, Canoeing, ghyll scrambling, climbing, abseiling, archery, bushcraft, & wild camping. Perfect for individuals, families & groups. What’s your next adventure? Tel: 017684 83867
www.reachbeyondadventure.co.uk

The Quiet Site
Split the Ullswater Way walk with a stay in one of our Pads or Habitat Holes. We organise your parking and overnight accommodation leaving you to enjoy the walk.
www.thequietsite.co.uk

Side Farm Tea Room and Campsite
Pop in for tea and cake or why not book your circuit of the lake with a night on our campsite?
Hope to see you soon!
Tel: 017684 82337
www.sidefarmtearoom.co.uk

Ullswater Information Centre
Visit us to plan your Lake District adventure. Located centrally in Glenridding by the main car park CA11 0PD
www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/ullswater
**Ullswater Way Map and Guide**

**Aira Force to Glenridding**

**Distance:** 3 miles / 4.8km  
**Terrain:** Easy well-surfaced path between Aira and Glencoyne. Narrow and uneven paths by lake shore from Glencoyne to Glenridding. Please take care: there is a 100m section along the side of the A592.  
This section includes the magnificent waterfalls at Aira. Allow time to explore the paths through the old woodlands and landscaped glades before reaching the spectacular stone arch bridge spanning the 65 foot waterfall.  

The Way now passes through the ancient woodland of Glencoyne Deer Park. Most famously, Glencoyne Wood was the place where, in 1802, William and Dorothy Wordsworth saw daffodils by the lakeshore. The encounter is described in detail in a celebrated entry in Dorothy’s Grasmere Journal and inspired William Wordsworth to write his most famous poem “I wandered lonely as a cloud, That floats on high o’er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.”

At Glencoyne, cross the road to join a web of paths meandering beside Ullswater, where you can stop and admire the view down the lake before arriving in Glenridding.

**Glenridding to Howtown**

**Distance:** 6.5 miles / 10.7km  
**Terrain:** Undulating path with up and down hill stretches and some rocky sections.  
Please note this is a long, remote section.  

The Ullswater Way now weaves its way with the road, but on good paths and clear crossings. The route passes King George V playing fields – named “the prettiest field in England” by William Wordsworth, before crossing the open valley to Side Farm and heading back northwards along the road leading into Pooley Bridge.

Option: At Swarthbeck, choose to continue on the open moorland edge with extensive views over Ullswater.  
Option: Leaving the woods there is a choice of paths: walk round and over the summit of Gowbarrow to enter the upper reaches of Aira Force, or continue along the path shouldering Gowbarrow, where the views open to the whole of Ullswater and the rising mountains ahead.  
Take a rest on Memorial Seat and enjoy the panorama from this grand balcony. In the distance you will see Lyulph’s Tower – a sixteenth century castellated tower, before reaching the spectacular waterfalls of Aira Force.

**Howtown to Pooley Bridge**

**Distance:** 5 miles / 8km  
**Terrain:** Undulating walking through woodland and fields.  
Please take care: there is a 500m section on the road from Cross Dormont to Waterside House.  

Just beyond Howtown, the Way takes you up onto the moorland edge with extensive views over Ullswater.  
Option: At Swarthbeck, choose to continue on the open moorland to reach the Cockpit – an impressive large stone circle, before descending on a wide track to join a path leading into Pooley Bridge.

Or, alternatively you can take a lower path which takes you through farm land and past farmhouses to reach the Howtown road at Cross Dormont.  
The path then takes you through a working sheep farm and campsite following the water’s edge round to Pooley Bridge.