

4.11 Scafell Pike 15 and 17

Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



From the roadside parking area look across towards Brandreth and the falls of Sour Milk Gill, then slightly right – to notice the Borrowdale Yews (*centre*) standing low down on the slope, surrounded by the fellside woodland.



Cross the River Derwent at Seathwaite Bridge, passing first the conifers then broadleaves that adorn the riverside path.



The three ancient survivors (with a young yew [centre foreground] planted nearby) from above, with Capell Crag on Thornythwaite Fell across the valley.



Live wood, dead wood, decay and an array of cavities, cracks, fissures and hollows combine in the beautifully broken Borrowdale Yews.



Growth and life, dereliction and death; the interwoven pattern of development over centuries endured by these ancient yew trees – which likely watched over Borrowdale when the sovereign Kingdom of England first unified from a multitude of Anglo Saxon kingdoms ... or perhaps earlier.