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Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



On the path passing Chapel Hill, beyond the tarn a lone noble fir, with its soft powder-blue blunt-ended leaves, stands beside the upward track – a remnant of former times.



The Sitka spruce plantation – blue-tinged, but more subtly coloured than noble fir – becomes more obvious as you proceed. Note the spruce leaves are hard, blue-green and sharp-tipped.



The spruce plantation is enclosed by a forest fence, but some wilding trees have escaped into the heather. Sellafield lies northwest on the coastline.



The extent of the Sitka spruce plantation, from near the summit of Hooker Crag. Ravenglass and the nature reserves surrounding the River Esk estuary lie beyond.