

Fell walking report June 2023 by Annie Clouston

Ten of us set out on a really grotty day, with low cloud cover, drizzle and significant high level wind, and our walk leaders in consultation with walkers, made the wise decision for a change of plan. We were all keen to traverse Cross Fell, but not so keen on being up there in very inclement conditions without a hope of the glorious views that are a major part of enjoyment of fell-walking. Nevertheless one of us went rogue and off he went into the mist...

The remaining nine of us drove back to Dufton from Kirkland Hall and instead had a very delightful circular walk along the valley of Trout Beck, via Brampton, a good 10 miles, some of it precarious, where erosion had taken its toll on the path along the valley side. We ended our expedition with refreshments in Post Box Pantry, where the welcome and the scones were splendid.



Our rogue, you may be interested to know, is not still wandering the fells in ever decreasing circles. Unlike Captain Lawrence Edward Grace "Titus" Oates (1880–1912) he returned, though perhaps not by the planned route.