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Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



Looking west-northwest from near the road at Powter How, up the steep frontage ascending directly to Barf's summit, which stands back beyond the skyline. Note The Bishop of Barf, painted in white, at the base of the scree gully. The solitary rowan tree is seen at upper-centre, standing alone on the left-side of the obvious bracken patch, with the partnered 'surprise' oak and rowan in line and seemingly just above, located at the lower left-hand base of the crescent-shaped Slape Crag. Distances appear foreshortened though as, in reality, the slope is rugged and relentlessly steep, making the separation between the waymarker trees greater than expected.



Left: the Clerk invites you to commence the ascent of Barf. *Right:* by the time you reach The Bishop you are far less than halfway to the summit. The slope is unremitting, typically between 40-60° with shifting stones and rocky steps to negotiate most of the way to the upper waymarker trees beneath the face of Slape Crag.



Left: the solitary rowan tree is obvious, though now accompanied by many new saplings and other equally mature native broadleaf and exotic conifer trees growing around the slopes. Examine the rowan's heavy-set trunk, to see the almost illegible carved initials AW referred to in 1964. *Right:* note also, the basal (epicormic) growth surrounding the lower trunk.



Above: the oak splays outwards, dense and low in shape; and *below:* the small rowan peeks out from its neighbour's canopy. Both trees are wind-shorn and crouched against the exposed slope.