

The Railway Path between Keswick and Threlkeld

The walking and cycling path along the former railway track runs for four miles between Keswick and Threlkeld. The path is buggy friendly and suitable for wheelchairs accessing it from Keswick.

1. Start from the Moot Hall in Market Square. Head between Greg's Bakery and Keswick Lodge and then turn immediately left into Station Street.

2. At the road junction continue forward into Station Road and across the bridge over the River Greta..

3. Pass the Keswick Museum and Art Gallery on your left. Fitz Park stretches away to either side.

4. Keep forwards past the Keswick Leisure Pool and into the parking area. The former railway station, which dates from the 1860s, is now part of the Keswick Country House Hotel, is to your right. The last train left Keswick Station on 4th March 1972. One platform of the original railway station has been completely renovated. The railway path begins here - you can walk as far as you wish and simply re-trace your steps or make a circular route back through the woods. The route crosses and re-crosses the River Greta which was once an important source of power for the mills. The woods provided charcoal for copper and iron smelting though by the 18th C the mills mainly manufactured wool, cotton and felt.

