

7.7 Red Pike (B) 7

Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



The three holly trees on the rising slope above Crummock Water (almost south from Scale Island) with Blea Crag behind ... nowadays with the addition of a single hawthorn nearby (at right).



The hollies (with hawthorn) occupy a site with stunning views – here looking northwest down Crummock Water with Mellbreak (left) and Grasmoor (right).



Northeast, across the head of Crummock Water, towards the Robinson group.



Though there is a feeling of being the first here, these trees have been visited before ... and it's fascinating to imagine by whom and when?



Above: the 'upper' holly, with a tiny rowan growing from its decaying trunk; *left*: the 'centre' tree, with fine form and the usual deformities, set for the long-term; and *right*: the 'lower' tree, with deadwood and signs of a hard life, though more intact and fulsome than its 'upper' companion.