



## STOCKGHYLL FORCE - Ambleside

**Difficulty: (out of 10) 4**

**Good family walk and easy for pets**

**Distance approx. 1 ½ miles**

This is a fantastic little walk, so close to Ambleside centre and yet when you are in the woods with the sound of the rushing water you can't believe you are minutes away from a busy town.



This walk is quite straightforward once you've found the start of Stockghyll Lane next to The Salutation Hotel. Follow the signs and the lane up hill with the ghyll on your left until you come to a left turning into the woods.

The path can be quite muddy, and with roots and rocks as well as some large steps, not suitable if you have restricted mobility. The viewing points can also be a little precarious in places, so please don't let children run ahead of you.



Follow the red route markers, and don't turn down to the left where you can see a wooden bridge crossing the ghyll. Follow the path all the way to the top of the woods, stopping off at the various viewing points to enjoy the Force. At the top there is a larger more level area which is accessible from Stockghyll Lane, so you can drive up to the top and walk along to the view-



ing point. From here you can either retrace your steps, or walk back down Stockghyll Lane.

If you want to turn this into a circular route back, you can follow the wooden bridge at the top and walk back down the other side to walk back across the wooden bridge you saw at the bottom. Please note that the path down the other side can be quite boggy in places with large steps down. The viewing points can also be a

little more precarious in places.

The ghyll by the bridge at the bottom is much more level and you can stop and enjoy the tranquility of the woods and rushing water, which is more dramatic after a down pour.

For a longer more challenging



route, walk out of the top of the woods through the revolving gate and left up Stockghyll Lane to head

up to **Wansfell** and **Wansfell Pike** which have stunning views back down to Ambleside



and across Loughrigg and over towards the Langdale Pikes.

### PLEASE NOTE

*Hill walking and outdoor pursuits can be hazardous. Please ensure you have appropriate clothing and foot wear and exercise caution.*