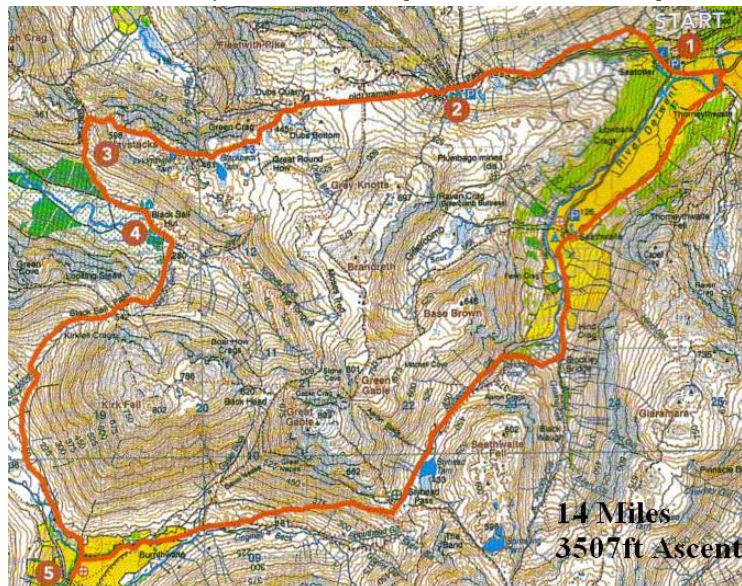


Seatoller [22nd April] - Starting from Seatoller, this undulating walk passes through some of Lakeland's finest scenery and crosses the four passes of Honister, Scarth Gap, Black Sail and Sty Head, linking the



the valleys of Borrowdale, Buttermere and Wasdale.
1) Seatoller lies at the foot of Honister Pass linking Borrowdale with Buttermere, and although the tarmacked road itself can be followed, a safer way is to take the line of the old toll road that starts near the National Park Information Centre. Now little more than a grass cart track in places, the roadside path veers right and then back left to run parallel with the road. The road is crossed and the track climbs steadily up to the old slate trimming sheds at the summit of Honister Pass at the head of the Buttermere Valley. There are plenty of reminders here of how green slate has been mined since the 17th century. Honister

Crag, on the flanks of Fleetwith Pike, overlooking Buttermere, is riddled with old mines and quarried terraces.

2) From Honister Youth Hostel, follow the course of an old quarry tramway towards the eastern end of Fleetwith Pike from where a path swings round to the broad col at the start of the crinkly undulations of Haystacks. This is an exquisite section and you pass through a complex area of minor craglets and shallow hollows, many of which contain small tarns, the most conspicuous being Innominat and Blackbeck Tarns. On calm, clear days you may get fine views of Pillar and the Buttermere fells of High Crag and High Stile reflected in still surfaces of the lakes. Eventually the rocky shoulder of Haystacks is followed down to Scarth Gap from where the scree slope of Gamlin End rises straight ahead to High Crag.

3) Scarth Gap links the Buttermere valley with Ennerdale, and as you descend leftwards into Ennerdale, you are greeted by tremendous views of Great Gable and the rocky fortress of Pillar rising above the dark shroud of conifer plantations. The path follows the northern edge of the forest and descends gently to the head of Ennerdale and the solitary Black Sail Youth Hostel, one of the most isolated of Lakeland's hostels.

4) From the hostel take the path which climbs along the edge of the forest out of the valley to Black Sail Pass, separating the shattered, rocky slopes of Kirkfell on the left from the broad grassy whaleback of Pillar. As you descend the constructed path into Mosedale, the valley opens up to reveal views of Red Pike and, to its left, the lovely wedge-shaped peak of Yewbarrow, one of Lakeland's finest miniature gems. The path crosses the boulders at the tumbling waters of Catherstone Beck and then gently traverses around the bracken-covered slopes at the base of Kirk Fell. When the valley floor is reached a detour to the right lands you at the Wasdale Head Inn, which provides food and refreshments.

