

USEFUL INFO

Visit www.traveline.info to check public transport information before you travel.

For times of the next bus while at your stop go to www.nextbuses.mobi or text the bus stop code (displayed on the bus stop flag or in the timetable case) and your bus number to 84268. The message you send will cost your normal text message charge. The reply will cost up to 25p.

For information and inspiration on how to drive less and see more in the Lake District visit visitlakedistrict.com/travel

TICKETS AND OFFERS

Stagecoach Explorer tickets

Stagecoach explorer tickets offer unlimited travel on Stagecoach buses in Cumbria and North Lancashire. They are accepted on this service.

Concessionary tickets

English National Concessionary pass holders can travel free of charge after 9.30am Monday - Friday and all day weekends and bank holidays.

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Brothers Water

ROUTE 1

This level route takes you along the wooded shoreline of Brothers Water, past Hartsop Hall, to the campsite at Sykeside.

Start/Finish: Cow Bridge bus stop - grid ref: NY406134

Distance: 2.3 miles (3.75km)

Facilities: None on route, but toilets available at Sykeside. Brotherswater Inn is at the end of the walk, but the gradient up to it is steep

Maps: OS Explorer Map OL5

- 1 From the bus stop head towards the car park. Leave the car park at its southern end and follow the surfaced path to Brothers Water. Formerly Broad Water, the name is said to have changed in the 19th Century after two brothers drowned in the lake. Shallow and fringed with reed beds, look out for the summer blooms of water lilies. Moorhens, coots and swans can all be seen. The mixed oak of Low Wood is also wildlife rich and the autumn colours can be superb.
- 2 Continue along the track to historic Hartsop Hall, a 16th Century Grade I listed building, owned by the National Trust. It stands guard over the side valley of Dovedale. At its head, you will see Dove Crag, one of the steepest cliffs in the Lake District.
- 3 The route passes the back of the hall and carries on over level ground to Sykeside campsite and a 1:10 short slope to the Bank End Bar. The Brotherswater Inn is up a steeper 1:7 slope behind the bar.



Key for Maps

- P Parking
- C Cruise
- B Bus Stop
- U Public House
- X Café
- I Information

Pooley Bridge to Gale Bay

ROUTE 3

This is a linear route along the shore of Ullswater, providing superb views along the northern reaches of the lake. Two steep sections may prove difficult for solo wheelchair users.

Start/Finish: Pooley Bridge village centre bus stop - grid ref: NY471243

Distance: 1.1 miles (1.8km)

Facilities: Public toilets, pubs and cafés in Pooley Bridge

Maps: OS Explorer Map OL7

- 1 From the bus stop in the centre of the village head towards the bridge and take the footpath on the left near the main car park entrance south past Dunmere. The wide path is well suited for wheelchairs and pushchairs. There is one gate to pass through on the way to the boathouse where there is a seat. Continue on past the boathouse and up a short but steep ramp to follow a raised path above the shoreline.
- 2 Drop down a short steep ramp and go through another gate. Cross a footbridge and follow the path to a concrete pad on your right. From here you can watch the Ullswater Steamers make their journey to Howtown and Glenridding. Looking north you can see the steep mound of Dunmallard Hill with the remains of its ancient settlement on top. This must have been an important defensive location at the entrance to Ullswater and may have been part of a line of defensive locations that were designed to repel any invader.
- 3 A rough path, unsuitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs, continues for another 150 metres to a gate and a recycled plastic raised boardwalk which gives access to the shingle shoreline on Gale Bay.



Walks from the #508 bus



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TOP TIPS

Accommodation and tourist information

The website www.visitlakedistrict.com/stay shows a range of serviced and self-catering accommodation.

Weather

The weather in the Lake District can change quickly, clear morning skies can rapidly give way to rain, sleet or even snow so be prepared! Changes in weather can dramatically alter the difficulty of a route so please consider this before setting off. Call **0844 846 2444** or follow **@lakesweather** on Twitter to check the forecast.

Practical information

Appropriate clothing can make all the difference. It is important to be warm, comfortable and dry when out exploring so make sure you have the appropriate kit and plenty of layers.

Your rucksack should hold everything needed and be carried comfortably. Have extra layers, a hat and gloves, enough food and drink, and a first aid kit. A compass, map and knowledge of how to use them is invaluable.

