

# ENNERDALE VALLEY GUIDE



Wild and secluded Ennerdale Valley provides the visitor with a unique experience of a landscape increasingly shaped by natural forces. A wild valley of mountain, forest, fell and water.



## Welcome

Ennerdale is one of England's wildest valleys. For hundreds of years the soft lapping waters of the lake and the stark outlines of Pillar and Steeple have inspired many visitors seeking inspiration, challenge or spiritual refreshment.

## Walking & Cycling in Ennerdale

There are more than twenty miles of forest road and many more miles of paths open to the public in Ennerdale Valley. The wooded slopes offer sheltered walking during inclement weather and the wide open roads provide a safe, almost traffic free, environment for cyclists and walkers alike.

## Smithy Beck Forest Trail

A delightful short walk along the banks of Ennerdale Water. Smithy Beck takes its name from a bloomery or smithy used to produce iron that once stood by the Beck near to the site of an ancient settlement. The "original" Ennerdale Forest provided timber for making the charcoal that supported the iron industry in the area

## "Round the Lake"

Starting from Bowness Knott or the car park at Broadmoor, this route is easy walking with a short stretch of narrow, steep footpath where it crosses over Anglers Crag

Please remember that Ennerdale is a working valley and it is possible that you may encounter vehicles using some of the forest roads

## Wild Ennerdale

Wild Ennerdale was formed in 2002 as a partnership between The National Trust, The Forestry Commission and United Utilities being the primary land owners in The Ennerdale Valley. The partnership has a vision "To allow the evolution of Ennerdale as a wild valley for the benefit of people relying more on natural processes to shape its landscape and ecology"

For more information please visit the Wild Ennerdale Partnership website at [www.wildennerdale.co.uk](http://www.wildennerdale.co.uk)



## Walking Distances – All from Bowness Knott Car Park

Route	Difficulty	Time	Distance	Climbing
Smithy Beck (red way markers)	Easy	¾ hour	2m/3.3km	60ft/20m
“Round the Lake”	Easy	4 hours	7m/11km	230ft/70m
To Black Sail Youth Hostel	Easy/Mod-erate	2½ hours	6m/9.6km	550ft/160m
To Gillerthwaite Youth Hostel	Easy	1 hour	2¼m/3.6km	80ft/25m
To Ennerdale Bridge via Bleach Green	Easy	1 hour	2¾m/4.4km	



The map below is for information only and is no substitute for a detailed scale map when walking or riding in the valley. Please note only authorised vehicles are allowed beyond Bowness Knott.

