



Lakeshore, Cunsey and Sawrey

A Walk on the quiet west shore from Bowness using the traditional launch service from Pier 3. Approximately three hours walking from Ferry House (extended by 20 minutes to include Hill Top).



To commence this walk follow details of ferry crossing and paragraphs 1-2 of Walk 2 until you come to a minor road.

- 1 Turn right and walk for 500 metres until you reach Cunsey Farm and then take the forest track opposite the farm entrance. After approximately five minutes walking, mainly through a spruce plantation, you will come down to the River Cunsey again. You do not cross now but follow the track to the left upstream and gradually it moves away from the river.

You will soon reach the open pasture land on your right but carry straight on the track. Walk for 500 metres, it can be quite muddy in places, and you will come to a minor road. Turn right and walk to the stone house which you can see. Immediately past the house turn right up the single track road and you will cross the River Cunsey. The river comes from Esthwaite Water, a small lake between Hawkshead and Near Sawrey.

- 2 You are now walking alongside a very long field and when you reach the end of the field you will see a public footpath signed to Far Sawrey on the right through woodland. Follow it in the direction of the yellow arrow and when you come to the end of the wood, cross the wooden gate and the path goes straight down through the fields. You go through another two gates, then keep straight on by the fence until you meet the road by a small white cottage. To extend the walk and visit Near Sawrey and Hill Top, read **“Extended Walk”**.
- 3 To return direct to Bowness, St Peter’s Church, Town End, is straight ahead, turn left on the road for 20 metres and then ascend the hill by the path in front of the church and keep going until you come to the road, and turn right.
- 4 You are now at the top of the ferry hill and you will need to follow the main road down. Look out for the second junction on the right and there is a short distance with safe off-road footpath first on the right-hand side and then crossing over to the left-hand side and on to the ferry.
- 5 If the launch service is available you are advised to use it as it will take you directly to Bowness Bay
- 6 If the launch service is not operating use the car ferry and after crossing over walk along the road and look for the path by the Lake Wardens and Public Slipway. A five minute walk leads directly to the Steamer pier.

Extended Walk (Yellow route and arrows on map Page 10).

This walk may be extended to Near Sawrey if you walk past St Peter’s Church for 60 metres and take the footpath left through a wooden kissing gate. This is a 10 minute walk through fields alongside a stream until it meets the road near Hill Top and the Tower Bank Arms. Retrace your steps to the church when you are ready to return.