

# Local attractions perfect for rainy days

## Holmlea

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### 1 Windermere Lake Cruises

Bowness Launch, just minutes walk away, is a gateway for a range of sightseeing cruises across Lake Windermere. They are great way to see the lake and take in those breath taking views and access other destinations such as Wray Castle, Ambleside, or Lakeside.

Elegant lake cruisers depart from Bowness pier to Ambleside (at the northern end of the lake) or Lakeside (at the southern end of the lake). At Lakeside you can visit the Aquarium and ride on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite Steam Railway.

Ask at Holmlea Guest House about purchasing tickets for trips to Ambleside or Lakeside.

### 2 Lakes Aquarium

The Lakes Aquarium is one of South Lakes most popular visitor attractions.

Joint ticketing options available for the Railway and lake cruises, ask for details. Why not arrive here in style on Windermere Lake Cruises and take in the views across the Lake.

### 3 The Lakeland Motor Museum

The fascinating Lakeland Motor Museum nestles in the picturesque Leven valley, close to Lakeside, the southern tip of Lake Windermere. The museum houses a unique collection of some 30,000 cars.

The museum can be accessed by jumping on a boat at Windermere Lake Cruises where you can purchase a joint ticket for both attractions and includes the transfer between Lakeside and the Museum by bus.

### 2 The Lakeside Railway

Whatever the weather, there's something to do for all the family, so why not combine your trip on the railway with a cruise down to Lakeside from Bowness and enjoy a nostalgic journey on a steam locomotive.



### 1 The Cross Lakes Experience

"The Cross Lakes Experience" operates daily throughout the summer from Bowness-on-Windermere. A connecting ferry service allows visitors to cross to the western shore of Windermere to join the mini coach service and travel onward to visit Hill Top (the house of Beatrix Potter in the hamlet of Near Sawrey) and the beautiful village of Hawkshead.

Onward connections are available to Conistون Water where one can enjoy a cruise and visit Brantwood, John Ruskin's home and to Grizedale Forest for the high-level fun of Go Ape, mountain biking and the new visitor centre.

### 4 World of Beatrix Potter

One of Bowness's top attractions is the World of Beatrix Potter.

Walking uphill from the promenade, the World of Beatrix Potter is located left off the mini roundabout to the right. This attraction brings to life Beatrix Potter and her beloved tales, with characters such as Peter Rabbit and Tom Kitten.

There is a joint ticketing scheme "Cross Lakes Experience" which allows you to buy one ticket and travel by boat and bus from Windermere, across into Beatrix Potter land at Sawrey and Hawkshead, all the way to Coniston.

### 5 Hill Top

Beatrix Potter spent most of her adult life in the Lake District and wrote her famous tales here, inspired by the beautiful natural surroundings.

For fans, visiting Hill Top Cottage is a must. Take a trip on the ferry to Hill Top, Beatrix Potter's home and setting for many of her famous novels.

It is as if Beatrix has just stepped out; still full of her favourite things and the cottage garden is a traditional mix of flowers, herbs, fruit and vegetables.



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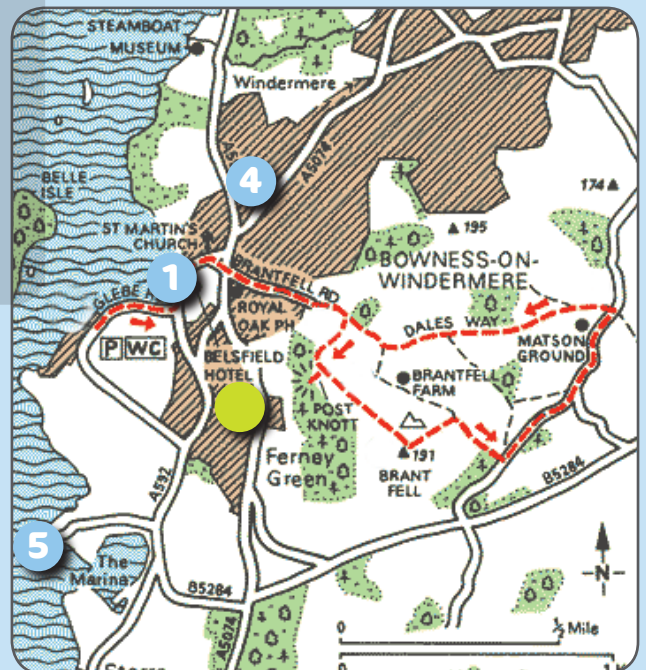
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- 1** Promenade for lake cruises and boat hire
- 2** Lakes Aquarium and Steam Railway
- 3** Lakeland Motor Museum
- 4** World of Beatrix Potter attraction
- 5** Ferry to Beatrix Potter Country (Hill Top Cottage, Hawkshead and Claife Heights)

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# walks from our doorstep

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You don't have to stroll far from our doorstep to enjoy easy walks and superb fell top views. All of which have breath taking vistas of Lake Windermere and our striking mountain landscapes. Enjoy!

Here are four of our local favourites just moments from Holmlea. Please ask us for more information to help you access these walks, we're happy to help.

