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DON'T BLINK OR YOU'LL MISS IT – START YOUR NATURE ADVENTURE WITH THE FASTEST BIRD ON THE PLANET

Ullswater Steamers has teamed up with the RSPB for a special cruise on which you can look to the skies in search of the peregrine falcon, while trying not to miss the spectacular birds, which may appear on the water.

The 'Water, Predator and Heathland Birds Cruise' will sail from the pretty Lakeland village of Glenridding on May 17th at 9.45am.

You will pass ancient woodlands, fells and islands, which provide habitat for some of England's rarest species of flora and fauna, such as the red breasted merganser, the nuthatch and otters.

Great rafts of gulls roost on the lake and the bays are frequented by mallards, greylag geese, goosanders, kingfishers, cormorants, dippers, sandpipers and ospreys which have all been sighted on passage.

And keen young wildlife spotters can also get involved as they spot the buzzards circling overhead and the oystercatchers which nest around the lake.

At 10.45am you will arrive at the former market town of Pooley Bridge, where a mini bus will be ready to escort you to Askham Fell, returning for 1pm.

The Fell, with stunning views, is home to many intriguing ancient sites from stone circles to burial cairns and a herd of wild ponies.

Please wear suitable clothing including walking boot, as a moderate walk is involved, and bring a packed lunch.

Tickets need to be booked in advance - £12.50 for an RSPB member and £14.50 for non-members, with children half price. Profits go to RSPB.

For further information about events and cruises with Ullswater Steamers please visit www.ullswater-steamers.co.uk or call on 017684 82229.

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Notes to editors:

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2: to find out more about Ullswater Steamers visit www.ullswater-steamers.co.uk

3: To book accommodation in Cumbria – the Lake District, visit www.golakes.co.uk