Mobile phone reception isn't always good in the Lake District. Leave details of your route and expected finish time with a buddy. If you are delayed please contact your buddy to let them know. This will prevent mountain rescue (a team of volunteers) being called out unnecessarily. If there is an emergency call 999, ask for Cumbria Police and give your location; an accurate grid reference is ideal.

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Glenridding to Aira Force

ROUTE 2

This route spans woodland with lush green ferns and evergreen specimen conifers. The tumbling waterfall of Aira Force drops an impressive 65 feet. Its roaring falls are set amongst beautiful woodland and can be reached by an enchanting stroll through landscaped glades. Aira Force is the perfect place for a family walk and picnic, and there's a good chance of spotting cheeky red squirrels. This route is easy-going but is a little steep in places. This route is easy-going but is a little steep in places.

Start/Finish: Glenridding bus stop - grid ref: NY386169

Distance: 2.8 miles (4.5km)

Facilities: Public toilets and café at Glenridding and Aira Force, hotels at Glenridding

Maps: Landranger 90, Explorer OL5

- 1 From Glenridding bus stop follow the lake shore path until you come to Glencoyne car park (National Trust).
- 2 Take the waterfall path out of the top end of the car park and follow the designated pathway up to the waterfall.

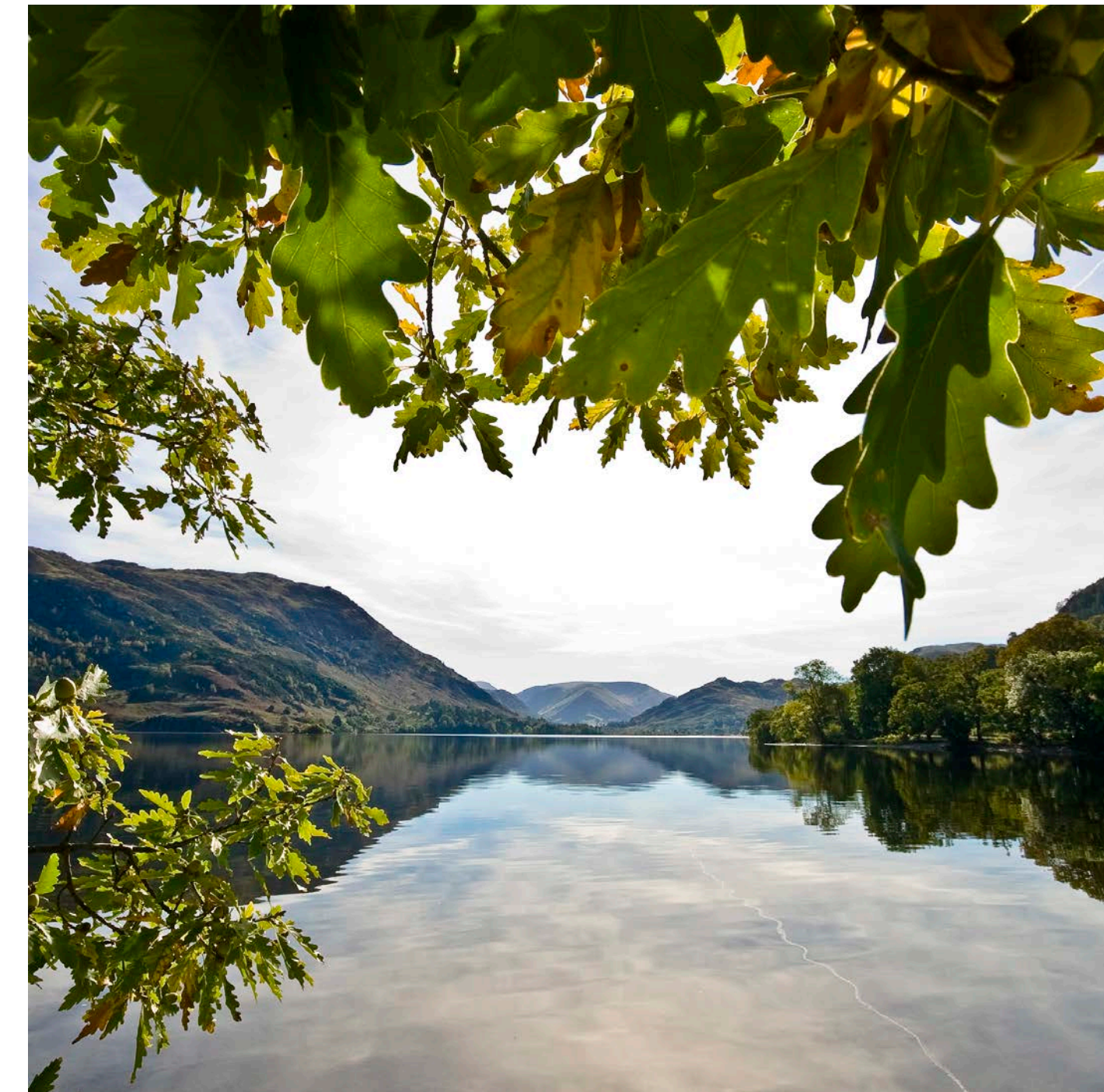


Walking at Aira Force



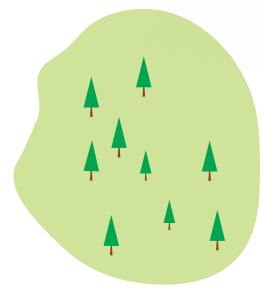
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Always re-plot your route on an OS map before setting off.



Glencoyne bay on Ullswater looking towards Glenridding

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Windermere

