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Walking with Wearables and Dorothy Wordsworth

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This paper seeks to demonstrate how incorporating embodied data alongside a literary text in a mapping environment might transform both how we read, and how we understand the role of embodiment in historical and contemporary place-making. To do this, it takes as a case study Dorothy Wordsworth's epistolary account of her pioneering ascent of England's highest mountain, Scafell Pike, on 7 October 1818. This letter is read alongside data gathered from a recreation of the walk precisely 200 years later by the project team.

