

ULLSWATER 'STEAMERS'

Ullswater Valley is a spectacular place to visit whatever the season so, to help you plan your adventure with us, we have devised a small sample of things to do along the length of Ullswater connected with our 'Steamer' cruises.

Perfect days out in and around Glenridding

Walk to or from Howtown

Combine a cruise with one of the most famous and spectacular scenic walks in the Lake District, the *Howtown to Glenridding* walk. This low-level walk is 7 miles/11km from *Howtown Pier* to *Glenridding Pier House* and takes approximately 3 to 4 hours. *'The Daffodils'* written by William Wordsworth was inspired by a walk near *Glencoyne* in 1802; these daffodils can be found in abundance along the lakeshore in Spring.

Walk to Lanty's Tarn

This moderately easy walk, affording stunning views of the *Ullswater Valley* and *Keldas*, is an ideal spot to enjoy a sunny afternoon away from the hustle and bustle. Don't forget your camera you may spot a red squirrel!

Afternoon Tea

Glenridding has many excellent cafés and hotels – why not enjoy a traditional Cumbrian Cream Tea and fantastic lake views from the terrace of the *Inn on the Lake*. Alternatively, browse in the *Glenridding Hotel's* library dedicated to Donald Campbell or try out the cyber café located in *Kilners Coffee House*.

From the village of *Patterdale* retrace the steps of Wordsworth and Sir Walter Scott who stayed at the *Patterdale Hotel* before their ascent of *Helvellyn* – at 3117ft it is England's third highest mountain.

Larking about by the Lake

Jenkins' Field, just next to our *Glenridding Pier House*, is the perfect place for enjoying the sunshine, a picnic or a spot of bird watching. The original slipway used by Donald Campbell is marked by a memorial plaque adjacent to the *Pier House*. In the autumn one of the last remaining herds of wild Red Deer can be seen grazing on the slopes of *Place Fell* on the opposite shore.

Skipper your own Vessel

A short stroll through *Jenkins' Field* will bring you to *St Patrick's Boat Landing* for Motor/Rowing Boat or Mountain Bike hire. On your voyage investigate *Purse Point*, *Devils' Chimney* or *Stybarrow Crag* where Wordsworth, as a schoolboy stole a boat and rowed out into Ullswater, only to be driven back by the appearance of a huge cliff believed to have been either *Place Fell* or *Black Crag*.

Perfect days out from Howtown

Enjoy the View

Howtown is the perfect location for both long and short walks. Stroll along the lakeshore from the pier and find a perfect spot to enjoy a lazy lakeside picnic, soaking up the sun while the kids fish for tiddlers or feed the ducks. Keep an eye out for Ravens, Peregrine Falcons and Buzzards. It is advisable to refer to *Ordnance Survey (OLS)* map when exploring the valley.

Walk around Hallin Fell

This is a very rewarding short walk taking approximately one and a half to two hours, well worth the climb for the splendid views of the lake and fells from the summit. Did you know that during a volcanic upheaval approximately 450 million years ago, faults in the rock allowed movement; *Howtown* is located on such a fault which gives Ullswater its characteristic kink.

Visit the Howtown Hotel

This fully licensed, traditional Lakeland hotel is the ideal place to quench your thirst after enjoying the surrounding fells.

Explore Martindale and Fusedale

One of Lakeland's least visited yet most stunning valleys, *Martindale* is a real hidden gem. Follow the road through *Martindale Common* to *Dale Head* then along to *Bannerdale*. This is one of the oldest Red Deer forests in England and is a good place to watch the stags during the Autumn rut.

Visit the Churches

Wander up the hill from the pier to visit two of the areas loveliest churches, *St Peter's Church* set within the parish of *Martindale* has a memorial window dedicated to the officers and men lost when aircraft carrier *HMS Glorious* was destroyed off the coast of Norway in 1940.

If you continue beyond *St Peter's* you will come across the thirteenth century church *St Martin's*. A place described by Wordsworth as "the chapel, with its bare ring of mossy wall" and "single yew tree". The Yew Tree in question is believed to be in the region of 1,300 years old.

Perfect days out in and around Pooley Bridge

Walk to Dalemain

Walk via the brideway to *Dalemain*, starting out from the footpath signposted by the bridge, taking you along the riverside. *Dalemain* is a stunning historic house with magnificent gardens and a medieval tearoom. Take advantage of our later sailings by spending a leisurely afternoon in the gardens then wander back to *Pooley Bridge Pier House* to catch the last sailing to *Glenridding*.

Shopping for Souvenirs and Farmers Market

Looking for a memento of your time in the *Ullswater Valley*? Our own 'Ullswater Steamers' Shop and Information Centre carries comprehensive information about the area and the Lake District in general as well as a wide range of gifts. On the last Sunday of every month from April to September, *Pooley Bridge* hosts a traditional farmers market. The market is a great 'foodie' day out and a chance to meet the producers of local food, drink and crafts.

Quintessential Villages

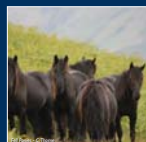
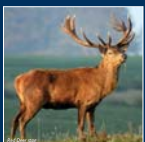
For a more energetic hike why not walk to *Askham*, one of Cumbria's prettiest villages built around a village green and home to two traditional Lakeland inns. The walk back over *Askham Fell* affords spectacular views of *Ullswater* and *Helvellyn* and, on clear days, you can see the *Scottish Borders* and the *Yorkshire Dales*. Skylarks, Curlews, and Wheatears abound on these fells in the Spring and Summer months whereas Red Grouse and Fell Ponies can be seen throughout the year.

Bronze Age Stone Circle

Moor Divock is rich in antiquities dating to the Early Bronze Age. The 'Cockpit' is the largest of several monuments found on the moor with a diameter of 25m. Many of the stones are now fallen but the tallest of those stones still upright are just under a metre. (Further reading: *A Guide to the Stones Circles of Cumbria* – Robert W.E. Farrar).

Pony Trekking

Park Foot Pony Trekking Centre is just a 15 minute walk out of the village for escorted trekking over glorious countryside overlooking Ullswater. They have horses to suit all abilities. Hard hats and waterproofs are provided free of charge.



For more detailed information on our history why not purchase one of our history books or walking guides from our Gift Shops at Glenridding and Pooley Bridge.

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