With the lake shore of Windermere only a 30 minute walk or 10 minute bus ride away, there is always something to do whatever the season. Wander around the compact centre of Windermere with its traditional stone and slate houses; peruse its lovely independent shops, stop to relax, eat some home-made cake and have a nice cup of tea in one of its many cafés.

Directions: Alight at Windermere Station and walk past Booths supermarket. You will soon pass the Windermere & Lake District Information Centre on your left. From here bear left to take you to the village centre.

Kirkstone Pass

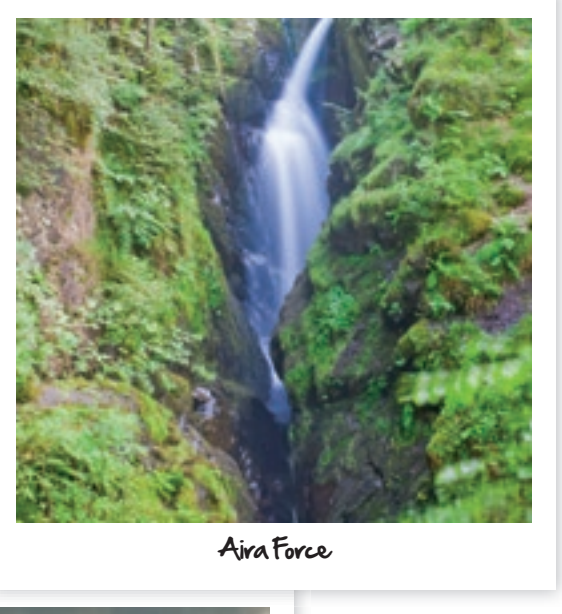
Kirkstone Pass is the Lake District's highest pass open to traffic, at almost 1,500 ft. It connects Ambleside in the Rothay Valley to Patterdale in the Ullswater valley by the A592 road. The gradient reaches 1 in 4 in places. The Kirkstone Pass Inn stands close to the summit of the pass. Formerly an important coaching inn, it is the third highest public house in England.

Directions: Alight at Kirkstone Pass Inn stop.
Tel: 015394 33888
www.kirkstonepassinn.com

Stops on the #508 bus route



Kirkstone Pass



Aira Force



Patterdale

Patterdale

Patterdale is at the southern end of Ullswater and is a thriving village community with a small village school and its own church; the beautiful St. Patrick's. The village has excellent facilities including the Patterdale Village Store and Post Office, the White Lion Pub, and the Patterdale Hotel. It is surrounded by some of the most beautiful Lake District fells including Helvellyn, St. Sunday Crag and Place Fell.

Directions: Alight at Patterdale Hotel.
Tel: 01768 482 231
www.patterdalehotel.co.uk

Aira Force

Arguably the Lake District's most famous waterfall. Water tumbles 65 feet from below a stone footbridge and provides a glimpse of a landscaped Victorian park with its dramatic waterfalls, arboretum and rocky scenery. Enjoy a scenic stroll through ancient woodland, perfect for a family walk and picnic.