5) From the inn retrace your steps for a short distance alongside the beck and then continue through the walled pastures of Wasdale Head overlooked by the bulky Kirk Fell on the left and the pyramid-shaped peak of Great Gable straight ahead. A stony track eventually traverses across Gable's flanks up to Sty Head Pass with fine views back down Wasdale. Continue along the broad track to pass Sty Head Tarn before descending the reconstructed path, passing Taylorgill Force in a deep rocky gully on the left. The path zig-zags down to Stockley Bridge, spanning Grains Gill from where you turn left along a good path to the farm buildings at Seathwaite. You can now follow the road back to Seatoller, or take the path heading off from the farm buildings and traverse the foot of Thornythwaite Fell to join the access track for Thornythwaite Farm leading to a road. Seatoller is just a short walk left along the road.

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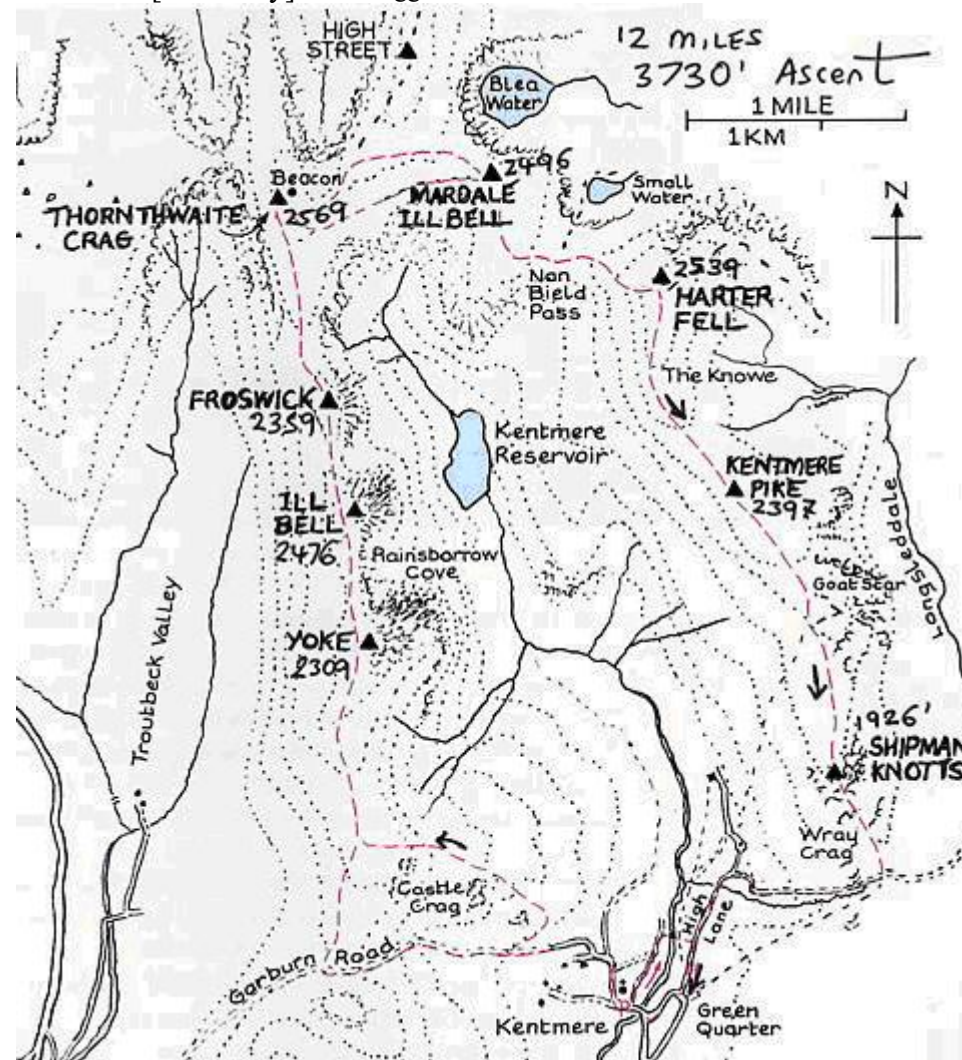


