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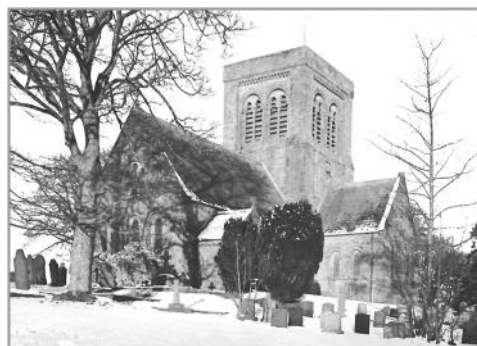
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N. Dovenby Craggs to Bridekirk

Starting at the parish boundary on the E side of the Dovenby Craggs-Tallentire road 100 m N of the A594 junction, enter the cart track beside a wood and almost immediately cross a stepstile on your left. Walk up the meadow to a wicket gate into the left edge of another wood. Follow the path through the wood and then along the hedge on your left. Go through a field gate and proceed to another gate with a stepstile. Continue with the hedge on your right to a cart track which leads to a squeeze stile beside the Bridekirk-Dovenby road 0.7 km E of the school. From the crown of this path (on a good day) the highest land in England, the Scafell, can be seen through the trench of Buttermere. (About 0.9 km)

P. Bridekirk to A595 (Carlisle Road)

Start from the fingerpost in the wall on the lane S of the village (100 m N of Gale House) and walk up the centre of the grass field towards trees and small limestone outcrops. Look to the left in the wall ahead for a slim squeeze stile into the next field. Walk up and over the slope towards a hedge beside the main road where a squeeze stile by a fingerpost gives access to the road. (About 0.6 km) For a continuation to Cockermouth, see route Q.



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Q. Bridekirk to Cockermouth

Start by a fingerpost on the S side of A595, 200 m below the end of route P (0.6 km above the Bridekirk road-end). Using the steps, go over the wall into Wood Hall Park and walk right on the high ground above the wooded slope to a stepstile over a fence. Continue over grassland down to and across the Park drive. Walk up the slope ahead, keeping slightly right above a fence on your left and pass through a squeeze stile with stone steps into the next grassed field, with a wood on your left. Continue over the next two stiles, crossing the parish boundary, and on down the sloping fields towards Cockermouth. The path emerges beside Walkers factory wall at Derwent Mills on Wakefield Road, and a footbridge from the car park carries the right of way over the river into Main Street. The path gives spectacular views over the river and town towards the nearby fells and the Lake District beyond. (About 2.1 km from the A595 to Cockermouth, total from Bridekirk via routes P and Q about 2.9 km)

R. Bridekirk to Redmain This path leaves the SE side of the Carlisle road (A595) halfway between the end of route P and the northerly Bridekirk road-end, crosses the parish boundary within 100 m, and reaches Redmain after a further 1 km.

S. Dovenby Road to Townhead This short path from the W side of the Dovenby-Row Brow-Dearham road 0.5 km S of Row Brow leaves the parish within 150 m and reaches Townhead in a further 0.4 km.