Directions: Buses stop near the entrance to the Aira Force car park, on the A592.
Tel: 017684 82067
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Penrith

Penrith is known as the 'old red town' because of its many red sandstone buildings. It is a thriving market town and an ideal gateway into the northern Lakes and the northern Pennines. Amble around its fascinating yards and alleyways, explore specialist shops, or just relax and watch the world pass by over home-made cakes or a local ale.

Directions: The bus has numerous stops including the train station and bus station.
www.visitlakedistrict.com

WINDERMERE

Stop here for: railway station, cafés, restaurants, bike hire, information, shops, pubs, car hire (low-carbon), coach stops

KIRKSTONE PASS

Stop here for: pub, walks, views

PATTERDALE

Stop here for: walks, shops, pubs, hostel, hotel

AIRA FORCE

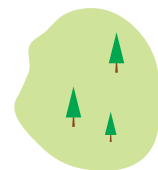
Stop here for: walks, café, red squirrels

PENRITH

Stop here for: railway station, bike hire, coach stops, information, shops, restaurants, cafés, pubs

HOLEHIRD

Stop here for: gardens



BROTHERS WATER & HARTSOP

Stop here for: pubs, views, walks, start of route 1



GLENRIDDING

Stop here for: cafés, restaurants, pubs, shops, cruises, water activities, information, walks, start of route 2

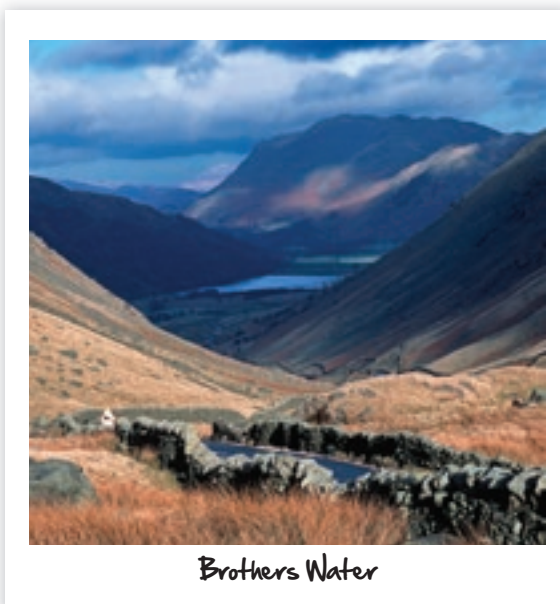
POOLEY BRIDGE

Stop here for: pubs, cafés, restaurants, shops, walks, start of route 3

Holehird

Jump off here to visit the Lakeland Horticultural Society's 17-acre hillside gardens. They include a great variety of specimen trees and shrubs, extensive rock and heather gardens, a walled garden, alpine houses and herbaceous borders. The Lakeland Horticultural Society holds three National Collections; Astilbe, Meconopsis and Polystichum Ferns.

Directions: Request stop at the bottom of lane leading up to Holehird Gardens, just after Windermere School; a short but relatively steep walk up to the gardens.
Tel: 015394 46008
www.holehirdgardens.org.uk



Brothers Water

Brothers Water and Hartsop

Join walk two at Sykeside Camping Park just after the Brotherswater Inn, which will take you past Hartsop Hall and along a level path between woods and water. The tarn was one of the first places in the Lakes to be acquired by the National Trust. Re-catch the bus at the Cow Bridge car park. The village of Hartsop is a popular starting point for walks up to High Street.

Directions: Alight at Sykeside Camping Park.
Tel: 01768 482239
www.sykeside.co.uk

Glenridding

Glenridding lies at the southern end of Ullswater. The village grew up around the Greenside mine, and now provides a great range of holiday accommodation plus local shops, cafés, restaurants, as well as local attractions such as the Ullswater 'Steamers' with connections to Howtown and Pooley Bridge and the Glenridding Sailing Centre.

Directions: Buses stop at Greenside Road.
www.visitlakedistrict.com



Ullswater 'Steamers'

Pooley Bridge

Pooley Bridge lies at the northern end of Ullswater. A beautiful village, it is hugely popular with visitors with its great range of little shops, tea rooms and pubs. Ullswater 'Steamers' stop here and provide onward journeys to Howtown and Glenridding.

Directions: The 508 stops at the Crown Hotel and the pier.
Tel: 017684 82229
www.ullswater-steamers.co.uk



Enjoy a cruise on Ullswater

