

Walk 1-S Hallin Fell local walk

The local fell and panoramic views of Ullswater.

Distance:

1¾ miles (2.8km)

Cumulative Height

660 ft.

Our rating: Easy-Moderate

Local services: There are no shops or services close to Hause Hall and Cruik Barn. The nearest settlement of Howtown lies at the eastern foot of Martindale Hause where there is a hotel, a tea room and regular Ullswater ferry services to Glenridding and Pooley Bridge.

Start grid: NY434191

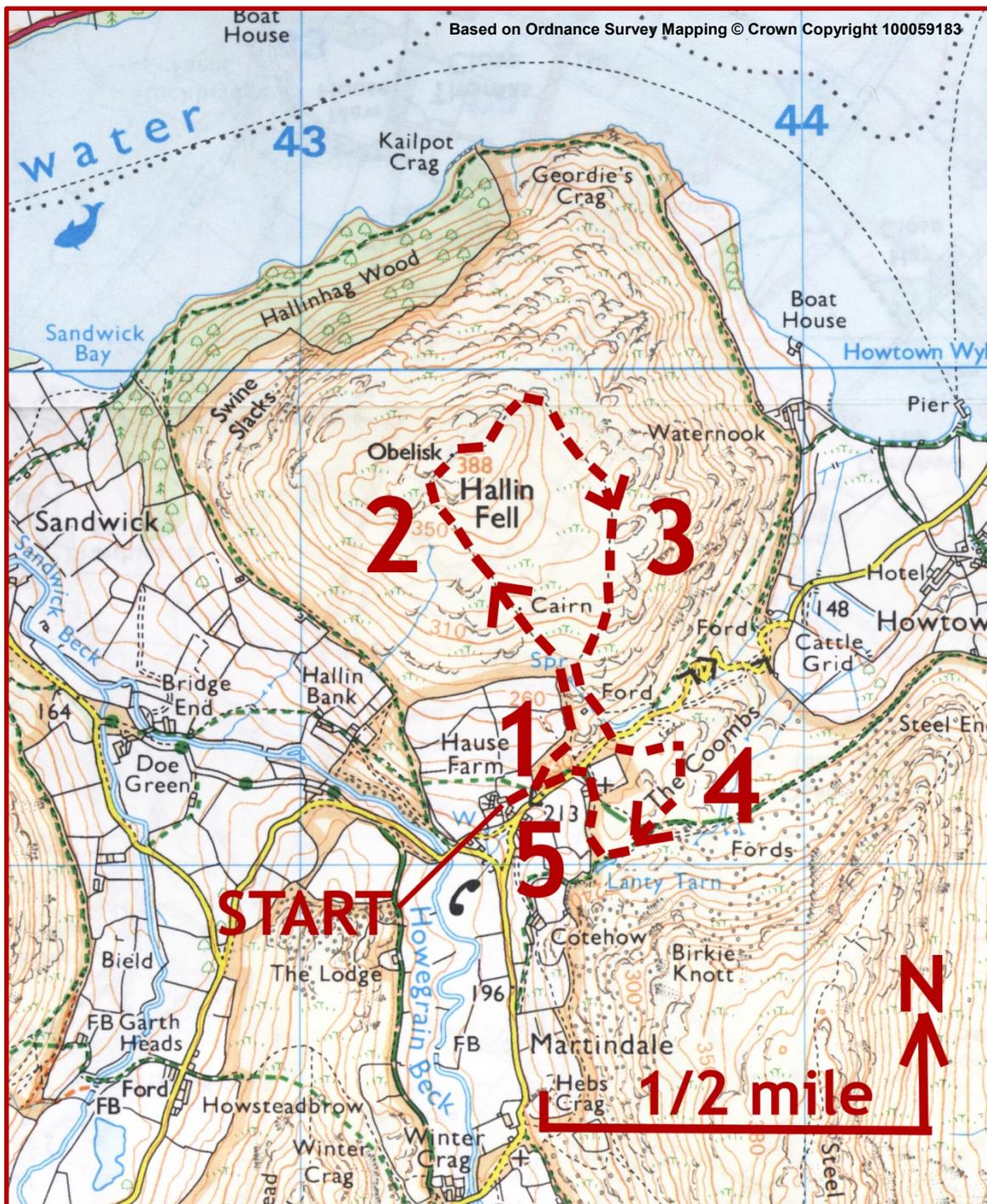
Map: OS Explorer OL5

The English Lakes North-eastern area

This walk begins in the courtyard to Hause Hall. It firstly cuts across the adjoining field to the Martindale Hause beside St Peter's Church at the foot of Hallin Fell. From there the walk climbs to the summit of the fell for panoramic views of the Ullswater area and beyond. A circuit is made of the fell's upper reaches before descending back down to the Hause. A second smaller circuit then passes around the church to offer views across Howtown, the slopes of Pikewassa/Steel Fell and a visit to Lanty's Tarn. A visit may also be made to the church.

The Walk

1. Leave the courtyard through the gate on the eastern side, then make across a field to a further gate. Once through the gate veer immediately left and uphill onto a rising grassy path. Keep a wall to the left side and at a sharp left wall corner turn left onto a steeper path.
2. Continue uphill along a wide grassy path between bracken, with the wall again on the left side. When the wall turns away to the left continue ahead, still rising steeply. The path veers a little to the left and makes towards a lower point between two higher level prominent rocky outcrops. Upon arrival between the outcrops continue on the path as it turns around to the right. The summit obelisk/cairn will then be in view and a further slight rise is required to reach the summit at 1271 ft. *Hallin Fell is known as 'The Motorists Fell'. This is thought to be on account of its popularity with those who, over the years have struggled up the zig zag route to the Martindale Hause from Howtown and then climb 500 ft. up the smooth grassy paths to the summit: one of the lower 'Wainwrights'. The name 'Hallin' may be derived from 'an area from which oak trees can be harvested or three acres of pasture exploited'.*
