



3 Turn through a kissing gate in the wall on the left. This gives access to the direct ascent of Dufton Pike, Rundale.

2 Keep straight ahead along the lane, rising to the Pusgill House. Beyond this cottage, the lane becomes more of an age-old green-way emerging into pasture at a gate and corrugated shepherd's cot.

climbing the steep slope, with evidence of rabbit burrows, on a popular grass trail up the south ridge.



Guide to walking

Some steep walking and stretches through wet peat bogs. Your rights on open access land can sometimes be restricted for nature conservation, land management or public safety reasons. To avoid disappointment, please visit www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk to get the latest information, before you set out.

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1 Begin from the village car park, which has toilet facilities, situated at the eastern end of the attractive wide tree-lined green. Pass into the street and turn right. Follow the road round by Old Dufton Hall farmhouse to enter to the left of Helm House signposted Pennine Way to Garrigill and public Bridleway to High Scald Fell.

Dufton and its pike offer all the attributes of a good day of fellwalking in a compact three-hour round. Quiet country lanes lead to and from this eye-catching fell, whose geology owes more to the make-up of the Lake District than the Pennines. You could add Dufton Ghyll to your walk for an even more complete rural round.

Start point: Dufton village green. Parking available in the small car park just off the village green (NY 689 249)

W3W: [//manly.pacemaker.trudges](http://manly.pacemaker.trudges)

Postcode: CA16 6DB

Elevation gain: 1100ft/330metres

Distance: 4.75miles/7.6kilometres

Time: approximately 3hrs

Rating: hard – steep, boggy in places

Public transport: The 563 bus route between Fenrith and Appleby-in-Westmorland is the closest to Dufton (<https://legacywestmorlandand Furness.gov.uk/Buses/new/563.asp>)



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Pike
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4 The summit is a grass platform and is the ideal place to sit and gaze to neighbouring Knock Pike, a smaller partner peak. Looking eastwards are Brownber Hill, the limestone scars of Great Rundale, and the whole Pennine escarpment, which often attracts cloud. Westwards the huge expanse of the Eden Valley stretches towards the distant High Street range in the Lake District. Appleby lies to the south and you may be made aware of the Warcop military firing ranges to the south-east by the occasional thump, thump.

Descending naturally north-west, the grassy ridge comes to a wall, marking the edge of open access land and prevents further progress on to the lower pastured portion of the ridge, known as Cosca Hill.

5 At the wall, turn right along the green-way to meet a track at a waymark post.

6 Turn acutely left, following the footpath to a stile in the wall. Over to the right, an old coppice oak wood forms a fine haven for birds along Great Rundale Beck. Continue to meet a vehicle track.

7 At the junction keep left and continue to follow the rising track. You are now on the Pennine Way. At the top of the rise the track turns left, flanked by the remnants of an old hedged lane, leading down through cattle pasture to a gate.

8 Enter Hurning Lane beside the remote former farm of Halsteads, where the yard is still used for handling stock. Follow the lane which becomes a confined green-way with stiles. Ditching and flagstone paving help to reduce the muddiness. Pass through two gates by Coatsike Farm on to the lane.

9 When the track starts to turn right, go straight ahead with the Pennine Way waymarking along a fenced lane via flagstone bridges and gates to re-join the lane used on the outward leg. Turn right into Dufton to conclude the walk.

