

Miles without Stiles 29: Mirehouse to St Bega's Church

Details

Route type: For all. This route takes you past historic Mirehouse and on to ancient St. Bega's Church - OS Explorer Map OL4

Distance: 2.5 km or 1.6 miles

Start point: Dodd Wood car park - grid ref. NY 235281

Turning point: St. Bega's Church - grid ref. NY 226287

Facilities: Accessible toilets and Old Sawmill tearoom at Dodd Wood car park

Getting there: Bus: Osprey service 74 / 74A runs around Bassenthwaite on summer weekends and daily during the school holidays. The X4 service also goes to Mirehouse from Keswick. Car: A591 north out of Keswick for 5 km

Route

From Dodd Wood car park, drop steeply on a 1:10 gradient and carefully cross the A591 to a gated public footpath which leads to Mirehouse. Do not use the private driveway.

The path continues by the grounds and driveway of the stately manor and provides fine views of the house and gardens. Built by the Earl of Derby in 1666, it is now owned by the Spedding family.

The path passes Mirehouse to the west and follows undulating meadows to St. Bega's. The pre-Norman church has interesting features such as a 13th century font and large 14th century cross.

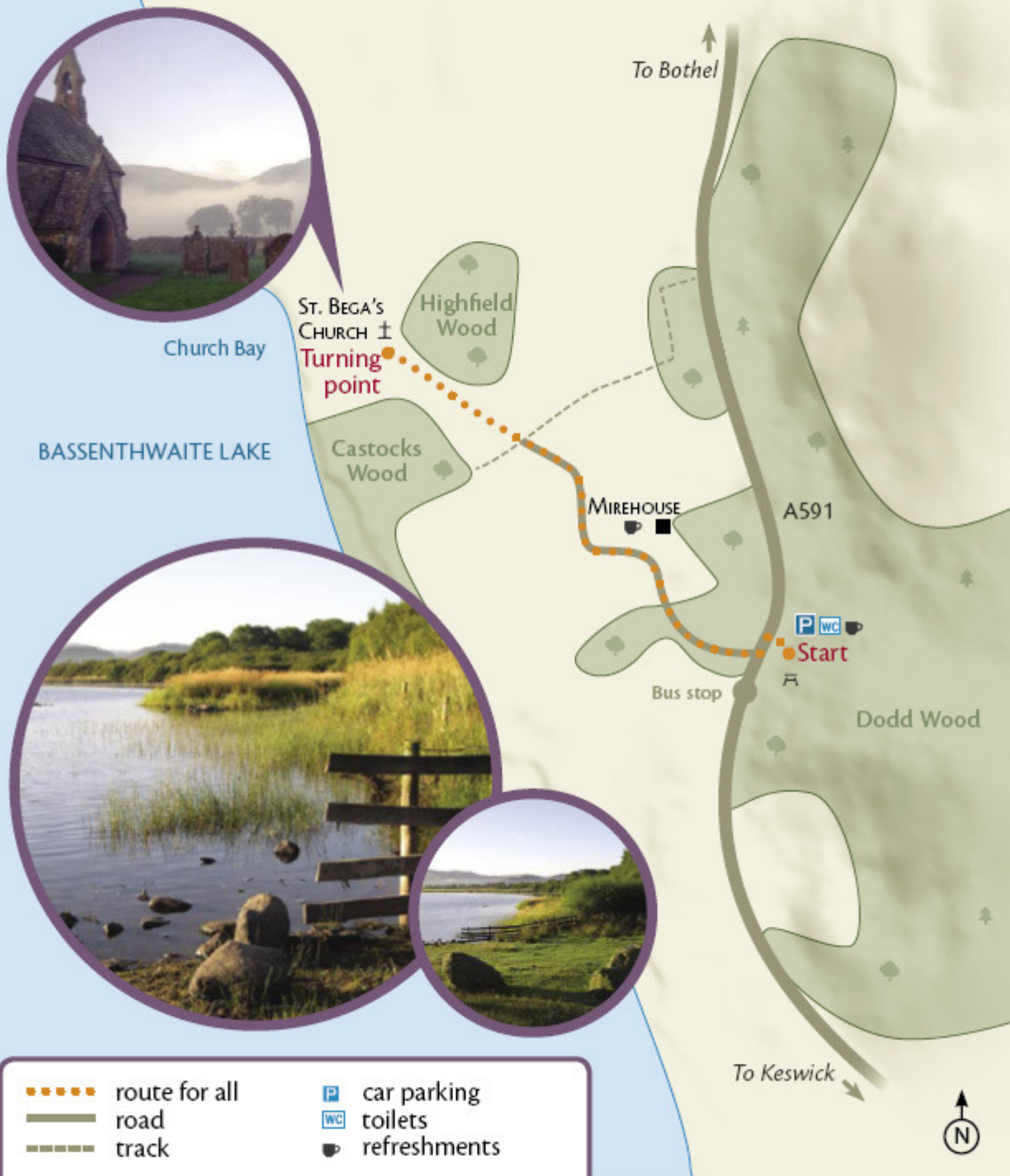
The views are wide-reaching from here, with the ridges of Broom Fell and Lord's Seat over Bassenthwaite Lake and Ullock Pike and Carlside to your right.

For this route, you need to retrace your steps. There are other limited mobility paths in the grounds of Mirehouse, but they are not public rights of way and you need to buy a ticket to use them. They are on sale in the Old Sawmill tearoom - more details at www.mirehouse.com (opens in new window).

Map

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Legend:

- route for all
- road
- track
- car parking
- toilets
- refreshments

1 km

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