

## **British Rowing Tour – North Lakes 29<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**



### **Extra Activities**

There are lots of great activities accessible from our different rowing and hotel venues. We will keep adding info to this page, and will also have info available at our tour reception desk at the North Lakes Hotel. Please email any additions or corrections to [ruthieward@me.com](mailto:ruthieward@me.com)

### **Activities near Derwentwater**

Keswick is an historic town with lots of interesting things to see. It's also surrounded by lovely walks – flat and not so flat, many of which are detailed on the Keswick Tourism Association website <https://www.keswick.org/>

### **Keswick Museum and Art Gallery - <https://keswickmuseum.org.uk>**

Station Road, Keswick CA12 4NF – park on Station Road or it's a short walk from anywhere in Keswick.

Tel: 01768 773263

Open 10am to 4pm entrance £5 with special tours sometimes available, this is a wonderful small museum including the unmissable Singing Stones of Skiddaw. We are investigating a discount for tour participants.

### **The Keswick Brewery Company - <https://www.keswickbrewery.co.uk>**

The Old Brewery, Brewery Lane, Keswick CA12 5BY – parking at the Otley Road long stay car park next door or it's a short walk from anywhere in Keswick

Tel: 01768 780700

1 hour brewery tour and tasting costs £10 and runs at 11am or 2pm. However it is closed for staff holidays on the Saturday and Sunday of the tour.

### **The Derwent Pencil Museum - <https://derwentart.com>**

Southey Works, Keswick CA12 5NG

Use any of the town car parks – it's a short walk from anywhere in Keswick

Tel: 01768 773626

Adult ticket is £4.95 to view the home of the first pencil, learn about the history of the pencil industry, and see some of the museum's fun exhibits. There's also a Derwent fine art retail shop and coffee shop. It's open daily 9.30am-5pm.

## **Castlerigg Stone Circle**

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/castlerigg-stone-circle/>

Castle Lane, Underskiddaw, Keswick CA12 4RN

Limited roadside parking at the site – or it's a 30 minute walk from Keswick. There's also a 4 mile circular walk published by the tourist office. <https://www.keswick.org/what-to-do/walking-routes/castleriggstonecircle>

A very atmospheric and dramatically sited of all British stone circles, with panoramic views and the mountains of Helvellyn and High Seat as a backdrop. It is also among the earliest British circles, raised in about 3000 BC during the Neolithic period. Managed by English Heritage and open all day. No charge.

## **The Keswick Launch Company**

Derwentwater Foreshore, Keswick CA12 5DJ

01768 772263

You can use these boats for a 50 minute round lake cruise, or hop on and off, or just get a single ticket. The 50 minute cruise is £10 and it's about a £2 single fare per stage. There's also a 3.5 miles 1.5 hours circular walk from central Keswick that takes you to the boating stages and also to the Friar's Crag viewpoint described by Ruskin as offering one of the most beautiful views in Europe <https://www.keswick.org/what-to-do/walking-routes/calf-close-bay>

## **Hike up Catbells or Latrigg**

Catbells is best accessed from Hawes End by using the Keswick Launch Company launch from Keswick to Hawes End (journey time 15 minutes – single fare £2 per stage) <https://keswick-launch.co.uk>. The tourist office publicises a 3.5 mile 3 hour circular walk from Hawes End landing stage including a short steep section on the ascent with some minor scrambling and offering 'spectacular views' over Keswick, Derwent Water, Borrowdale, Newlands Valley and the Western Fells <https://www.keswick.org/UserContent/doc/18087/catbells.pdf>

Latrigg is Keswick's own fell, a 3 mile 2 to 2.5 hour circular walk from the Moot Hall in Central Keswick, offering lovely views over Keswick, Derwentwater and the surrounding fells. There's a small car park at Gale Road above Applethwaite with a limited mobility path to the viewpoint <https://www.keswick.org/what-to-do/walking-routes/latrigg-walking-route>

## **The Wainright Pub – [www.thewainright.pub](http://www.thewainright.pub)**

Lake Road, Keswick CA12 5BZ

01768 744927

## Activities near Bassenthwaite Lake

### **The Lakes Distillery** – <https://www.lakesdistillery.com>

Setmurthy, Bassenthwaite Lake CA13 9SJ – parking on site

01768 788850

Basic 1 hour distillery tour costs £12.50 and runs 10am to 6pm, including a detailed guided tour round the distillery, spectacular video footage following the journey of the River Derwent, a guided tasting of three spirits and £5 off any 70cl purchase in the shop. There is also a bistro – and alpacas.

### **Mirehouse** – <https://www.mirehouse.co.uk/index.php>

Mirehouse is 3 miles North of Keswick on the A591 on the Eastern shore of Bassenthwaite Lake. It's also on a bus routes. The postcode for parking is CA12 4QD. Turn into Dodd Wood/Mirehouse car park opposite to the main entrance. Disabled parking is available in front of the house.

01768 772287

A 17<sup>th</sup> Century house, built by another Charles Stanley. There's the house and garden to see, a lakeside walk and a café. The site is open daily 10am to 5pm, but the house is only open in the afternoons on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.

### **Dodd Wood walks**

From the same car park opposite Mirehouse, there's a 3 mile 2-3 hour trail up through the forest or shorter lakeside walks available. The wood is a nesting site for ospreys and red squirrels can also be seen. <https://www.keswick.org/what-to-do/walking-routes/dodd-wood>

### **Thornthwaite Art Gallery and Café** - <https://thornthwaitegallery.co.uk/>

Thornthwaite, Keswick CA12 5SA7 – on the West side of Bassenthwaite Lake, signposted from the A66 North of Keswick

01768 778248

A long established contemporary art gallery showcasing local artists set in an historic barn, with a café. Open 10am to 5pm on the Thursday – Saturday we are there, but closed on Sunday. Small car park on site, or park with care in the village.

