

# Visit Lake District, Cumbria

## Rail Trails

### CLAIFE VIEWING STATION VIA COCKSHOTT POINT

An easy walk to Claife Viewing Station via the pretty Cockshott Point. Easily accessible from Windermere train station. You can visit Cockshott Point or continue on and catch the ferry to the more tranquil Western shore of Lake Windermere. From here you can walk up to the 18th-century viewing station, built for the original tourists to the Lake District as a purpose built monument from which to view the landscape of Lake Windermere.

**Start:** Windermere Station (GR SD413986)  
**Finish:** Windermere Station (GR SD413986)  
**Distance:** 9.7km (6 miles)  
**Time:** 2.5 hours  
**Maps:** OS Landranger 96, OS Explorer OL7

1. Turn left out of the station and follow the way-marked route through the station forecourt and past Boths. At the junction keep left and follow the main road down through Windermere to Bowness-on-Windermere.
2. Keep heading down the A5074 until you start to enter Bowness. At the mini round about keep left and follow the road down to the pier.
3. At the far end of the pier, by the tourist information centre, you can get on to Glebe Road, which curves around between the green and leafy Glebe Park and the Lake shore.
4. About half way along Glebe Road, just past the Lake shore shops, the road bears sharply left. Carry straight on, through the gate to the sign posted footpath to Cockshott Point and Ferry Nab. Cockshott Point is just a short distance on the right, through a field. If you continue along the path a short distance you will reach an open meadow with benches to enjoy the views across the lake.
5. Continue along the footpath until you reach a kissing gate. From here you can continue south to Ferry Nab for the ferry to Claife Viewing Station or Follow the path north back towards Glebe Road.
- 6a. Follow the path north. When you meet Glebe Road again, cross over on to Rectory Road and walk through the other side of Glebe Park. Back to the Tourist Information Centre. Retrace your steps to the Train Station from here.
- 6b. Continue south to Ferry Nab car park. Turn right at the road and you will see the ferry dock. The ferry runs approx. every 20 mins and you can board as a foot passenger. Take your seat in the cabin area and enjoy the views. When you alight at Ferry House, continue straight ahead, following the footpath for Claife Viewing Station. This should bring you out at the foot of the Station, where you can wind your way up the steps to admire the views through the coloured glass viewpoints. There is a small cafe in the courtyard at the base of the Station.
- 7b. Catch the Ferry back from Ferry House and retrace your steps to the kissing gate, where you can pick up the route above home.



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