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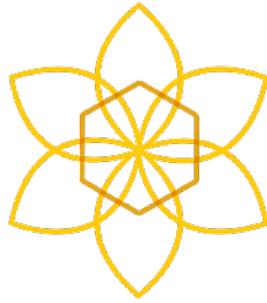
ALCOCK TARN

DURATION | 3 HOURS

To start, leave The Daffodil Hotel Car Park and cross the main road, up the path directly opposite to emerge on the lane outside Dove Cottage. Here, turn right and follow the lane to the top of the hill and a small overgrown pond.

Immediately beyond the pond, head left up the minor road and continue for 70m or so to reach a prominent bench on the left. Here you can rest and enjoy the sight of Silver How across the waters of Grasmere. Now take the track on the left signposted Alcock Tarn. This heads along the houses to the left becoming more wooded (*look out for red squirrel, red deer and roe deer*). At the gate onto the National Trust land, go through and climb a little further to an exit gate. Again, go through, remembering to close the gate behind you.

You soon come to a junction where you will turn right onto a path with a small Public Footpath marker. It takes you past a tiny abandoned reservoir and then zigzags steeply up over uneven ground. Gaining height, you leave the trees behind and the view opens out (*look for buzzard and raven*).



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The path goes on over a small stone arch bridge after which ignore the track ahead along the tarn outfall; instead, bear left to skirt the crag. Above the crag the gradient eases and Alcock Tarn at last comes into view. Stop and take a rest, you have earned it.

At the tarn, bear left to follow the shoreline to the far end and carry on through the gate. Keep left around a pond ahead on sometimes boggy ground and then left again, following the path across stepping stones over another small boggy section (*look out & listen for Raven*). The path now drops via steep zigzags towards Greenhead Gill. At the wall corner, go right to continue on down more steep zigzags then a level section, where you keep left.

At the river, you can either cross it and follow it down, or stay on the same side and turn to follow the wall under the tree, crossing the river by footbridge. Turn left through the gate onto the tarmac lane and head down, past the houses, the river is below on your left. At the T-Junction, turn left and follow down to the main road just by the Swan Hotel, where you turn left to return to The Daffodil Hotel or cross the main road and wander into the village.

Any queries, please see either Steve or Mark on the Concierge desk.

ENJOY YOUR WALK!