### Orrest Head

1

Orrest Head is a short gentle stroll from Holmlea Guest House that offers magnificent views. Orrest Head may not be the highest peak in the Lake District but is considered by many to be the best viewpoint over Lake Windermere. On a clear day, the fell offers a 360° panorama; from the top you can see nearly the whole of Lake Windermere and beyond to the higher Langdale Pikes. It is the first fell that Wainwright famously climbed which gave him a lifelong love of the Lake District landscape.



### Claife Heights

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Why not walk down to Bowness and get the ferry across to Claife Heights and see the Lake from the other side of the water. Claife Heights is the fell facing you across the lake from Windermere. The walk is a pleasant hilly, woodland excursion, returning along the shore of Windermere, and is highly recommended.

When you leave the ferry walk towards Hawkshead, and just past the first road junction a little way along, there is a footpath through a wall gap into a wood. Follow this clear track until you come to a ruined building. This ruin is 'Claife station'. This is not to be confused with a railway station. A station, in the Lake District's romantic era, was where the visitor was expected to stand, or station himself, to cast their eyes over the classic views. The windows of the station were glazed with coloured glass to give added effect. From here if you carry on walking up the steep hill until you get to a footpath junction take the right this will take you on a bridleway back down towards the lake. When you get to the lake shore take in the views across to Bell Isle and Bowness then take the right and walk along the shore until you arrive back at the ferry.



### Queen Adelaide Hill

3

This walk takes you to some amazing view points looking down Lake Windermere towards Ambleside and the Langdale pikes.

Follow the bottom road out of Bowness towards Ambleside. Keep walking until you get to a gate on the left with a footpath clearly marked this will take you to the Lake shore. Go into the grassy field and up the hill on the left and take in the spectacular view. Go over the hill and back onto the road. Continue in the same direction and you will come to a layby view point with the most spectacular views. To return to Bowness retrace your tracks until you get to a gate on the right before the footpath you came on, it says Millerground. Follow this down to the lake shore and walk along here until you get to where you joined the lake shore path before and retrace your tracks again from here.



### Brant Fell

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Brant Fell is but a short walk from the Holmlea. With relatively little effort you can summit the heights of Brant Fell and enjoy a delightful view out over Windermere to the Coniston fells and the central summits of the Lake District up to the mighty Fairfield.

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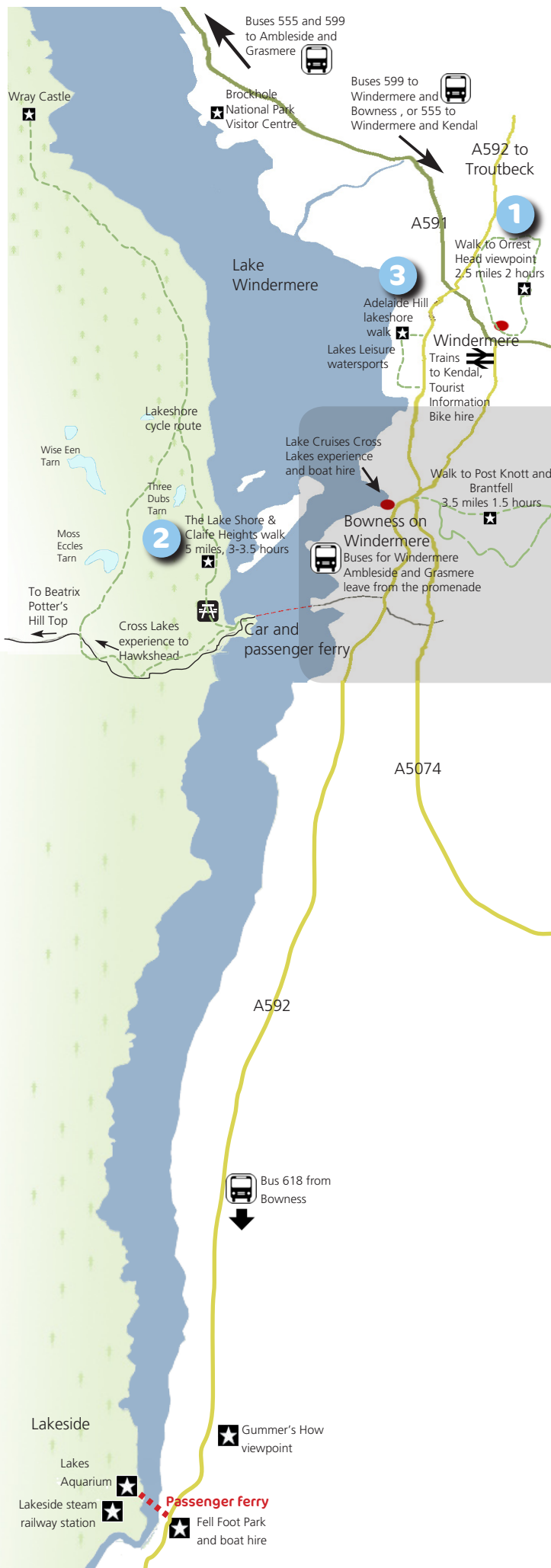
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