

# English Lakes Hotels

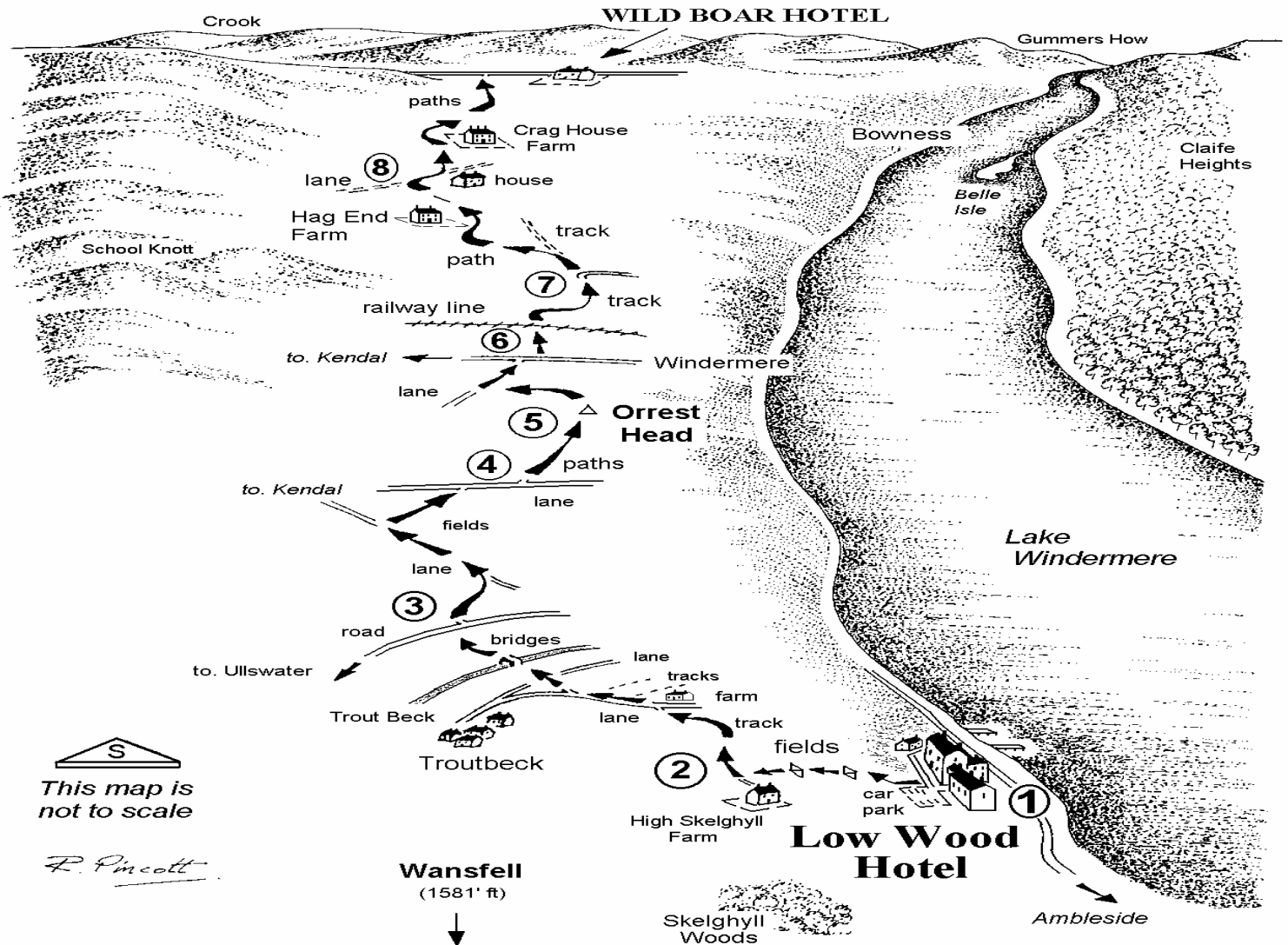
## Route 6

### 'Low Wood Hotel' to 'The Famous Wild Boar'

**Description:** On a clear day with good views, there is nowhere in England that could compare with this walk. With lush grass and well-defined stony tracks under your feet, there is just an over-powering sense of being in harmony with nature. Halfway along the walk is 'Orrest Head'; a significant outcrop where the fabulous panorama from the top takes in virtually the whole of the South Lakes mountain range. Continue through splendid countryside and the journey finally ends with a warm welcome at The Famous Wild Boar.

**Distance:** 8 miles (12.8 km): Allow 5 – 5 ½ hours. Start from: Low Wood Hotel near Ambleside.

**Safety:** Most of the paths will be rough, stony or muddy, therefore, stout boots with a good grip on the soles are absolutely essential. Waterproof clothing is recommended for your own comfort along with energy-giving food and drinks.



1. With Low Wood Hotel reception entrance behind you, face the lake and **turn right**. Walk along the road for 30 yds, then **turn right again**. — Ascend the driveway for 100 yds, to locate a swing-gate/large gate just to the right of the large car park. — Follow a grassy track for 30 yds, then **turn left** at the end of the wire fencing. — Ascend alongside the left-hand wall for 200 yds and in the next corner of this field, pass through a swing-gate/large gate. — Continue uphill (parallel to the left-hand wall) to pass through a swing-gate seen 175 yds away. — Now **bear right** and after 150 yds, cross over a stile/gate. — **Turn right** and follow the right-hand wall for 50 yds and cross over another stile/gate. — **Turn sharp left** and ascend alongside the left-hand wall for 65 yds, then **bear right** and continue up the double-rutted track for approximately 300 yds, to pass through a large gate. — 150 yds further on, join onto a hard-surfaced farm track. — **Turn right** signposted [Public Bridleway. Troutbeck ] and follow this track for 300 yds, to pass by the farmstead of *Low Skelghyll*.

