

Exploring Ullswater's North Western Fells

The north western side of Ullswater is a mixture of low rolling fells interspersed with picturesque hamlets. Criss-crossing this quiet corner of the Lake District is a network of lanes and fell roads. This tour takes in all the best corners and provides, at every turn, fascinating and far reaching views. Amongst the many highlights are a full side view of the mighty Blencathra with its distinct ridges and gills, and the flashing glimpse of Ullswater as you free wheel down the A5091 from Dockray.

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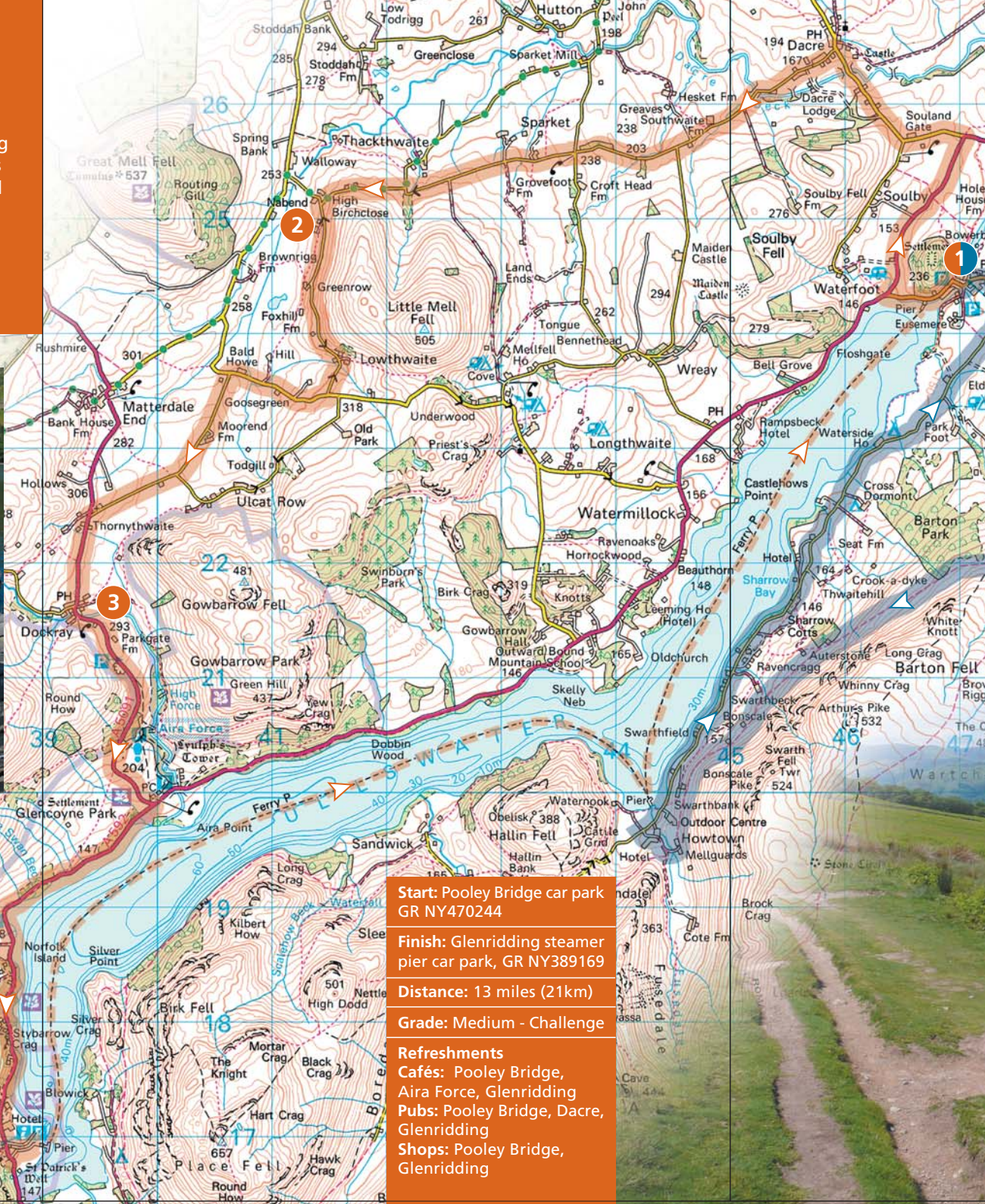
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The start and finish are linked by taking a cruise on the Ullswater Steamer the full length of the lake.

1 Cross the bridge over the River Eamont on the B5320 and follow it along the shore of Ullswater to the jct with the A592. Turn R and follow it for 1.6km to a turning on the L at a bend. Turn onto it and follow the road to Dacre. Just up hill after crossing the bridge over Dacre Beck turn L and then follow the road for 5km past the north side of Little Mell Fell to a jct at High Birchclose.

2 Turn L and follow the road as it climbs steeply. It soon eases, leads through Lowthwaite, and then makes another short climb to a T jct. Turn R and follow the road for 900m to a jct. Turn L and follow the road as it climbs and levels to another junction. Take the R branch and follow this to join the A5091. Turn L onto it and follow it to Dockray.

3 Continue on the A5091 out of Dockray crossing Aira Beck and around Park Brow to make the pleasant freewheel down to the A592. The onward route is R at this jct following the A592 around the side of Ullswater to the Steamer Pier at Glenridding, however if you have time and it has been raining in recent days, you should take a look at Aira Force which can be accessed a few meters to the L of the A592.



Start: Pooley Bridge car park
GR NY470244

Finish: Glenridding steamer
pier car park, GR NY389169

Distance: 13 miles (21km)

Grade: Medium - Challenge

Refreshments
Cafés: Pooley Bridge,
Aira Force, Glenridding
Pubs: Pooley Bridge, Dacre,
Glenridding
Shops: Pooley Bridge,
Glenridding