

Lake District Meet: 6 January 2019

- Location:** Coniston Old Man area
- Meet Leader:** Mike Haines
- Starting Point:** Walna Scar Road Car Park (some met up first at Phantom Winger)
- Starting Time:** 10.00
- Route:** Goats Haise via Goat Water, Swirl How, Old Man of Coniston
- Weather:** Murky and Cloudy but dry (apart from damp in clouds)
- Attendees:** 9 - Mike Haines, Roger Gott, Richard Toon, Linda Palentine, Andy Lowe, David Creelman, Dominika Michalska, Paul Buxton, Paul Buxton's son
- Young Attendees:** Dominika Michalska (32) Paul Buxton's son (14/15)
- Newer Members:** David Creelman (new), Dominika Michalska (1 year), Paul Buxton (2 years)

Report

On a murky January Sunday, a group of 9 set off from the Walna Scar Road car park to ascend the Old Man of Coniston via Goats Haise, taking in Swirl How, Little How Crag and Brim Fell before ascending the Old Man. On a clear day you can see for miles and miles and miles. However, clear day this was not but it was great to stand atop one of the Lakes iconic Fells and we could just about see each other.



After lingering awhile, we avoided the tourist route on the way back down, opting rather to take the more direct route down, skirting the quarries, to take us in a straighter line back to Walna Scar Road and our transport.

From there we drove down to Coniston and had a drink and a chat in the Sun Inn, which was a great way to finish off the day before heading back home.

Once again, it was a great day out in the Lakeland Fells – far far better than trudging round the shops in the January Sales.

Mike Haines

