

Rannerdale Knotts

Distance - 3.5 miles Rise and fall - 620ft

Rannerdale Knotts is a small yet beautiful peak. There are a multitude of ways to ascend, but inevitably there is a steep ascent or descent any which way you do it. This route describes a way up with a steep ascent

WALK INSTRUCTIONS

Start Point: The Fish Hotel, Buttermere. CA13 9XA. Several parking options, including a National Trust Car Park just up the hill

1. From the front of the Fish Hotel head through the National Park car park and out onto the Public Footpath that heads through the fields. Follow the path along the river the lakeshore. As you near the lakeshore cross the river and follow the shore path up to the road.
2. Cross the road and follow the grassy footpath that now traverses uphill. After a couple of hundred metres take the now steeper grassy path uphill again.
3. If visiting in May time it is well worth continuing on this track and into the Rannerdale valley behind the mountain as the Bluebells are excellent. To reach the summit you can either ascend up the Rannerdale Valley and double back or retrace your steps back to regain the route described in the guide.
4. This plateaus on a knoll which is a great place for a rest and view stop! Follow the obvious track uphill under the crags to the summit of Rannerdale Knotts. There are in fact a few trods on this section but they will all lead to the summit.
5. From the summit head along the spine of Rannerdale Knotts on easier tracks down to a grassy col and crossroads. Turn Right and follow the grassy path steeply downhill. Again there are a multitude of options to get back to Buttermere. If you take a leftward option a little further down the hill and head over a ladder stile there is a nice finish through the woodland above the River.