## **Hike up Binsey Hill or Sale Fell**

Binsey Hill stands by itself at the North of Bassenthwaite Lake. It's possible to do a quick 'there and back' 2 mile walk to the summit, which reputedly offers views (described by Wainwright as being of "outstanding merit") as far as the Isle of Man on a very clear day, or a longer 4 mile circular walk also taking in the summit. There's limited layby parking at the start of the walk at CA7 1HH and detailed directions to find it approaching from either side of the lake at <https://www.thelakedistrict.org/things-to-do/walks/binsey-loop/>

Sale Fell is a small fell at the North West corner of the Lake, close to the Pheasant Inn. The Keswick tourist website offers two walks, one taking in the summit, one walking round the fell, and both starting from the roadside parking near St Margaret's Church in Wythop. The walks offer lovely views of the whole of Bassenthwaite Lake, and looking North to the Solway Firth <https://www.keswick.org/what-to-do/walking-routes/sale-fell>

**The Pheasant Inn** – <https://www.the-pheasant.co.uk/>

Bassenthwaite Lake CA13 9YE

01768 776234

An excellently appointed 17<sup>th</sup> Century coaching inn, just on the mountain side of the A66 at the Northern End of Bassenthwaite Lake. Wonderful bar and food.

## **Activities near Ullswater and the Crown Hotel**

### **The Ullswater Steamers**

The historic Ullswater Steamers fleet operate an all year service with varying timetable connections between Glenridding, Howtown, Pooley Bridge Piers and between Glenridding and National Trust Aira Force Pier. Cruise times vary from 20 to 120 minutes, with the option of combining a part walk/part cruise tour of the lake. Detailed timetables and itineraries are all on the website, including a joint ticket offer for Dalemain House <https://www.ullswater-steamers.co.uk/>

**Dalemain Mansion and Historic Garden** - <https://www.dalemain.com/>

Penrith CA11 0HB – the house is a couple of miles North of Pooley Bridge on Ullswater, heading towards the A66 and Penrith. Full directions are on the website.

01768 486450

The main house and garden opening days are Sunday to Thursday inclusive, offering self-guided or guided tours of the house. However, the garden and café are also open 11am-3pm on Fridays at the moment.

**Rheged Visitor Center and Cinema** - <https://www.rheged.com/home/>

Redhills, Penrith CA11 0DQ – on the A66 between Penrith and Keswick

01768 868000

The centre has a mainstream cinema, shops and cafes and a range of children's activities.

### **Lakeside walks and Aira Force waterfall**

There are numerous lakeside walks connecting with the steamer stops.

It's also possible to park at Aira Force waterfall in the National Trust car park on the A592 and take a short walk up to see it. The National Trust also offer a 4.5 mile circular walk taking in Aira Force and the summit of Gowbarrow, starting at the Aira Force car park.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/aira-force-and-ullswater/trails/aira-force-and-gowbarrow-trail>

### **Hike up Hallin Fell**

Hallin Fell sits at the South Eastern end of Ullswater, and there's a simple 1 hour 'in and out' walk from Howtown – either from the pier if arriving by steamer, or from parking spaces opposite St Peter's Church above Howtown (note the road down to Howtown from Pooley Bridge is narrow). <https://www.thelakedistrict.org/things-to-do/walks/hallin-fell/>

**The Crown Inn at Pooley Bridge** - <https://www.crownpooleybridge.co.uk/>

Pooley Bridge, Penrith CA10 2NP

01768 452869

This is where some of our group is staying. Parking is often difficult in Pooley Bridge during the day.

### **Activities near the North Lakes Hotel**

**Penrith Castle** – <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/penrith-castle/>

Castle Terrace, Penrith CA11 7EA

There are a few parking spaces at the park entrance or use any of the town car parks, disabled visitors can access the park from Ullswater Road (opposite the railway station).

Penrith Castle was begun at the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century by Ralph Neville, who played a key role in defending the area against the Scots. It was later transformed into a luxurious residence by Richard, Duke of Gloucester, who became Richard III. Surviving to their full height the castle walls stand in a public park. Managed by English Heritage and open all day. No charge.

**Brougham Castle** - <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/brougham-castle/>

Moor Lane, Penrith CA10 2AA

01768 862488

Entry is £5.40 to this picturesque riverside castle. The castle was founded in the early 13<sup>th</sup> Century and its great keep largely survives among many later buildings – including the unusual double gatehouse and impressive ‘Tower of League’. There are passageways and spiral stairways to explore, and panoramic views over the Eden Valley from the top of the keep.

There’s a Brougham and Eamont Bridge Trail badged as a 6km/3 hour walk taking in two rivers, a Roman fort, a castle, a fortified manor house and two ancient henges. It is possible to walk out from central Penrith to join the formal start of the walk at Countess’ Pillar, where there is some limited parking <https://edenriverstrust.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Brougham-and-Eamont-Bridge.pdf>

**Also worth considering:**

Voreda Roman Fort <http://www.matthewpemmott.co.uk/2012/07/voreda-roman-fort-near-penrith.html>

There isn’t much to see, but it may be of interest to Romanophiles!

Penrith Saturday market

[http://www.informationbritain.co.uk/showPlace.cfm?Place\\_ID=29312](http://www.informationbritain.co.uk/showPlace.cfm?Place_ID=29312)

Keswick Saturday market

[http://www.informationbritain.co.uk/showPlace.cfm?Place\\_ID=28910](http://www.informationbritain.co.uk/showPlace.cfm?Place_ID=28910)