

Scafell Pike — Corridor Route

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WALK FACTS

Summit	Scafell Pike, 978 m
Distance	~9 miles / 14.5 km round
Time	5–7 hrs
Start	Seathwaite Farm, Borrowdale
OS map	Explorer OL6 & OL4 (Seathwaite approach)
Terrain	Mountain path; one short rock-step; mild exposure
Grade	A walk, not a scramble

THE ROUTE

1. From Seathwaite Farm, follow the valley path to Stockley Bridge.
2. Climb steadily to Sty Head (mountain crossroads, stretcher box).
3. Branch onto the Corridor Route, rising across the flank of Great End.
4. Cross the mildly exposed sections and the short rock-step (easy in the dry).
5. Join the main paths near Lingmell Col and climb to the summit (978 m).
6. Return the same way — navigate the descent with great care.

PARKING & GETTING THERE

Seathwaite Farm at the end of the Seathwaite lane in Borrowdale. Free roadside verge parking only — no formal car park — and it fills extremely early, after which the lane is badly congested. Aim for 'Seathwaite, Borrowdale' (rural postcodes are unreliable here), arrive early and park considerately. Verify current arrangements before travel.

WHAT TO TAKE

Proper boots, warm layers and full waterproofs even in summer, more food and water than you think you need, a map and compass you can use, sun protection and a head torch if starting late.

SAFETY

A walkers' route, not a scramble — but serious. In mist, and especially on the descent, walkers drift toward PIERS GILL, a deep ravine and recognised black spot; take a compass bearing and do not descend blind. In winter this is a full mountaineering route needing axe, crampons and experience. Check Lake District Weatherline before you go.