

Leg 1 - Ravenglass to Keswick

Length: 39 miles

Time to allow for cycling: 5 hours



- 1 Come out of the campsite and turn left, following the road until you go underneath the railway bridge. Straight after the bridge you will see a blue cycle route sign to your right, follow this path.
- 2 When you reach the end of the path, you will come out by a small grassy roundabout. Take the road up through the houses until you reach a road on the left, signposted with a blue cycle route sign.
- 3 Take this path, following it around the bends and underneath the railway bridge, until you reach the end of the road. At the end of the road, turn left.
- 4 Follow this road until it reaches the end, and turn left onto the A595, sign posted Workington and indicated by a blue cycle route sign.
- 5 Continue on this path, past the petrol station and around the bends alongside the river, until you reach a road to the left, sign posted to Drigg, Seascale and the train station. Take this road.
- 6 Cycle through Drigg and Stubble Green and then cross the railway line over the bridge. Keep following the road along the coast and round a sharp bend, where you will see a car park on your left. Just after the car park is a cycle path called Hadrian's Cycleway.
- 7 Follow this path for approximately 2.5 miles, past the industrial estate until the cycle path ends at the road as you go round the bend.



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- 8** Follow this road up to the right for a few metres (past the Beware Cyclists sign) until you reach another cycle path down to the left on the opposite side of the road. Take this path under the road, and follow it for a couple of miles until you come out at a road leading to Middlebank Farm.
- 9** Take the road leading away from the farm and follow it round until you reach the junction. Turn left here, sign posted by a blue cycle route sign.
- 10** Follow the road until you reach the next junction, where you need to turn left towards the White Mare pub.
- 11** Stay on this road, past the Parish Church of St John and through the village of Beckermest, until you reach a junction where you will need to turn left, (indicated by a blue cycle route sign).
- 12** A short way along this road, just before a large bend you will see a cycle path. Follow this path until it comes out between the houses and back onto Wodow Road. Turn left onto Wodow Road and follow the road around the bend, turning left in Thorny Road.
- 13** At the end of Thorny Road, turn right into Dent Road. As you reach the bend just after the turning you will see a cycle path leading off to the left. Take this path for just over half a mile until you rejoin the road where you need to turn left.
- 14** Follow this road around, crossing the river bridge, until you reach a blue cycle route sign signposted to Whitehaven. Take this road on the right (Chapel Street) and then take the first turning left.
- 15** At the bottom of this road you will see a cycle path taking you under the road. Follow this path until it brings you out into Wyndham Terrace, where you need to turn left.
- 16** At the end of the road, turn right. Follow this road and you will see a blue cycle route sign indicating a cycle path on your left, just after Spedding Close. Follow this cycle path for approximately half a mile until the path comes back out onto the road, where you need to turn right.
- 17** Stay on this road until you see a road to your left, indicated by a blue cycle route sign – just after Woodend Farm. Around 600 metres along this road you will see a road to your right, indicated by a blue cycle route sign; take this road.
- 18** Continue on this cycle path for around 6 miles, following signs for route 71, until the path brings you back onto the road, where you need to turn left.
- 19** At the end of this road, turn right (sign posted cycle route 71).
- 20** Follow this road for just over one and a half miles, passing through Kirkland, until you reach the end of the road, where you need to turn left.
- 21** Keep on this road, passing through Lamplugh, until you reach a road on the right – signposted Loweswater and cycle route 71.



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- 22** Continue along this road for approximately two and a half miles, cycling past Loweswater, until you reach a road on the left – signposted Thackthwaite and cycle route 71; take this road.
- 23** Stay on this road, passing through Foulskye, Oakbank, Letterhead, Thackthwaite and Littlethwaite until you reach a T junction where you need to turn right, sign posted Cockermouth and Buttermere.
- 24** At the end of this road turn right, sign posted cycle route 71, and then the first left, sign posted Keswick and cycle route 71.
- 25** Stay on this road, passing Lorton Primary School, and as the road bends you will see a road to the right, crossing over a small bridge – sign posted cycle route 71. Stay on this road for just over 1.5 miles until you reach a T Junction where you need to turn right, sign posted Keswick.
- 26** A few hundred metres down this road you will see a road to the right, indicated by a blue cycle route 71 sign. Take this road and then turn left where the road forks.
- 27** Follow this path through Thornthwaite Forest for just over a mile, before rejoining the road alongside a signpost for Revelin Moss. Turn left here, and continue along the road for a few hundred metres before turning right into Whinlatter Forest Park Visitor Centre and following cycle route 71.
- 28** Follow the cycle path for approximately 2 miles until you come out onto a small road, with a larger road down below it. Turn right onto the small road, and then join the larger road, still cycling to the right – sign posted Keswick.
- 29** Follow this road through Thornthwaite, until you reach a road on the right, sign posted cycle route 71. Follow this road, past Lanefoot Farm, until you reach a junction opposite Jennings Royal Oak. Go straight across here (down the side of the pub) and continue through Braithwaite, crossing over the small bridge and following signs for cycle route 71.
- 30** After 800 metres or so you will come to a fork in the road, where you need to turn left – sign posted Swinside and indicated by a blue cycle route 71 sign.
- 31** Take this road, crossing another small bridge until you reach a road to the right, sign posted Swinside and indicated by a blue cycle route 71 sign. Stay on this road, cycling through Ullock Moss and past Derwent Water Marina and the tea rooms, turning right just after the tea rooms indicated by a blue cycle route sign.
- 32** Stay on this road, crossing the bridge over the river until you reach a T junction where you need to turn right (there is a blue cycle route 71 sign on the post opposite).
- 33** Follow this road into Keswick until you reach the Co-op at the mini roundabout. Turn right at the mini roundabout and then a right again just a short way down this road (following the brown campsite sign).
- 34** Continue along this road until you come to a road on the right, indicated by a white campsite sign. Take this road and you will find the campsite on your right hand side, just after Keswick Rugby Club.

