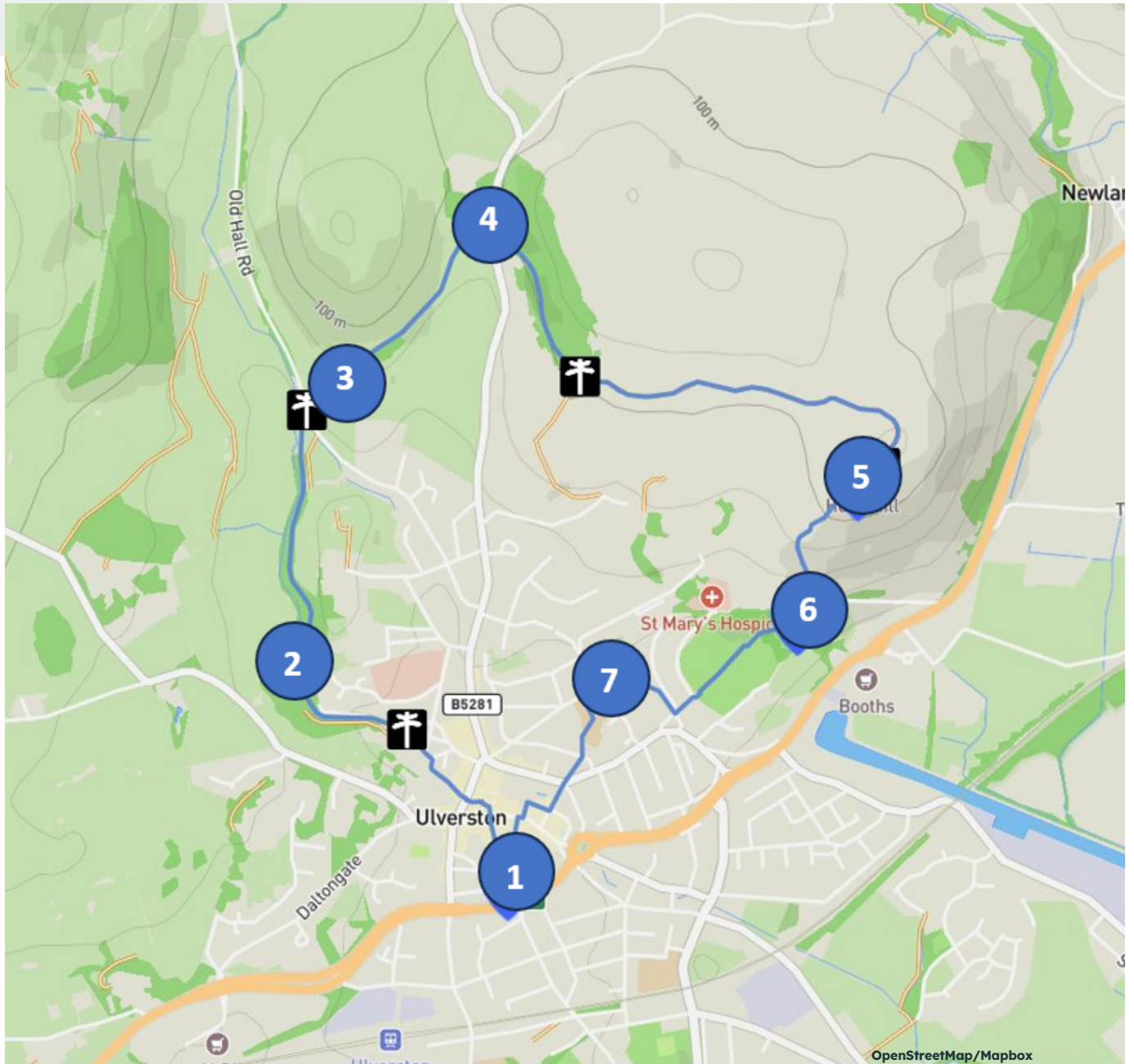




Ways Around The Bay

Walking Route
Hoad Monument
circular walk

Moderate
3 miles / 5 km
Approx 2 hours



Walk overview

Enjoy a varied walk through the rural bustling market town of **Ulverston** with its rich cultural heritage.

Take in the high view of **Morecambe Bay** from 'The Hoad' and iconic landmark, the Sir John Barrow Monument built in the style of the famed Eddystone Lighthouse.

Start/finish: Laurel and Hardy Statue

Coronation Hall, County Square,
Ulverston, LA12 7LZ

What3Words: [indicate.cyclones.consonant](https://www.what3words.com/)

How to get there

By bus: X6 service from Kendal or Barrow.
More info at stagecoachbus.com/timetables

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



**Morecambe
Bay**
Partnership

Registered Charity: 1173489

waysaroundthebay.org.uk





We recommend using OS Explorer map of The English Lakes, South Western Area (OL6) in conjunction with these directions.

Directions

- 1. Laurel and Hardy Statue to the Gill**
From the statue, head into the town centre via New Market St to your right as you leave the entrance to the Coronation Hall. At the end of this road, take care crossing over then go up a little path between the shops bearing round to the left until you reach Upper Brook St. Follow the road to its end where you'll arrive at The Gill and the start of the **Cumbria Way**.
- 2. The Gill to Old Hall Road and Flan Hill**
Enjoy the wooded glade alongside the gnarled and knotted tree trunks, gently going uphill with the beck on your left. Read the interpretation boards to learn about the local wildlife. Look and listen out for Great Spotted Woodpecker, Chaffinch and Dipper.
Emerge from the Gill footpath through a gate on to Old Hall Road. Take care to cross the road and follow the path up the steep grassy field on to Flan Hill. **Beware** - sometimes there is a bull in the field.
- 3. Flan Hill to Town Bank Road**
Pause at Flan Hill to take in the beautiful view of the Bay. Skirt around the hill on to Town Bank Road where you will turn right. Walk down the road for a short distance until you see a footpath on your left. Cross the road carefully and take this path into the woodland called Out Rake Plantation.
- 4. Out Rake Plantation**
After a gradual climb of about 300m, you'll reach a large wooden stile to cross over a stone wall on to the open fell. Take the fell path ahead where you'll see the Hoad in the distance.
- 5. Hoad Hill summit**
Continue along the path all the way up to the Sir John Barrow Monument which marks the summit.

6. Steep descent to Ford Park

There are several steep paths to choose from so aim for a path which zig zags to save your knees - **this section is very steep**. Enjoy a visit to the community gardens, play area and cafe at the foot of the hill at Ford Park.

7. Return route to the Laurel and Hardy statue.

Walk down the main drive to exit Ford Park, turning right on to Spout Lane. This leads to the footpath through Ulverston Parish Church. Exit from the church on to Church Walk, turning left, then left again just after Ulverston Parish Centre. Follow the path which eventually crosses Back Lane to Union St. Turn right on to Market St, then look out for Brogden St which leads you back to your start point at the statue.

Don't miss...

The **Sir John Barrow Monument** standing at 133m, towers above Ulverston at the summit of Hoad Hill and was built in 1850 as a memorial to Sir John Barrow, a Victorian Naval Administrator and Explorer.

Marvel at this iconic structure with magnificent views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake District fells. Check ulverstoncouncil.org.uk for opening times and climb the 112 narrow steps.

Accessibility

This walk is a mixture of tarmac, well-worn grass, woodland tracks with roots, loose stone, gravel paths and tracks. A couple of short, steep sections on grass and gravel.

Maps & weather

Stay safe by being mindful of weather conditions. Stout footwear/walking boots are recommended. Use OS Explorer Map **OL6** in conjunction