

5.9 Knott 3

Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



The first (broadleaf) tree icon from AW's Knott 4 map (easily missed, among the drawn detail) has become a spreading group of goat willow, hunched low against the slope above the river.



Beyond Wet Swine Gill, the curved path reveals your objective, straight ahead.



Looking back, with distant Carrock Fell obscured by rain, this lonely waymarker – a mature Scots pine – stands over the faint ‘Path in the heather ...’ (with today’s main track passing below) just as AW depicted it over sixty years ago. The tree’s shape is recognisable, though broader in crown dimensions and heavier in trunk and branch proportions.



The hefty trunk, main stems and overall crown are not symmetrical – more, characterful – and mainly due to growth responding to the loading impacts of prevailing wind and rain. Despite its exposure to the elements the tree’s form is well adapted and, in all likelihood, should be strong enough to cope for many more decades.