

Trip Report: The Lake District

Date: 26th April 2008

Group: Selina (leader), Mike, Colin, JimG, Ian and Caryle

Route: The Knott from Hartsop

Total Distance: 8.5 miles

Total Ascent: Unknown

Weather: WINDY !!!!

Six walkers eventually left the village about 7.30 arriving in Hartsop 2 hours later. The weather on leaving Bunbury was clear and sunny, but various weather forecasts were discussed on the journey north and we expected a fine morning with some rain coming in later.....with Ian saying he'd heard it may be a 'little breezy' on the tops . The planned route was to ascend the Knott , follow the ridge to High Street, a slight detour to Gray Crag and finally an ascent of Stoney Cove Pike.

So we set off up by Hayeswater Gill to Hayeswater and then onto the summit of the Knott.

The weather was slightly inclement until we reached the summit where it changed to positively wet and very windy.

The prospect of fighting against the wind and the rain along the ridge was not a tempting one and the leader suggested a plan B - to take a long descent down to Patterdale via Angle Tarn. The task of finding the path off the Knott was delegated to fellow team members Mike and Jim (the sign of a true leader) and we eventually headed off for Angle Tarn.

(Whilst other members of the party lobbied for a pub with Sky where we could watch the footie - I will mention no names !)

Our decision proved a very fortuitous one as the wind increased as we descended leaving us only to speculate on what it was like on High Street (and how the cyclists we had passed pushing their trusty steeds up the Knott had fared.)

Selina