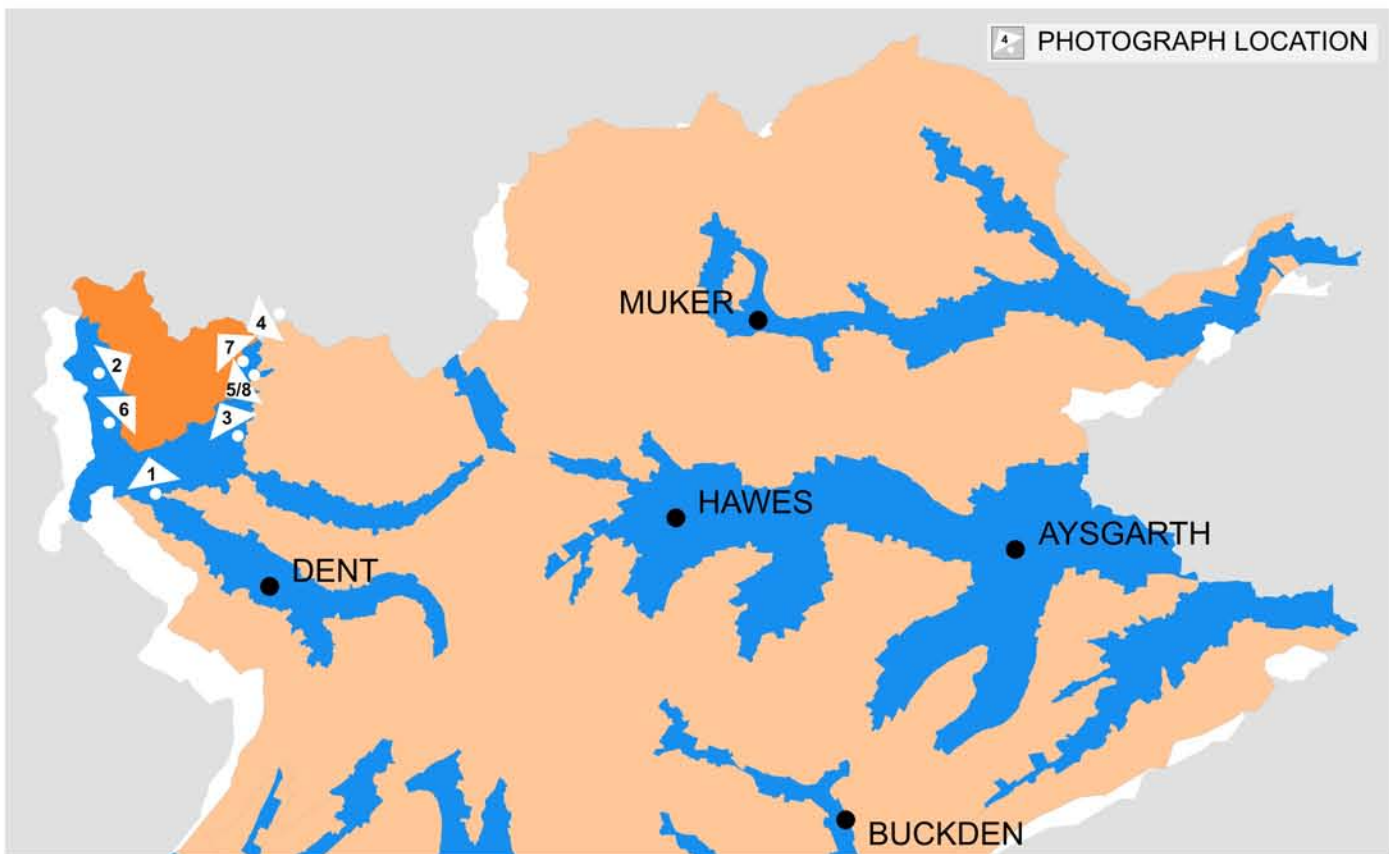




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KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Massive, wild, open, and inaccessible upland, composed of Silurian rock overlain by moorland vegetation types and rock screes.
- A series of velvet smooth, distinctive, well defined closely spaced ridges fan out from dome shaped fells to create long, steep sided dales and steep dark rocky gullies with occasional steep, tumbling waterfalls.
- Many of the gills are steeply incised and cut through the overall smooth form of the fells, creating a sharp contrast in the form of gills and fells.
- Virtually treeless; where trees occur, they cling to occasional exposed rock edges and rocky valley sides.
- Expansive and exposed, the moorland provides largely unenclosed grazing for sheep and wild ponies.
- Almost total absence of roads and settlement.
- The smooth, deeply folded form of the uplands is emphasised by the pattern of light and shade created by its topography.
- Long range views are available from the fell tops to the summits of Helvellyn to Ingleborough, and from Morecambe Bay to Cross Fell.



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