



# Castlerigg Stone Circle & Tewet Tarn

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**Distance** - 3.5 miles **Time** - 2.5 hours

**Starting point** - Castlerigg Stone Circle, Keswick

**Parking** - Free roadside parking opposite Castlerigg Stone Circle

**Notes** - Some road walking, Wear suitable footwear as the ground can be boggy during wet periods

**Feedback** - Contact Keswick Tourism Association email [info@keswick.org](mailto:info@keswick.org)

This circular walk starts and finishes at Castlerigg Stone Circle passing the tiny isolated church at St John's in the Vale and then over to Tewet Tarn, a lovely spot with fine views over to Blencathra, Latrigg and Skiddaw.

1. From the roadside parking area walk down the road in the opposite direction to Keswick (East). Just after Keswick Climbing Wall turn right on a path signposted High Nest A591. Follow the grassy path alongside a wire fence. Go through a gate in a wall and head to another gate to walk alongside a small plantation. Go through another gate and along the farm drive. Just before a cattle grid go through a gate signposted A591. Continue along a grassy path and then through a gate. Turn right up the drive of Low Nest Farm to the road.

2. Turn left and walk along the grass verge for 50 metres. Turn left through a gate onto a public footpath leaving the noise of the busy main road behind. You are heading towards a gap in the fells ahead. Low Rigg is to the left and High Rigg to the right. Head down the path across the field and through a gap in the wall. Continue down the next field. Go through a gate and follow the path. Immediately after crossing a concrete slab over a stream bear left to cross a narrow gated wooden bridge over a stream. Go forward and through a gate and head just to the right of the farm buildings ahead. Go through a kissing gate and over a rocky outcrop to reach the lane above.

3. Turn left and follow the lane as it winds its way up the hill. Continue past the Youth Centre and just after pause to take a look at the church. Opposite the church turn left over stone steps over a wall signposted Tewet Tarn and follow the path ahead. Go over a stone wall stile and keep ahead on the path. The path rises slightly then drops towards Tewet Tarn with the mighty bulk of Blencathra towering behind it. Go through a gate just before the tarn and then follow the path keeping to the right hand side of the tarn.

4. Go through a gate and keep ahead to a rocky outcrop. Follow the footpath sign and then head right alongside the wall. The path drops down through another field to a gate onto a metalled road. Turn left into the road and continue to a T-junction. Turn left and shortly left again signposted Castlerigg Stone Circle. Follow the road as it curves down. The road goes over a stream. Just after turn left through a gate indicated by a public footpath sign. Follow the markers through gates up through successive fields heading towards white farm buildings. The path re-joins the road via a gate. Turn left and walk back up the lane to the start.



**Don't Miss** Why not combine this walk with a visit afterwards to Keswick Climbing Wall and Outdoor Adventure Centre with its Hungry Heifer Café.

**Did you know?** The stone circle is composed of 38 free standing stones, some up to 3 metres (10 feet) high. It is one of Britain's earliest stone circles dating back to the Neolithic period 5000 years ago.