



Braithwaite Fold Club Site – Brant Fell

Camping and Caravanning



Route Summary



This walk climbs from Braithwaite Fold Club Site on the shores of Lake Windermere to the summit of Brant Fell (629ft/191 metres). From this lofty viewpoint we use tracks, footpaths and roads (including one busy stretch that can be avoided) to pick up The Dales Way and return to the campsite.

Route Overview



Category: Walking
Rating: Unrated
Surface: Rough
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Difficulty: Hard
Length: 7.940 km / 4.96 mi
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Description



A walk to Brant Fell and back from Braithwaite Fold Club Site.



Using the Dales Way to return to Bowness on Windermere

From the barrier at Braithwaite Fold Club Site exit the site to follow the access track and pass the car park right to reach the road. Go left, crossing to the right side when the pavement ends. At Glebe Cottages continue down the right side of the road. At the end of the graveyard on the right reach a crossroad of tracks and cross the road left to take the track past bollards (signposted 'Ambleside via ferry'). Follow the good track curving right past the Club Site and continue to descend between fences.



Track near the start

At a track junction right go right passing through a gate near a sign for 'Cockshott Point'. Follow the track beyond with Lake Windermere on your left. Soon rise and curve right towards a white house. Continue right of the house to pass through a gate/opening in a fence and continue to join a track going right on to Glebe Road by a car park.



Walking alongside Lake Windermere

Keeping the lake on your left go ahead down Glebe Road continuing to a junction at the end. Curve left around the bay in the lake and the ferries to cross the road right at a crossing point. Once over go left in front of Bellsfield Hotel. Rise on the pavement into Bowness passing Fellbarrow Road and Church Lane (left).



Walking past the Bellsfield Hotel in Bowness

Curve right up St. Martins Hill – at the top of the road cross over to take Brant Fell Road uphill past The Spinney restaurant, going left of the Royal Oak pub. Climb steeply up the road to the end and pass through a small gate.

2 - Take the Dales Way uphill to pass a bench. Continue rising on the track beyond to pass through a kissing gate to a crossroad of tracks. Go right to leave the Dales Way following signs for 'Post Knott'. Follow the level track along the fellside, and continue as it rises up and crosses a stile. Continue rising in trees passing little outcrops.



Ascending towards Post Knott

Further up the track, as you crest a small bump, the main track swings sharp left – leave it here, staying ahead to pass through a kissing gate to National Trust land. Climb the path to reach the viewpoint of Post Knott.



Post Knott viewpoint

With the bench on the top to your right go left and descend a path towards trees below to pass through a kissing gate. Take the grassy path ahead curving right through gorse bushes. When the path forks higher up stay right (ahead) and when it forks again soon after go ahead (the left fork). Climb steeply up the slopes of Brant Fell to reach the rocky summit and viewpoint.



Summit of Brant Fell

3 - From the summit head between two obvious gate posts in a northerly direction to descend past cairns heading right of Brantfell Farm below. Follow the descending path to cut half left, aiming for the corner of the woodland ahead and pass a cairn.



Descending Brant Fell

Descend to go left of a fenced off pond (reservoir) and continue on the faint path passing a junction and cairn. Continue to a larger junction and crossroad of paths just before the path ahead rises up. Here go right to walk past the pond/reservoir heading towards a large white house in the distance. After a water trough go left at the next junction passing a fence corner. Follow the descending track to cross a stone stile and take the left path beyond to descend to a lane. Go left rising on the lane to reach a lane junction right.

Go right here (signposted 'Crook').

Note - IF YOU WANT TO AVOID THE STRETCH OF BUSIER ROAD WALKING THAT COMES SOON STAY AHEAD AT POINT 4 TO FOLLOW THE LANE YOU HAVE BEEN ON TO REACH POINT 5. THIS KNOCKS ALMOST A MILE OFF THE ROUTE. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN THE PARTY THIS IS DEFINITELY THE WAY TO GO.

4 - Once you have turned right follow the lane to soon rise and reach a road junction. Go left uphill taking care on this stretch as there are no pavements and it can be busy. Pass Windermere Golf Club and continue to where the road bends right. Here go left taking The Dales Way (signposted 'Bowness Via Dales Way') and passing a postbox.

Follow the rising tarmac track through an opening. After a house on the right start to descend and just before a white house near the track end, leave it to take a marked footpath at a left fork through a gate signposted 'Dales Way Bowness' and 'Matson Ground'. Go right down the field to pass through two kissing gates in quick succession. Then go right to pass through a third kissing gate.



Heading back towards Bowness on the Dales Way

Go ahead rising up towards the left of trees. Pass a post and follow a line of posts through the woods to descend and pass through a kissing gate. Pass a stream left and rise up following the arrow direction on a post. Continue on to pass through a kissing gate to a lane right of Matson Ground Farm.

5 - Cross the road to go through a kissing gate (signposted 'Dales Way Bowness') and take an enclosed path between fences to descend and pass through a kissing gate. Cross a farm access track and go through a kissing gate to head towards a lake. Pass through another kissing gate to walk alongside the lake. As it ends go through a kissing gate left to cut half right on a surfaced access track. In a short distance, as the track bends right, go half left taking a footpath signposted 'Dales Way Bowness' Enter woods with a fence left and continue to pass through a gate into more open ground. Follow the path across a meadow to rise through a kissing gate.



Walking past the lake near Point 5

Go left following the Dales Way with a wall left. Pass through a kissing gate to continue down a stony track. Cross an

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access track for a farm and continue on the track to pass through a gate and go ahead on the semi-surfaced track. Descend to pass through a kissing gate and pick up your outbound route again.

Cross the track and pass through the kissing gate to descend past the bench and pass through a little gate to the lane (Brant Fell Road). Descend this to go right at the road junction (leaving the outbound route) and follow Kendal Road to go left at a road junction in Bowness and walk back downhill to pick up your outbound route again.

Follow this route past The Bellfield Hotel to go right over the crossing and go left past the lake and bay. At Glebe Road leave your outbound route to cross the road and go right. At the end of the tennis courts head left, rising up a surfaced path to pass through a gate in a fence. Continue on over The Glebe descending to curve slightly left to pass through a gate in the bottom left corner of the field. Go left on the road and follow the pavement to cross over right further up and walk back to Braithwaite Fold Club Site.

Waypoints

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