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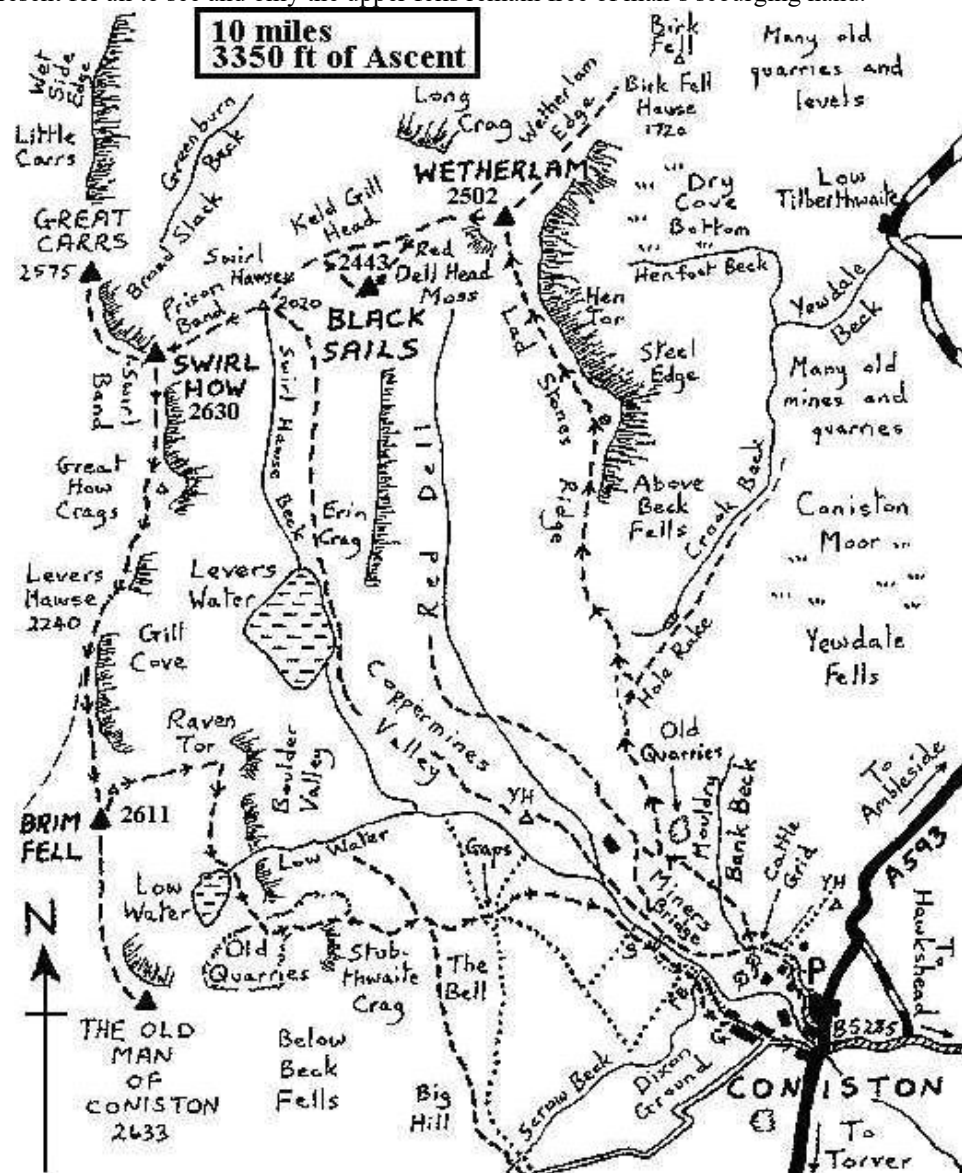
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Kentmere [20th May] - The suggested walk is a classic Lake District horseshoe:



Coniston [24th June] - Starting The elongated ridge of the Coniston Fells, fashioned in volcanic rock with heavily-glaciated aretes and sombre corries, provide an extravagant drama of ice-shorn topography that cannot fail to excite the most critical palate. Never falling below 2000 feet, this splendid parade is best appreciated from the south. Coniston, a village which has somehow managed to retain its dignity under an onslaught of brash tourism, was formerly an ancient Norse king's settlement. The scars of the once thriving copper industry are still present for all to see and only the upper fells remain free of man's scourging hand.



Ambleside [15th July] - Glacial action around the long, empty valleys of Rydal and Scandale shaped the Fairfield Horseshoe and Scandale Skyline, both of which offer perfect Lakeland fellwalks. You can romp along the ridges, and cross summits that don't require too much effort to conquer, yet still reach a good enough height to enjoy extensive views. No wonder so many people love these classic circuits. You'll also have all the facilities of the busy little town of Ambleside and your disposal. On a clear day you'll be able to test your knowledge of Lakeland panoramas to the full, but in mist have your map and compass at the ready!

