

10 Leisure Walks of Discovery A Boot Up **BUTTERMERE & CRUMMOCK WATER**

Keith Wood

Buttermere and adjacent Crummock Water are deservedly popular bases for walking in the Lake District. Surrounded by Wainwright's Western and Northern fells, including Haystacks, Rannerdale Knotts and Mellbreak, there are walks suitable for all abilities.

In line with other books in the series, 10 walks surrounding Buttermere have been selected with the majority being short and easy; suitable for a half day with the family or groups of friends, but also including a couple more challenging walks to give a taste of the fell walking also available.

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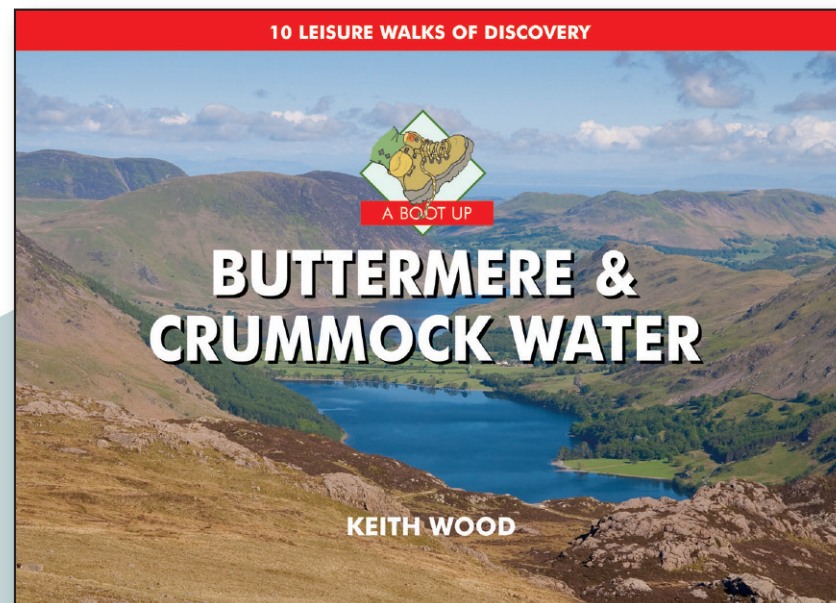
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Reflections in Buttermere

5 Circuit of Buttermere

6 The path arrives at the entrance to Hissnass Tunnel cut through the rock to allow the path to continue. The tunnel is usually wet and, for taller walkers, mind your head!! Exiting the tunnel, a wooden gate gives access to the shoreline path with well spaced trees and level grass area. The path undulates along the eastern shoreline through light deciduous woodland and passes through a series of gated wire fences on this section.

7 As the shoreline at the foot of the lake is reached pass through a kissing gate and head away from the lake straight towards

Buttermere village. Pass through another kissing gate and the path follows the field boundary; follow the clearly signposted path around the fields to Buttermere village. Join the stone surfaced Keen track into Snyke Farm; pass between the farm buildings and join the road in front of the Bridge Hotel and return to the car.

Western shore of Buttermere

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Great Borne and Starling Dodd

The most challenging walk in the collection with views into Ennerdale

To avoid the crowds why not try something a little different and head to a couple of the less fashionable fells instead. Great Borne and Starling Dodd are the northerly extensions of the high Snyke and Red Pike ridge which towers over Buttermere. The walk takes us around the back of Buttermere and Crummock Water to visit Scale Force – Lakeland's highest waterfall – before exploring the hidden reaches of Housdale rising to join Flaxbarn Tarn before climbing steeply to the high summits of Great Borne and Starling Dodd. It might not attract the crowds but this walk certainly is a crowd pleaser with some great views and also the opportunity to see some old favourites from different angles.

Levels:
 Length: 7 miles (11km)
 Ascents: 2400 ft (730m)
 Features: Some challenging walking over rocky outcrops, mainly clear throughout.
 Peak and summit: 2000 ft (610m)
 Start and end: 1000 ft (305m)
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Great Borne and Starling Dodd

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Example of a double-page spread.