



A walking guide of Little Langdale

Time: around 60 mins

This walk starts from the village of Little Langdale which has the Three Shires Inn should you want refreshment, you can easily walk to Slaters Bridge and the Cathedral Caves. There are various places where you can park along the village.





1. Start

To start the walk, head up to the top of the village following the signs to Ambleside with the mountains rising up to your right.

Follow along here until you reach a wide gravel public footpath on your left which goes down the hill.

After walking along the gravel path for a short while, you should reach a gate which has a signpost for Slaters Bridge. Proceed through this gate into the field, and continue down the hill. You should see lake 'B' on your right and Slaters Bridge straight ahead in the distance.

Continue walking straight until you reach the bridge.



2. You have arrived at Slaters Bridge! Enjoy the view and take plenty of pictures. This bridge dates back to the 17th Century and was used a way for miners to access the mines up ahead (one of which you will visit in a bit.) You will be crossing the River Brathay on its way from Little Langdale Tarn to Elterwater.

Cross over the bridge, being careful as it is quite uneven and narrow in places.

You should see a stone wall up ahead. Climb over using the steps onto a side road.

Turn left and walk a little down the road.

Then take the second path up to the hill on the right.

Continue up here and you will see a sign for National Trust Cathedral Caves.



3. You have arrived at Cathedral Caves! (also known as Cathedral Quarry) There is a small car park to the left should you wish to use it. Stop and read the sign to learn more before going in - The Cathedral Cave is actually an old quarry which has the appearance of large cave but is well worth a visit.

Walk past the sign and into a tunnel.

After a short walk, you will reach an impressive opening. Take the time to explore the caves and take in the magnificence.

Once you have finished exploring, walk back out the tunnel and turn right, descending the hill until you reach the road.



4. The way back

When walking along the road, you should see a road to the left leading back up the hill.

Walk along this winding road, up the hill until you reach the top.

5. The end. Well done you have completed this lovely short circular walk with two interesting places to visit along the way!

-Return to your car or why not visit The Shire Inn marked 'A'. (N.B we did not visit the Shire Inn so cannot personally recommend but it looks good and is in the perfect spot). We would love to hear your experience

-Note that the red line on the map is the optional section based on where you parked.

