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## Brant Fell Above the Bustle of Bowness-on-Windermere

The woods, open spaces and breathtaking views over Windermere contrast markedly with the bustle below.

**Distance** 3.5 miles (5.7km)

**Minimum time** 1hr 15min

**Ascent/gradient** 525ft (160m)

**Level of difficulty** Medium

**Paths** Pavement, road, stony tracks, grassy paths, 2 stiles

**Landscape** Town, mixed woodland, open fell, lake and fell views

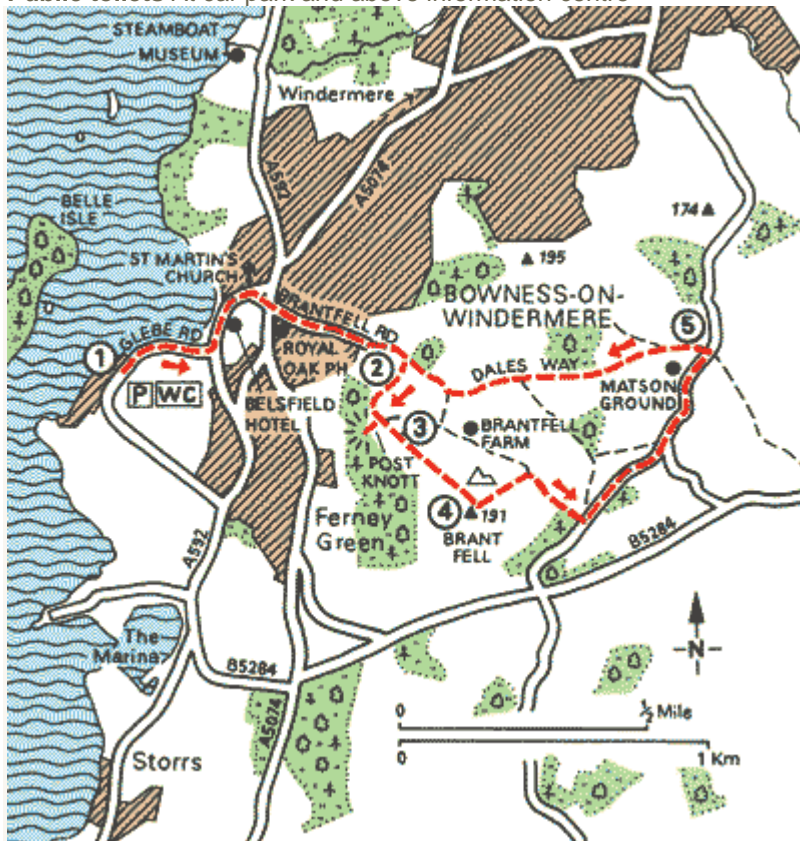
**Suggested map** aqua3 OS Explorer OL 7 The English Lakes (SE)

**Start/finish** SD 398966

**Dog friendliness** Popular route for dogs; busy roads and sheep grazing, so must be under control

**Parking** Fee car park on Glebe Road above Windermere lake

**Public toilets** At car park and above information centre



**1** Take Glebe Road into Bowness town. Swing left and, opposite the steamer pier, go right over the main Windermere road and then turn left. Opposite the impressive Church of St Martin turn right to ascend the little street of St Martins Hill. Cross the Kendal road to climb Brantfell Road directly above. At the head of the road a little iron gate leads on to the Dales Way, a grassy and stony path which climbs directly up the hillside. Continue to a kissing gate by the wood, leading on to a lane.

**2** Pass through the kissing gate and turn right, signposted 'Post Knott', to follow the stony lane. Continue on the lane rising through the woods until it crests a height near the flat circular top of Post Knott. Bear left and make the final short ascent to the summit. The view from here was once exceptional but is now mainly obscured by trees. Retrace a few steps back to the track then bear right to find a kissing gate leading out of the wood on to the open hillside.

**3** Beyond the kissing gate take the grassy path, rising to a rocky shoulder. Cross the shoulder and first descend, then ascend to a ladder stile in the top corner of the field by some fir trees. Cross the stile then bear right to ascend directly up the open grassy flanks of Brant Fell to its rocky summit.

**4** Go left (north) from the top of the fell, descending a grassy path, which intercepts a grassy track. Bear right along the track and follow it to a stone stile and gate, which lead on to the road. Turn left along the road and continue left at the junction, to pass the stone buildings and entrance drive to Matson Ground. Immediately beyond is a kissing gate on the left, waymarked for the Dales Way.

**5** Go through the kissing gate and continue down the field to cross a track and pass through a kissing gate into another field. Keep along the grassy track, which runs beneath the trees, until the path swings left to emerge through a kissing gate on to a surfaced drive. Go right along the drive for 30yds (27m) until the path veers off left through the trees to follow the fence. An iron kissing gate leads into a field. Follow the grassy path, first descending and then rising to an iron gate in the corner of the field. Continue to join a grassy track and go through the kissing gate. Cross the surfaced drive of Brantfell Farm and keep straight on to another kissing gate leading into a field. Follow the path, parallel to the wall, descending the hill to intercept a track, via a kissing gate, and regain Point b. Retrace your steps back to Glebe Road.