to visit...

Take the Cross Lakes Experience to Wray Castle, a National Trust property with a difference! Join us on a guided tour of this quirky mock gothic castle, or have fun with the family dressing up and castle-building. In the school holidays our rangers will be on hand to help tick off even more of your ‘50 things’ activities or why not have a go at archery? A great family day out whatever the weather.

We all enjoy a little retail therapy, and your Cross Lakes Experience will spoil you for choice. Lively, buzzing Bowness is packed with boutiques, gift shops, cafes and restaurants. Around charming Hawkshead’s car-free centre, you’ll come across welcoming pubs, specialist shops selling all things Lakeland and the Beatrix Potter Gallery displaying her wonderful watercolours.

At colourful Coniston, surrounded by splindly walks, you can board the launch across the lake to Brantwood, John Ruskin’s magnificent mansion, with its spectacular gardens, craft shop and Jumping Jenny’s café overlooking the lake and Coniston Old Man.

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Cross Lakes Experience gives you the freedom and flexibility to explore Windermere, Coniston Water, and the breathtaking countryside tackled in between England’s two most famous lakes. Create your own adventure around a stunning landscape of whitewashed villages, idyllic beauty spots, and huge forests that are havens for wildlife and heaven for outdoor enthusiasts.

Your one-day ticket allows you to:

• cross England’s largest lake, Windermere, from Pier 3 at Bowness Bay to Ferry House
• enjoy a leisurely cruise on Coniston Water, sailing on Coniston Launch
• take the Mountain Goat minibus between Ferry House and Hawkshead village on a scenic tour taking in Beatrix Potter’s house at Hill Top
• catch the Stagecoach bus between Hawkshead and the historic attractions of Coniston Water
• board the bus for a return trip from Hawkshead to the exciting outdoor activities at Grizedale Forest Park
• board the bus to Wray Castle, great discounts if you arrive by bus or boat

How you put together your Cross Lakes Experience is totally up to you – the day is yours, the Lakes are your oyster.

Enjoy a grand day out!

Take your bike or boots to make the most of your Cross Lakes Experience. Remember, you can begin your journey from either Bowness, Hawkshead, Coniston, Grizedale, Wray Castle or Satterthwaite.

Give the driver a day off!

Park on the long stay car park at Brathwaite Fold in Bowness so you can explore the Lakes car-free and child-free.

Tourist Information Centres & Useful Contacts:
These offices will help you plan your Cross Lakes Experience, and have handy walking and cycling leaflets, such as Great Walking and Cycling Made Easy.

**Key to Timetable**

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Cuckoo Brown Inn
Muddy Boots, wet dogs & children welcome

Log fires, Good Food and a Great Selection of Local Ales

Situated in the heart of Far Sawrey, just up the hill from the ferry drop-off, our cosy, dog friendly inn serves a hearty selection of food 12 - 9pm everyday. 015394 34253 www.cuckoobrowninn.com

Discover the Lakes by bus, boat, bus or bike...

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Fancy experiencing the Lake District another way? Park the car and take a bus to the true scenic beauty of the Lakes from Ferry House via Hill Top to Hawkshead. There you can connect with services to Coniston or Grizedale Forest. It’s an ideal way to explore the spectacular English Lake District.

Mountain Goat Tours
www.mountain-goat.com Tel: 015394 45161

Mountain Goat Tours offer services to Coniston or Grizedale Forest. It’s Hill Top to Hawkshead. There you can connect with services to Grizedale or Brockhole and Ambleside.

Go Ape
www.goape.co.uk Tel: 0844 770 5380

Grizedale Forest Park’s aerial adventure is perfect for children, with fascinating sculpture trails to hold their interest, while the amazing Go Ape aerial walkway is your chance to Tarzan through the trees.

Segway Hire when you show your bus ticket.

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Walkway and cycling routes shown as a guide to planning only. Please consult detailed maps or guides within available at bus stops.

Pop your bike aboard the launch from Bowness Bay and cruise across to Coniston. Visit the house and gardens follow the footpaths down the hill all the way to Ferry House, wear your walking boots or pushchairs and idyllic picnic spots are dotted around the tarn.

Environmental Photographer of the Year Exhibition at Grizedale Forest

On tour from London showcasing the work of international photographers in response to environmental and social issues. All visitors are free access to the exhibition.

Walk and bus to Hill Top
Catch the bus up the hill and walk back down the hill on well marked footpaths to Ferry House. Wear suitable footwear and be prepared for rain. A good map is recommended.

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Cross Lakes Experience tickets are also valid on the Steam Yacht Gondola, see www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/crosslakes

The full Cross Lakes Experience to Coniston
Cross two lakes and more to enjoy a day out in Coniston.

