

Dow Crag area

Fell & Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District - Wainwright Routes



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High Dow Crag

About a hundred yards across and twenty feet deep, the tarn has a respectable population of trout. But it does need sorting please.

Wainwright Routes

If you are brave enough to keep close to the edge of the path the reward of views straight down east to Tilberthwaite and north to the Wrynose Pass are brilliant.

Dow Crag via The South Rake

It now acts as the water supply for Coniston itself. This one is the lower of two paths that lead to Blind Tarn Quarry, and was used for the export of the slate and is worthy of an exploration. The path leads over the quarry spoil banks to a view of Blind Tarn. As I climbed Walna Scar Road I kept stopping, turning my head, and looking north-west to Harter Fell.

Walks in the Lake District

So, as I found out when talking with other walkers in my accommodation later, I had been in the only part of the Lake District where cloud had hung around so long which was well into the afternoon. The starting point, on this occasion, was at the lakeside village of Coniston. His crew must have rowed the final furlong steeling themselves for a bloody skirmish only to find that on a cold night in Whitehaven, with no prior warning of their arrival, there was no-one around to fight.

Walks in the Lake District

I was beginning to realise that while conditions were never too bad in this part of the National Park today and that they were now improving I was still in what broadband seekers may class as a 'local blackspot'. I noticed it was a strong cold gust and after being bitten by it I did the same. Then patches of sunshine hit the ground on the Seathwaite Fells which were much nearer to me.

Walks in the Lake District

Just like the end of a rainbow. And as I was now walking to Dow Crag which had been the primary objective of this new walk in the Coniston Fells I was pleased the cloud had sufficiently lifted for me to appreciate it a little better.

Dow Crag walk

Dow Crag - Route One Start - Torver SD 285 945 Distance - 3. As I continued on my thrilling walk of the top of Dow Crag from south to north I passed the summit point and glimpsed a group of four walkers in front of me.

High Dow Crag

But the real magic comes from the breath-taking surroundings; dramatic fells including Coniston Old Man, wild woodlands and wonderful Lake District walks. With the Great Fire of London a recent memory, Whitehaven had invested in fire engines, which were swiftly deployed, successfully extinguishing the flames before they reached the rigging. Coniston, Copper and the Birth of a Sausage When I was little I had a favourite book called The King of the Copper Mountains.

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