

Walk No 4 in a series of 12 self-guided walks from James' Places

Walks from the Royal Hotel: Ruskin's View and Lune Valley Ramble



This low-level ramble through the Lune Valley takes in the famous vista of Ruskin's View immortalised in watercolours by JMW Turner. Ruskin himself described the view as one of the most naturally divine holy places in the whole of Europe. See it for yourself on this beautiful walk.

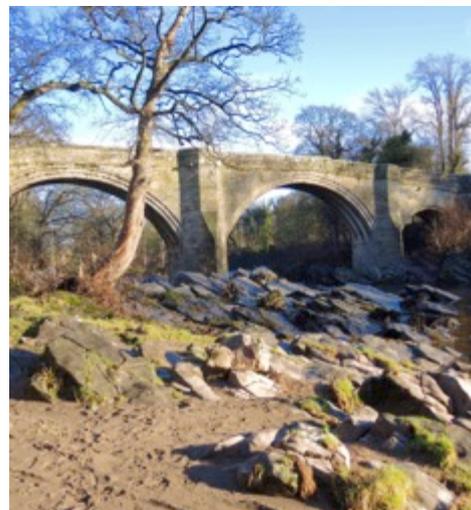
START

From Royal Hotel's front door, turn left and head NE along Main St, then left along Market Street and right at The Sun through pretty St Mary's Churchyard, following signs for Ruskin's View.

At riverside Path, head left to admire the view, then track back and descend the steep steps to follow riverside path to Devils Bridge. If footpath is closed due to flooding, exit churchyard into Swinemarket and descend to river via Mill Brow.

At Devil's Bridge, stay on town side of river, taking footpath heading

downstream along the river bank. Cross the busy A65 with care and continue downstream along riverbank.



At pipeline bridge, climb to the right of parapet to avoid eroded bank and go over stile beside metal gate. Continue downstream over two more stiles to rejoin riverbank, then at stile where path is badly eroded, climb away from bank and continue along field boundary.

At shed just after fishing pier protruding into river, go half right over cattle grid and along track for 100 yards then turn right and follow track NW into Whittington.

At road in village, turn L and follow with care for 75 yards then cross road and take FP just before gatehouse. Follow path over parkland then across a paddock and through churchyard into village.

Cross road and take lane going steeply uphill after post box. As gradient eases, look right for dramatic views of Ingleborough

Just after the long low house at the brow of hill, take FP on the right

and continue past plantation next to Sellet Hall to a stile in hedge. Cross stile and continue E along field boundary to green gate in hedge. Skirt edge of farm via another two green gates to join bridleway heading N beside beck.

The bridleway actually merges with the riverbed and the rocks are potentially wet and slippery after very heavy rain, but with appropriate footwear, tread carefully and it is no more difficult than a rocky mountain path.

After 150 yards, the bridleway leaves stream and follows an ancient moss-lined holloway to join a lane on the outskirts of Kirkby Lonsdale. Go through the kissing gate and take the footpath signposted Devil's Bridge across a paddock and through iron gate. Continue N across fields and a rugby pitch then cross A65 and head past tennis court then R along Biggins Road and into town via Mitchelgate and left into Main Street to return to the hotel.

FACT FILE

How far? 6.3 miles/10.2km

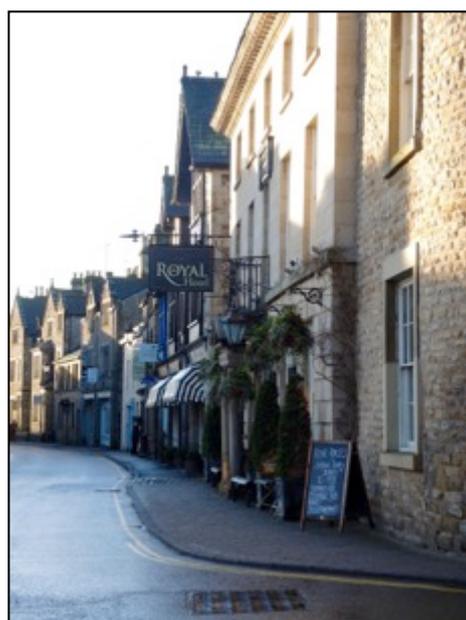
How long? 3 hours

How hard? Moderate: a modest climb of 450ft; but some tricky terrain underfoot – including a stretch of uneven streambed.

Which maps? OS Explorer OL2
Landranger 97

START/PARKING

The Royal Hotel, Market Place,
Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria LA6 2AE
Grid Reference SD 611786



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