

4.3 Great End 7 and 8

Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



Heading up The Valley Route, with Lingmell Beck to the right, expecting one or another broadleaf tree ... then realising there are, in fact, two conifer trees in the fold.



Upper and lower: the tree in fold exceeds expectations ... with two wild European larch in embrace below the towering fellsides and rock walls of Great Gable and Wasdale's upper valley.



Upper and lower: the wild rose tree perched at the top of the northern bank, both underwhelming (due to being so badly damaged) and unusual (as it is markedly different to the dog or Japanese roses regularly seen elsewhere in Lakeland). Note the distinguishing features of armoured stems covered in slender needle-like spines and large round green-to-purple fruits with prominent curved sepals. A dead stem of similar shape and dimensions stands near – perhaps there were two plants here once? Is it possible the rose was larger and more prominent back in AW's time – but has been wrecked by churning floodwaters and crashing rocks in a previous spate or storm event?