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LET'S LOOK AFTER THE LAKE DISTRICT



Fun days out for all the family

Windermere is the perfect place for a great day out. There is so much to see by bike, bus, boat or boot. So leave the car at the hotel or car park, and start exploring!

For a truly memorable day for all the family, try one of these itineraries. From excitable toddlers to adventurous teens, there's sure to be something for everyone.

**Bikes and
Boats**

**Fun in the
Sun**

**All-
weather
Attractions**



"A cruise on the lake is great fun whatever the weather!"



Bikes and Boats from the Lake District Visitor Centre

Experience the great outdoors with a boat trip and bike ride. The Lake District Visitor Centre at Brockhole is a great place to start your exciting adventure or leisurely trip. Entry to the house, grounds and lakeshore is free. You can hire bikes here if you haven't brought your own. Grab refreshments in the café to get you started or to take with you for a picnic.

Arrive by bus 555 or 599
or park here all day.



Stretch your legs

Take a walk through the pretty Arts and Crafts garden, designed by Thomas Mawson, on a path suitable for all. With views of Windermere and the Langdale Pikes, this is a garden with a magnificent backdrop. Across the National Park there are many more routes suitable for pushchairs or wheelchairs, visit www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/mileswithoutstiles.

Hop on the Bike Boat

Leave the crowds behind and head to the quieter western side of the lake on the bike boat. It usually runs on weekends May - Sept and daily in school holidays. There's space for up to 12 bikes and it leaves every 20 minutes. It's fun and easy - sit back and enjoy the views.

Wray Castle

If the weather takes a turn for the worse, pop in to Wray Castle (National Trust). This fantastic fortress is a family favourite. The rooms are empty of grand possessions, leaving plenty of room for dressing up and story-telling!

A family route

In summer, the boat arrives at Wray Jetty, and from here you can start walking or cycling right away! Follow the signed path up through the castle grounds and along the lake shore to Harrowslack for fantastic views and great picnic spots. It is 4 miles (7 km) each way, a round trip will take about 2 hours. Take Ordnance Survey Explorer map OL7. For more information on boat times: <https://www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk/>



The routes shown are for guidance only. Please ensure you have an up-to-date map and a compass with you, and you know how to use them, before undertaking any of the trails. Let people know where you are going, and what time you expect to be back. All information is correct at time of print. The publisher cannot be held responsible in the unlikely event of injury or accident whilst undertaking any of these activities.

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Fun in the sun at Fell Foot

At the very southern tip of Lake Windermere, Fell Foot Park is a great place to play, explore and relax. At this National Trust lakeshore park there's plenty of space for games, picnics and gentle walks. The adventure playground with climbing frames and scramble nets is fun for all ages, or follow the tree trail around the park. The shop sells children's toys and outdoor games, perfect for making the most of the wide open space.
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/fell-foot>

Getting here

Arrive by bus, it's a short journey from Bowness-on-Windermere! The number 6 bus from Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere runs all year. If you are coming from the south of Windermere, Fell Foot is just 10 mins by boat from Lakeside.

Have a go...

- Skim a stone!
- Build a den!
- Hunt for bugs!



For the adults...
Enjoy the stunning mountain views while you watch the little ones play

Row, Row, Row Your Boat...

Easy access to the lake makes the park perfect for boating or paddling. Why not hire a rowing boat or a kayak and start your own adventure!

Anyone for Ice Cream?

Complete your day out with a visit to the Boathouse Café, right on the lakeshore. They serve snacks, drinks, homemade cakes, light lunches and 'English Lakes' ice cream

All Aboard!

Take a short boat trip from Fell Foot to Lakeside, either just for fun or for more attractions. Visit the Lakes Aquarium, Lakeside to Haverthwaite Steam Railway, or the Lakeland Motor Museum. Look out for combined cruise and attraction tickets.

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All-weather Attractions

As John Ruskin said, "There is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather". Travel in style on a lake cruise to some of the fantastic attractions the Lake District has to offer. Hop on a boat, train or bus to have a break from driving and start having fun! Start in Bowness-on-Windermere or Ambleside, easily accessible by bus. With so many great value combination tickets available, there's sure to be something for everyone, visit www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk for offers.

Buy a family cruise
and attraction
combined ticket
for discounts

For the animal lovers...

- 1 Visit the **World of Beatrix Potter Attraction** in Bowness-on-Windermere where you can meet all your favourite characters as the tales are brought to life.
- 2 Take a **cruise** from Bowness-on-Windermere to Lakeside. Enjoy the magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and the many wooded islands on this spectacular voyage.
- 3 Explore the **Lakes Aquarium** at Lakeside. Look out for diving ducks, adorable otters, and ferocious piranhas. With talks all through the day, the aquarium is the perfect place get close to nature and keep dry!

For the transport enthusiast...

- 1 Take a **cruise** to Lakeside, from Ambleside or Bowness-on-Windermere, and enjoy the magnificent views.
- 2 Discover the **Lakeland Motor Museum**. A bus will be waiting to meet you at Lakeside for a short ride to the museum if you buy the joint cruise and museum ticket. Take a trip down memory lane, where not just the cars, but the clothes and the shop fronts are a blast from the past. The museum is open all year, every day.
- 3 Hop on board the **Lakeside & Haverthwaite steam railway**. Take a short walk from the Motor Museum to Haverthwaite and ride a magnificent steam train back to Lakeside, or take the free bus back from the motor museum. The trains run in summer, every day.



If you enjoyed this itinerary, go to visitlakedistrict.com/travel for more great ideas for a car-free day out!

Visit Lake District, Cumbria

Something for
everyone

Visit Café Ambio next to the Motor Museum for stunning views and local home-made food