

Attractions to visit during your stay



Leighton Moss (RSPB nature reserve)

Whether you want to explore for wildlife, or simply enjoy a cup of tea in beautiful surroundings. Leighton Moss is ideal its woodlands, reedbeds and lagoons on the edge of Morecambe Bay are a great place to visit all year round.

The reserve is suitable for all ages and abilities and is brimming with wildlife from bearded tits and bitterns to marsh harriers and red deer.

Directions: The reserve is about 150metres from Silverdale railway station. It is close to the M6, signposted from the A6 north of Carnforth

Open: Daily

Reserve Paths: 9am to dusk

Visitor Centre: 10am to 5pm (9.30am – 4.30pm in winter)

Guide Price: Adult £4.50, Child £1.00, and Family £ 9.00

Tel: 01524-701601

Ingleborough Cave at Clapham

The Cave has attracted many thousand of visitors ever since it was opened in 1837 and regular tours are conducted 0.5Km along large and beautiful decorated passages, all spectacularly floodlit.

Directions: To reach the Cave visitors walk from the car park in Clapham (Clapham is a short distance off the A65 Kendal to Skipton road. The signed route follows the river, which comes from the Cave, down the valley passing the church and waterfall to reach the saw mill and entrance to the Ingleborough Estate Nature Trail.

This is a very picturesque route and popular with people of all ages, passing the lake and through the wooded valley (1.25 miles to cave entrance).

The walk continues up to Gaping Gill pothole (340 feet shear drop to the bottom of the cave) is another 45 mins walk from the cave.

(Ingleborough Cave, continued)

Journey Time: 25 minutes by car.

Open: Daily Mar to end Oct.

Tours: Start every half-an-hour and take about an hour.

Guide Price: Adult £4.50, Child £2.50, and Family (2+2) £12.00

Tel: 015242-51242

White Scar Caves

Deep beneath the Ingleborough Hill in the Yorkshire Dales National Park lies an hidden world which has been sculpted by nature over thousands of years.

Your guide will show you cave formations, including the Devil Tongue, the Arum Lily and the remarkably life like Judges Head. The highlight of the tour is the 200,000 year old Battlefield Cavern. Over 330 feet long, with its roof soaring 100 feet, one of the largest caverns in Britain. It contains literally thousands of stalactites, which hang from the roof.

Directions: About 1.5 miles from Ingleton on the B6255 road to Hawes.

Journey Time: 20 minutes by car.

Open: All year round (tours take about 80 minutes.)

Tours: Start at 10.00am every day (except 25th Dec weather permitting). Last tour starts at 5.30pm

Guide Price: Adult £6.50, Child £3.50, and Family £18.50

Tel: 01524-241244

Dove Cottage (Home of William Wordsworth)

The award-winning museum displays the Wordsworth Trust's collection of manuscripts, books and paintings. Dove Cottage was William Wordsworth's home from 1799-1808. Visitors are offered guided tours of the cottage.

Directions: Located south of Grassmere village on the main A591 Kendal to Keswick road.

Journey Time: 1.25 hours by car.

Open: All year round (closed 24th-26th Dec) 9.30am to 5.30pm

Tours: Start at 10.00am every day (except 25th Dec weather permitting). Last tour starts at 5.30pm

Guide Price: Adult £5.80, Child £3.50, and Family £18.50

Tel: 015394-35748

Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway

From Haverthwaite station, hard working steam locomotives haul comfortable coaches through the beautiful Leven Valley to Lakeside where connections are available with Windermere Lake Cruises.

Directions: On the A590 to Haverthwaite near Newby Bridge. Lakeside is the southern tip of Windermere.

Journey Time: 1.25 hours by car.

Open: From mid Apr to end Oct

Guide Price: Adult £, Child £, and Family £

Tel: 015395-31594

Ullswater Steamer

Experience Ullswater's spectacular mountain scenery from an Ullswater Steamer, all year round. Superb Pier Houses at Glenridding and Pooley Bridge offer tea and coffee overlooking the lake.

Directions: From central lakes to Glenridding via A592 Kirkstone Pass.

Journey Time: 1.5 hours by car.

Open: From mid Apr to end Oct

Guide Price: Adult Return £8.80, Child £4.40, and Family £17.60

Tel: 017684-82229

South Lakeland Wild Animal Park

Europe's top Tiger Conservation Centre and Cumbria Tourist Board's Official attraction of the year for both 1999 and 2000. This open conservation zoo is well known for the freedom the animals enjoy.

You can walk through Madagascar and be surrounded by lemurs or hand feed kangaroos and emus in the Australian bush. With rhino, tigers, lions, bears, giraffes, cheetah, apes and monkeys it's the regions best all day attraction.

Directions: Between Kendal and Barrow on the A590

Journey Time: 1.25 hours by car.

Open: All year except Christmas Day. Daily 10am to 5pm. Winter 10am to dusk.

Guide Price: Adults £7.50, Child (Age 3-15)£5.00

Tel: 01229-466086

Windermere Lake Cruises

Steamers and launches sail daily throughout the year between Ambleside, Bowness and Lakeside with seasonal connections to Brockhole, the Steam Railway, Fell Foot and Ferry House

Directions: From M6 (J36) take the A590. Bowness via A591 to Windermere and A592 to the pier.

Journey Time: 1.00 hour by car.

Open: Daily during daylight hours throughout the year except Christmas Day.

Guide Price: Adult Return £6.50, Child £2.70, and Family £17.50

Tel: 015395-31188

Settle – Carlisle railway

The Settle to Carlisle railway is one of the most spectacular in Britain; passing through lowland valleys before climbing to the dramatic mountain landscape of the Pennines, then descending to the fertile Vale of Eden, and the Border City of Carlisle.

The line offers many miles of splendour, with the train providing a perfect vantage point from which to enjoy the views.

Directions: Take B6480 through Bentham to Settle.

Journey Time: 30 mins by car to Settle

Open: Train service runs seven day a week, all year round.

Guide Price: Adult Return £16.40, Child £8.20

Tel: 08457-484950