2. Continue downhill and after  $\frac{2}{3}$  mile, this hard-surfaced track will terminate at a lane. — **Turn left** and after 250 yds, pass by a farm on your right. — Continue along the lane and after  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, pass by a wide track on your right. — Proceed for a maximum of 150 yds, then **bear right** onto a narrow, stony track [Public Bridleway]. — Descend for 200 yds and pass through a large gate. — Proceed between the cottage buildings, to reach a tarmaced lane. — Go straight across [Public Bridleway] and descend a stony track for 250 yds, to cross over the *Trout Beck*. — Within 25 yds, pass through a gate to enter a field. — Ascend the slope, and in the top right-hand corner, join onto the Ullswater/Bowness road.

3. **Turn right**, but within 75yds, **turn left** (across the road) to link up with a lane. — Ascend for  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile, (facing the oncoming traffic) to pass by a lane on your right. — 150 yds further up, pass by a farm-track on your left. — After another 150 yds, pass by a broad, tarmaced track on your left. — Continue along the lane for a further  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile, to locate a gate & stile on your right, signposted [Public Footpath]. — Climb over the stile and observe the direction of the finger-post. — Walk straight across the field, to climb over a ladder-stile. — Now **bear left** towards a gate seen 75 yds away. — In the next field, go straight ahead to climb over a ladder-stile in a corner wall. — In this last field, **bear right** and walk for 250 yds, to cross over a small beck via a flat footbridge. — 40 yds further on, climb over a stone stile in the wall, to link up with a lane.

4. **Turn right** and proceed along the lane for a maximum of 350 yds, then **turn left** across a stone stile, (next to a gate). — Follow the right-hand wall for 75 yds and cross over a beck. — Continue alongside the wall for a further 75 yds, then go straight ahead and ascend the steep path for  $\frac{1}{3}$  mile, (parallel to the wall on your right) to climb over a stone stile in the top right-hand corner wall. — 50 yds further up, the path forks. — **Go straight ahead** to reach the summit of *Orrest Head*.

5. With *Lake Windermere* on your right, descend a broad, grassy path for 100 yds, to approach a stone wall. — **Turn left** and walk (alongside the wall) for 250 yds, to cross over a stone stile. — **Turn right** and immediately pass through a swing-gate. — Follow the wooded path for 250 yds, to reach a 3-way junction. — **Turn left** [Common Lane] and after  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of descent, the path leads to a gate on the edge of a field. — Cross over the field and join onto a lane. — **Turn right**, to arrive at the main Kendal/Windermere road. — Cross over the road (with care) and **turn right**. — Ascend for 100 yds, then **turn left** through a gate [Public right of way]. — Follow the cart track for 300 yds, to reach a Y-junction.

6. **Bear right** and within 40 yds, enter the next field. — Continue along the cart track for 200 yds, then **turn left** through a tall swing-gate. — Walk alongside the right-hand wall for 100 yds, then **curve right**, to aim for a large swing-gate. — **Go straight across** the railway line (with care), to link up with a narrow footpath. — Walk alongside the left-hand fence for 50 yds, then **turn left** and descend to a tarmaced track. — **Turn right** and after 100 yds, (just prior to a stone bridge), **bear left** onto a stony track [School Knott]. — Proceed for 100 yds, then cross over a residential road, to link up with a tarmaced track. — Follow this [gated single-track road] for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, to pass by a cottage on your left. — Pass by a barn, (behind this cottage) then proceed for a maximum of 125 yds, to reach a sharp right-hand bend. — **Stop!**

7. Go straight ahead and pass through a large gate [waymarker], to enter rough pastureland. — Follow the stony track, to aim for a gate seen 150 yds away. — Continue straight ahead and after 350 yds, the track forks. — **Bear left** [Dales Way] and ascend the rocky path for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, to pass through another gate. — Proceed for only 60 yds, then **turn right** through a gate, to enter the adjacent field. — **DO NOT** follow the farm track straight ahead! Instead, turn left (alongside the left-hand wall) for 75 yds, then **bear right** and follow a grassy path uphill for 250 yds, to pass by a [waymarker]. — 25 yds further on, cross over a derelict wall. — Go straight ahead for 100 yds, then **curve left** for a further 150 yds, to go through a gate in a stone wall. — Continue along the well-defined path and after  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, arrive at the farm of *Hag End*. — Pass between the farm buildings and exit via a large gate. — Follow a stony track for 150 yds and join onto a tarmaced lane.

8. **Turn right** and after 150 yds, pass through a gate by the side of a house. — Within 15 yds, pass by another gate on your left. — **Proceed** for a maximum of 30 yds, then **bear left** through a swing-gate [Dales Way]. — Walk parallel to the left-hand wall and after 300 yds, pass through a gate in a corner wall. — Walk for a maximum of 75 yds, then **turn left**. — With a wall on your left and the farmstead of *Crag House* on your right, descend for 100 yds, to arrive at 3 gates. — Go through the right-hand gate and descend a stony track for 200 yds, then **curve right**. — Go straight ahead for 150 yds, then **curve left**, and the path leads to a gate in a wall with a beck on the opposite side. — Cross over the stepping stones and follow a winding path between the gorse bushes for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, to pass through a gate. — Continue straight ahead, and (passing through several more gates) this track will eventually terminate at the Kendal/Bowness road. — **Turn right** and walk along the road (with care) for 150 yds, to arrive at The Famous Wild Boar.