

## THE YORKSHIRE RAMBLERS' CLUB

**EXPLORATION, MOUNTAINEERING AND CAVING SINCE 1892** 

## **LOW HALL GARTH**



## **LOCATION AND ACCESS**

**Grid reference**: NY 3096 0289 **Sat Nav**: Lat/Long: N 54.41665° W 3.06543°

**Directions**: Approaching from Ambleside by the A593 road to Coniston, cross Skelwith Bridge and continue for a mile to a junction marked Wrynose, Elterwater & Langdales. Do not turn right. Continue south towards Coniston for 0.4 mile past a wood and take a narrow tarmaced lane on the right-hand side which almost immediately forks. Take the right-hand fork, where a National Trust sign points to High Park and Hallgarth. Follow this lane for 1.6 miles over two cattle grids, negotiating a very tight zig-zag past farm buildings down to the ford. Continue to the left of the ford for 750 yards along the narrow unmetalled lane, passing through a gate, to arrive at Low Hall Garth. Please close the gate.

Warning: Do not try to use the ford from Little Langdale with vehicles.

**Caution**: The unsurfaced section of the lane beyond the ford is narrow, uneven and sometimes in poor condition but it is passable with care and is in daily use by the tenants in the farmhouse. Very low-slung vehicles are not recommended. Please note that the former parking spaces near the ford are currently unusable as the NT have blocked them with boulders because of problems with raves in Cathedral Quarry. Please also note that formal responsibility for its upkeep lies with Westmorland & Furness Council (and not the YRC or the National Trust). Any problems with the lane e.g. potholes, should be reported to the Council via its website accompanied by photographs and the reference U5003 Little Langdale.

## **PARKING**

The NT farmhouse below the LHG cottage is occupied by a family and the NT have two cottages: one is physically part of the same building as our cottage and High Hallgarth which is further up the track. There is a shared car park for joint YRC and NT use.

It is therefore essential that all visitors follow the rules regarding car parking to facilitate access by the NT tenants at all times. Our lease restricts us to only having four vehicles in the shared parking area. Visitors are therefore recommended to car share to bring as few vehicles as possible.

- The only parking available to visitors at LHG is the small car park up the steep hill (25%) past the farm and our cottage.
- The lower end of the car park has two spaces reserved for visitors staying at the NT cottage above LHG and the upper end of the area has two spaces reserved for the NT High Hallgarth cottage. Visitors to LHG are welcome to park in the <u>central area</u> signed YRC Parking and marked by two lines of slates set into the ground, provided this is by no more than <u>four vehicles</u>.
- Cars must <u>not</u> be parked in the corner space below LHG or in front of the barn doors.
- The previously used parking spaces near the ford are currently unavailable as the NT have blocked them
  with boulders because of problems with raves in Cathedral Cavern. The only other parking for excess cars
  is in Little Langdale village near the Three Shires Inn (NY 3158 0338), at Hodge Close (NY 3158 0167) or at
  the turn in off the Coniston road (NY 3293 0220). Visitors should walk the rest of the way or use one of
  their four parked vehicles to operate a shuttle service.

All visitors are requested to help us maintain good relations with the National Trust tenants, visitors and staff and abide by these rules. Car park use is monitored regularly by NT staff.