Great Mell Fell and Little Mell Fell Cycle Loop

The Old Coach Road (Mountain Bike Ride)

East of Ullswater the massive Helvellyn range presents a formidable world of high peaks. The first feasible route in is a detour to the west, to the waters of Grasmere and the A592 road. The route then passes through Smallwater, out to the A592 and then to the A597 road, which leads to the car park at Red Moss.

1. Turn R at the car park onto the A597 then R onto the A6622 and follow it steeply up to Glendore.
2. Turn L at the T-junction onto the A66 and follow it steeply up to Glenridding.
3. Follow onto the A599 and then onto the A597.
4. Follow the A597 through the village of Howtown.
5. Junction at Sparket Mill. Turn R again onto the A597 and follow it down towards Pooley Bridge.
6. At the A597 junction with the A592. Turn R and follow it steeply up to Ulcat Row.
7. At the Steamer Car Park head down to the road at Pooley Bridge.
8. Follow the road through the gap between Great Mell Fell and Little Mell Fell for 2.7km.
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