Windermere Lake Cruises
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Windermere Canoe & Kayak Bowness
Tel: 015394 44494

Go Ape: 20% OFF Grizedale and Windermere passes when you show your bus ticket.

Adult standard bike hire for £15 (Grizedale only) if you show your bus ticket.

KEY ROUTES
By Bike or Foot:
- by Foot: Coniston Pier, Satterthwaite, Low Wray Campsite,
- by Bike: Coniston Pier

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Visit Go Ape Grizedale and save 20% off the adult standard price. Please quote code E28 when booking.

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**On the trail of Beatrix Potter**

Why not visit Beatrix Potter’s former home at Hill Top, Wray Castle where she spent family holidays and see her paintings at the Beatrix Potter Galleries in Hawkshead.

10.00am catch your boat at Bowness then connecting bus to Hill Top.

11.47am hop on the bus to Wray Castle.

2.20pm bus back to Hawkshead.

3.20pm bus and connecting boat back to Bowness.

by Bus

by Bike or Foot

by Boat

Key Routes

by Mountain Bike

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Pop your bike aboard the launch from Bowness Bay to Ferry House. Then cycle off-road along the lakeside bridleway to Wray Castle and return over Claife Heights to Ferry House to pick up the Mountain Goat bus to Hawkshead. Or if you’re feeling energetic, ride all the way to the village. From Hawkshead, the bus will take you to Grizedale Forest Park, where you can sample some adrenaline-charged mountain bike routes and the challenging North Face Trail, as well as family-friendly cycleways too.

**Cycle Fares:**

Bikes are carried free across Windermere. Cost is £1.00 on buses.

**Bike Hire:**

Grizedale Mountain Bikes* Grizedale Tel: 01529 860369

Coniston Boating Centre Coniston Tel: 015394 41366

Electric Mountain Bowsess Tel: 015394 422798

Low Wray Campsite & Ambleside Tel: 015394 63862

Windermere Canoe & Kayak Bowness Tel: 015394 44495

**Services to Brockhole and Ambleside**

Brockhole, Ambleside or Lakeside, the spectacular Windermere Lake Cruises – not included in The Cross Lakes Experience.

**Cross Lakes Experience**

The full Cross Lakes Experience to Coniston Cross two lakes and more to enjoy a day out in Coniston.

10.00am board your boat at Bowness which connects with bus 525, get off at Hawkshead, time for a cup of tea or quick browse round the shops.

11.02am catch the 505 bus to the Waterhead Hotel, Coniston.

11.50am Coniston Launch to Coniston via Brantwood and Torver. Enjoy lunch, hire a boat or enjoy a walk into the village.

2.25pm Launch back to Waterhead Hotel.

3.22pm hop on the 505 bus to Hawkshead.

4pm after a brief break in Hawkshead catch the 4pm bus and connecting boat back to Bowness.

**Walk and bus to Hilltop**

Catch the bus up the hill and walk back down the hill on well marked footpaths to Ferry House. Wear suitable footwear and be prepared for rain. A good map is recommended.

10.40am board the boat from Ferry House to Wray Castle and connecting bus to Hill Top.

After visiting the house and gardens follow the footpaths down the hill all the way to Ferry House, visit Claife Station on the way for a view of the lake as enjoyed by the first Lake District tourists.

Boats back from Ferry House at 1pm, 2.20pm, 3pm, 3.40pm, 4.20pm and until 21st October 5pm.

**By Bike or Foot (Grizedale only)**

For people who arrive by bus and show their bus ticket.

10% off Wray Castle admission price

10% off shop purchases over £10

£15 (Grizedale only)* if purchasing a bus ticket.

**Traveline**

www.traveline.info  Tel: 0871 200 22 33

**Cross Lakes Bus/Boat**

Admission price

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**Suggested Days Out...**
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- Double deck open top bus.
- Runs every 20 minutes throughout the day.
- Windermere Station to Bowness Pier.
- Operated by Windermere Lake Cruises

Special Family Tickets: 2 adults and up to 3 children. Child fares are for Coniston Water* 9.35 15.70 5.25  9.20 24.55  42.10
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Adult  Child  Family

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015394 46499
Main Car Park, LA22 0NT

For a timetable of services, see overleaf. Find further details at Cross Lakes Experience & Visitor Centre

505: Cruises: The Mountain Goat

Timetable 2014
Daily 5th April to 2nd November, Bowness to Hawkshead also runs 15th to 23rd February.

What does it cost...

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Return Price - orange text

Key to Timetable
- Operated by Windermere Lake Cruises
- Operated by Mountain Goat
- Operated by Stagecoach

*Boat does not operate after 25th October
V Connection available between services

Stagecoach Bus Link 599 from Windermere Station to Bowness Pier.
- Service is provided by Stagecoach
- Runs every 20 minutes throughout the day.
- Double deck open top bus.
- For more details call Traveline 0871 200 2233.