

Circular route

- 1 Starting from Dalemain Mansion, walk through the arch next to the mansion and past the tea rooms on your left. Keep right and walk down a tree-lined walled lane. Follow the track through a series of gates.
- 2 The track goes uphill with Dacre Castle at the top. Pass the farm building and the clockmaker's workshop to arrive at the castle.
- 3 The driveway leads you past the castle moat and into the village of Dacre. Turn left through the village. The road goes down then uphill, and you will pass a slate bench. By a noticeboard, turn right following signs to Soulby.
- 4 Beyond the first farm is a green metal bench on your right. Opposite is a blue arrowed bridleway and a field gate you should go through. Follow the fence in the field down to the right-hand side, to a kissing gate.
- 5 Cross the A592 to the other side and climb over the stile signposted Dunmallard car park. Follow the hedge up the hill through the fields. At the top there is a wall with a stile. Once over, go left across the field to find another wooden stile in the hedge, cross that and follow the field upwards to a big stone. From there head towards woodland and through a small gate. Turn left and follow the signpost to Pooley Bridge through the woodland.
- 6 Pooley Bridge is a great lunch spot. To return, retrace your steps from the village to Dunmallard car park, then follow the river on your right.
- 7 The walk takes you beside the banks of the river Eamont as you follow it downstream. The path veers away to the left and through a field where it meets the road again.
- 8 At the road, turn left and follow it for a short distance, until you reach a footpath on the opposite side. Follow this path along the field boundaries all the way to Dacre Bridge. From the bridge it is a short walk back to Dalemain.



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The Dalemain Walking Loop

Moderate | 8 km | 2 hours 30 minutes

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ANOTHER PLACE

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Dalemain



This walk can start in several places, Pooley Bridge, Dacre or Dalemain Mansion.

Offering a different perspective to the Ullswater Valley, this walk takes you along the banks of the river Eamont and to historic villages, passing through ancient pastures on the way.

It's a relatively flat and family-friendly loop, with Dalemmain Mansion & Historic Gardens and Dacre Castle en route, although not all stretches of the walk are suitable for pushchairs.

Duration: 2 hour 30 minutes

Ascent: 71 m

Descent: 59 m

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