

# 555 StagePath

## RIDE & STRIDE BY BUS

### *the family way to walk*

**ALWAYS CHECK THE TIMETABLE** - USUALLY DISPLAYED AT EACH BUS STOP – TO CONFIRM BUS TIMES FOR THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF EACH WALK STAGE.

The StagePath in the leaflet has been carefully researched and described for clarity in route finding. The maps on the other hand are very basic, as there is no substitute for carrying and referring to the correct Ordnance Survey Explorer Map, acquire OL7, OL5 and OL4 &/or the Harvey Lake District Outdoor Atlas.

Line - Journey of the 555 bus service  
Dashes - the route of the StagePath  
Dots - Request and Timetabled bus stop



## STAGE 8

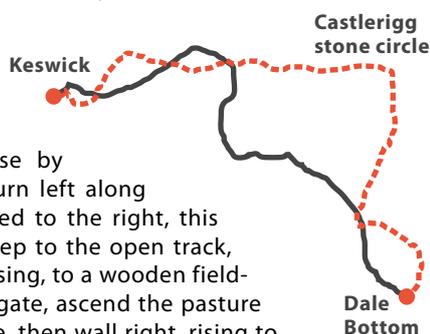
## NORTHBOUND

### Dale Bottom > Keswick

*A little under two hours of easy country walking*

**An opportunity to visit Castlerigg Stone Circle by a less-trammeled field path, continuing down into Keswick with the ancient main road, concluding with the former railway closed in 1964 and now a popular cycleway.**

Directly opposite Causewayfoot Farm cross the stile beside the gate leading into a lane, follow the lane passing a barn to a further stile/gate close by the static caravans. Turn left along the track, lightly fenced to the right, this leads to field-gate. Keep to the open track, via a level stream crossing, to a wooden field-gate. Go through the gate, ascend the pasture by the wall, then fence, then wall right, rising to a stepped wall-stile. Continue the pasture ascent to a hand-gate. On reaching the main road turn right along the verge.



You can advance dry-shod and swiftly to Castlerigg Stone Circle by crossing and following the roadside footpath uphill branching right along the narrow Castle Lane. But the far more pleasing option, with the emphasis on quiet country perspectives, turns right, into the lane leading to Low Nest. Immediately after crossing the cattle-grid go left via the hand-gate and follow the hardcore track up the pasture to a green-way, bearing right to a gate with three-way footpath sign. Once through the gate follow



Latrigg and the River Greta

the road-way passing High Nest old farmhouse and converted barn, to a gate entering a short lane. This opens into pasture with Blencathra straight ahead. Contour to a hand-gate beside the conifer copse. Continue by two further wall hand-gates, followed by a long traverse across a wet rush pasture to reach a gate onto the road by a stone sheepfold. Turn up left, take the opportunity to visit Castlerigg Stone Circle located in the pasture enclosure left. This National Trust property contains the most famous, and certainly the most visited ancient monument in Cumbria. Notice the shallow rigg & furrow grassy corrugations, reputedly the result of 'Dig For Britain' horse ploughing cultivation during the Second World War. The stone circle is a massive attraction for many visitors, especially at sunset and dawn when the spiritual magic is at its most tangible.

Follow the minor road beyond the junction along Castle Lane, coming down by a 'Welcome to Keswick on Derwentwater' sign. Descend to converge with the modern main road, cross and follow the A591 footpath to the junction with the A592, keep on downhill. Before crossing the road-bridge, short of Travis Perkins, cross the road and go through the hand-gate down onto the Keswick Railway Footpath. Keep ahead, cross a bridge over the River Greta with a lovely view right towards Latrigg with the Keswick Bridge Timeshare near left, and Calvert Bridge. The railway trail reaches the old railway station and Keswick Leisure Pool beyond. Go left onto Station Road, follow the roadside footpath dividing Fitz Park, cross the Greta again. Join the main road, cross via the pedestrian crossing into Station Street, at the end bear right. Pass through the pedestrianised Market Place, with the Moot Hall (Tourist Information Centre), keep forward to the road roundabout. Turn left to reach Booths supermarket car park and the all important bus stop terminal.



Castlerigg Stone Circle



Keswick Moot Hall