

# Wray to Latterbarrow Circular

Starting and finishing at the Castle at Wray, this route through fields and woodland offers rewarding Lakes views without the big fell climb.

Difficulty: Moderate

Distance: 4.8miles

Time: 2hr 30min

## Starting Point

Wray Castle Car Park

## Stage 1

From the back of Wray car park, follow the signs down to Windermere Lake shore. Keeping the lake on your left, follow the shoreline, past the large boathouse until you reach a gate. Take the lake shore path to the left.

## Stage 2

After 50m go through the small gate on the right. Follow the footpath up the fields.

## Stage 3

Cross the gated stone stile at the top of the fields, following the path round to the right and onto the road. Turn left and walk along the road past the junction.

## Stage 4

Turn left up the track signposted High Wray Basecamp. After 300m, take the right-hand fork and go through the gate into the Claife Forestry Commission land. At the first corner after the gate, take the signed footpath on the right into the woodland.

## Stage 5

Follow the single-track footpath as it winds its way through the woods, crossing a stream and climbing up out of the woodland onto the scrubland of Latterbarrow.

## Stage 6

Keep climbing until you reach the stone cairn marking the summit of Latterbarrow, 244m above sea level. Take time to soak up the panoramic views. See if you can spot the sea to the south.

## Stage 7

Continue straight over the summit in the same direction you reached it from. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and follow the footpath along the wall on your left, crossing the stream along the way.

## Stage 8

Once at the road, turn left, then right 50m further down the lane towards Loanthwaite. Continue along the lane for 800m.

## Stage 9

Turn right off the road onto a public footpath signed High Tock How. Follow the farm track into the fields. Go over several fields before crossing the stream. Pass over a stile. Keep Latterbarrow and the farm buildings to your right. On reaching the field wall follow the path up to the right into the farmyard area.

## Stage 10

On the other side of the farmyard a road forks. Go left towards the cottages and a signposted footpath past Hole House towards Wray church. Here the view of Blelham Tarn opens up below you, with the fells of Fairfield Horseshoe and Red Screes in the distance above Ambleside.

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## Stage 11

Follow the footpath through the fields, over stiles, through gates and over a footbridge. At the wooded knoll bear left along the path to the road.

## Stage 12

Turn left onto the road, taking care with traffic on the corner. After the vicarage (once the home of Hardwicke Rawnsley, one of the founders of The National Trust) enter the church car park. A gate in the metal fence leads into Wray Castle grounds. Follow this old, grassed over, carriage drive back to the walled garden and up to the castle, café and toilets.

Finish Point

