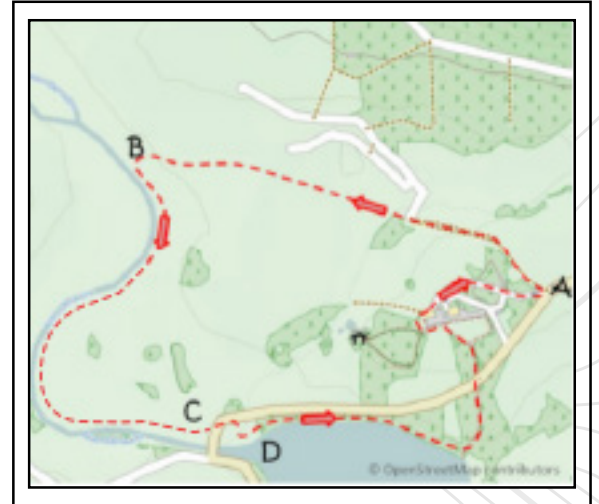

A Walk on the Wildside

A gentle 4km (2.5m) walk taking in views of the Lake District Wildlife Park before returning along the banks of the River Derwent and Bassenthwaite Lake.

1 hour walk which can be muddy in places.



Walk Route

From the main entrance of the hotel walk along the driveway towards the main gates. (Point A). Turn sharp left at the gates towards the Lake District Wildlife Park.

Stay on this road until you see a signpost marked "Public Bridleway Isel 3 Miles". Pass through the gate and continue along the broad rough track alongside the wildlife park.

Remain on this track for 800m (0.5 mile) until you see a stone path leading left next to the remains of a stone building. (Point B)

Follow the path to the river and bear left along the riverbank. Where the path forks - keep right towards open fields.

Cross the small footbridge and stile into the field. Keep to the right-hand edge of the field then go through the small gate.

Head towards the derelict building and over the stile. Follow the path to the right of a large Oak tree and follow the river for 250m to pass through a field gate with a white top.

Follow the river until you see the large stone road bridge (point C) then bear left towards the farm. Through a wicket gate turn right onto the drive and then a short distance to the road. Turn left and then cross the road (take care) 100 metres to gate to the lakeside.

As the track reaches the lake, turn left and follow the footpath through the woodland (point D).

Follow the path and bear left beside large oak trees on a mound. After 200 metres cross the footbridge back into the hotel grounds.

DID YOU KNOW...

1. The ancient woodlands around the hall are home to over 75 different species of bird & come alive with bluebells & garlic during the spring. Wild garlic leaves taste great in salads & sandwiches!
2. The River Derwent rises at Styhead Tarn on Scafell Pike & flows through Borrowdale and Derwent Water before entering Bassenthwaite. The word "Derwent" is derived from a Celtic word for "Oak Trees"
3. Standing at the top end of Bassenthwaite you can see how glaciers carved the broad valley over 10,000 years ago. The whole area was originally formed under a tropical sea around 450 million years ago during the Ordovician period. Some say prehistoric fish still swim in the depths of the lake.

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