

The Three Ways Walk

Introduction

This three day walk based on the Lady Ann Way, Herriot Way and Coast to Coast path offers the chance to experience what is probably one of the best day sections of each of these routes.

Day 1. Kirkby Stephen to Hawes 17miles 28km

Although this is the longest day of the three, it is not a particularly hard walk. The first section mainly follows the Upper Eden river through scenic farm and meadowland including the picturesque remains of Pendragon Castle.

On reaching The Thrang, the route crosses the road then climbs out of the valley onto a fairly flat ridge where fine panoramic views can be enjoyed for much of the next six miles.

After an easy descent into the valley and a short walk along the road, the route again crosses farmland to follow the river Ure to Appersett, where there is a choice of the last mile along the road or a slightly longer route by path.

Day 2. Hawes to Keld 12.5miles 20km

This day starts with an easy two miles across meadowland to the village of Hardraw, where there is a cafe and pub and the chance to view the nearby falls - claimed to have the longest drop in England.

From here starts a steady climb to Great Shunner Fell, a fine stretch of open moorland, then the descent to Thwaite where there is another cafe! The last few miles start with a short but steep climb followed by a scenic descent to Keld. Should you arrive early, there is a cafe in the village.

Day 3. Keld to Kirkby Stephen 12miles 19km

Today starts with an attractive three miles, first passing waterfalls just off the road, then on up to the hamlet of Raven Seat. From here one first follows the valley before a steady climb across open moorland following the blue topped posts to the Nine Standards.

Please note that due to erosion controls the route on this section is subject to change. From Nine Standards, it is fine views and downhill all the rest of the way to Kirkby Stephen. A fitting end to a good three-day walk.