3. Pass across the summit, and face towards the straight length of Ullswater that leads north-eastwards towards Pooley Bridge in the distance. Drop down a little along a grassy path and cross over a slight mound to reach a path junction. Take the left path at this junction which leads into a grassy trough that descends between buttresses, again towards the length of Ullswater. Follow this path downhill as far as a grassy path junction amongst bracken (with an exposed rock in the centre), immediately past the point where the right buttress falls away. Continue along the right path which then curves around to the right and passes below the buttress and onto a gently undulating portion of upper hillside. Veer right at a main path junction and shortly after join a further grassy path that has come down from the side of the buttress. Continue then ahead and over the lip at the edge of the undulating section of hillside. At this point the car park and St Peter's Church will be visible ahead down slanting paths. Continue steeply downhill using one of the grassy path routes that lead back to the Hause between Howtown and Martindale.
4. Cross the road onto a grassy path that leads away to the left side of the church's woodland enclosure. You may explore this upland area, 'The Coombs', which has dramatic views downhill across Howtown and along Ullswater towards Pooley Bridge. Without losing too much height gradually move to the right across these grassy upland hillocks to the rear



of the church and view the slopes of Steel Fell and Pikeawassa beyond. The small Lanty Tarn, that nestles against these slopes, will come into view to the rear of the hillocks. Keep round behind the church to return to the Hause beside the main church car park and entrance. The church is often open and may be visited. *Construction of St Peter's began in 1880 on an acre of common land at the top of Martindale Hause. Local stone from the surrounding fells was used in the construction, the church opening in January 1882.*

Apart from the east windows, the majority of the stained glass in the church dates from 1975 and was made by the artist Jane Gray of Shrewsbury who designed 15 windows. The most noteworthy window, however, is situated to the right of the nave and is dedicated to Saint Nicholas, patron saint of sailors, and is in memory of Lieutenant Commander W.H. Parkin and the officers and men of HMS Glorious which was sunk by German battleships in the North Sea in June 1940. The window shows an airman's view of the aircraft carrier at full steam.

5. From beside the church cross back over the local road and turn left along the grassy path that leads to the gate that was passed through earlier before the climb of Hallin Fell. Once through the gate return to the entrance gate and courtyard to Hause Hall and the end of the walk.