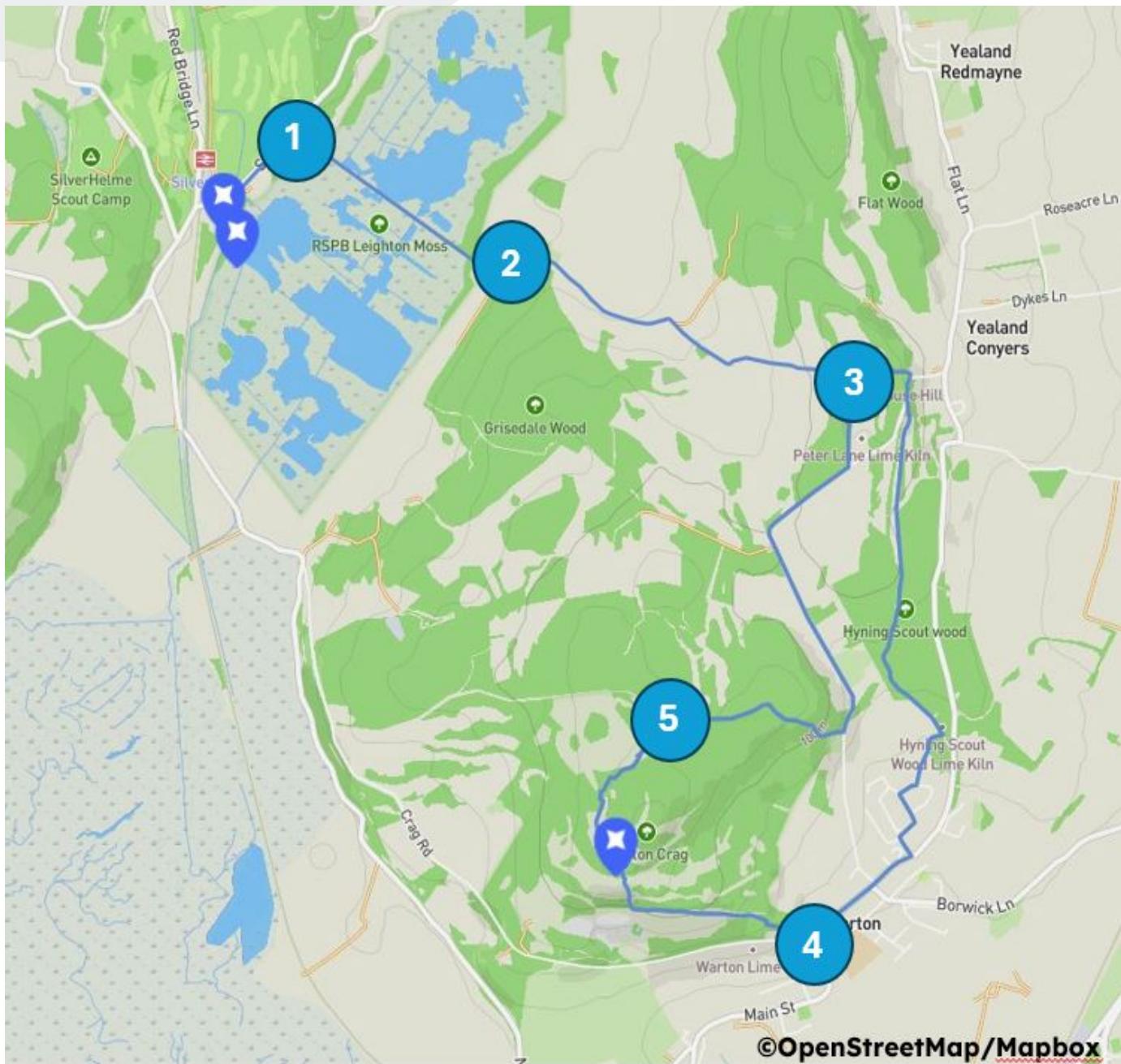




Ways Around The Bay

Walking Route
Silverdale to Warton Crag circular

Moderate
7.5 miles / 12 km
4-5 hours



Walk overview

A diverse and exciting route which encompasses Leighton Moss & Warton Crag Nature Reserves, the grounds of Leighton Hall and the Late Bronze Age hillfort, with far-reaching views across Morecambe Bay.

Start/finish: Silverdale Station /RSPB Leighton Moss bus stop located in front of the Visitor Centre.

What3Words: twitching.sheepish.that

How to get there

By bus: X6 service from Kendal or Barrow. [More info at stagecoachbus.com/timetables](http://stagecoachbus.com/timetables)

By train: Furness Line with connections to Ulverston from Lancaster, Barrow and Carlisle. [More info at trainline.com](http://trainline.com)



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Directions

1. Board walk crossing Leighton Moss

From the bus stop at the Visitor Centre, amble carefully along a short section of road until you reach the bridleway board walk across the marsh on your right. If you've come through the reserve past the pay barrier, look out for the signs to the board walk which leads you to the opposite side of the marsh.

2. Leighton Moss to Leighton Hall

Once across the marsh, continue straight on as the path turns into a tarmac lane past some farm buildings. After a short distance, you'll see some cottages on your right, continue straight on. Where the lane bears sharply to the right, you are going to bear left to climb up the grassy footpath which leads through the grounds of the hall.

3. Leighton Hall estate viewpoint to Warton

Village

Where the footpath forks at the viewpoint, continue straight on. You'll return by the path you see on your right later. Continue straight on until you reach Peter Lane. Turn right for a very short distance walking down the lane to the next footpath on your left. Follow this path straight on through Hyning Scout Wood all the way to Warton village.

4. Warton village centre to Warton Crag

At the main road, turn right and walk until you see the pub where there is a right turn (signposted for the Bay Cycle Way). This leads up a steep short hill past the Old Brewery for an optional cake/coffee/pint stop. Walk past the Old Brewery and enter the car park on the right which leads you to the footpath around the foot of Warton Crag. Take the path which leads straight on climbing gently to the top of the quarry. Take the footpath leading to your right and up on to the viewpoint.

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We advise using OS Explorer map of The English Lakes (OL7) South Eastern area in conjunction with these directions.

5. Warton Crag viewpoint to bridleway and return

From the viewpoint, continue straight on, taking any of the descent paths which will eventually lead to a 'main' bridle track where you will turn right and walk until you re-join Peter Lane once again. Turn left, walking along the lane, past the main drive for Leighton Hall (please note walkers cannot enter the grounds here) and on to the footpath on the left leading you through the woods back to the view point you enjoyed earlier in the grounds of Leighton Hall.

Don't miss...

Sky tower at Leighton Moss RSPB Nature Reserve

Take a little detour to the top of the impressive sky tower which overlooks the Nature Reserve. Look out for bearded tits, marsh harriers, egrets and even otters or red deer. Bring binoculars or hire some from the visitor centre.

More info: rspb.org.uk

Leighton Hall House and gardens - discover the history of an 800 year old historic house and enjoy one of their many family-friendly events.

More info: leightonhall.co.uk

Accessibility

Large sections of flat, gravel track with a moderate grassy slope, and short, steep climb to the summit on rocky and worn grass track. Sturdy footwear recommended.