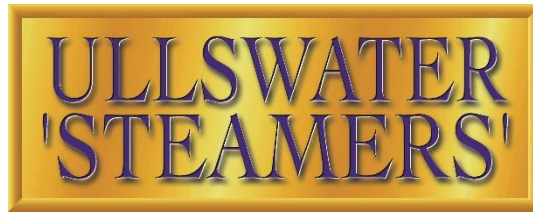


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Head out for an inspiring wander in the stunning Ullswater valley this half-term...

The Ullswater valley is beautiful all year round but when the lambs are gambolling about in the fields, the trees are blossoming and spring has truly sprung, the sights are truly spectacular.

To make the best of the stunning scenery, why not take a cruise on an Ullswater 'Steamer' and combine it with some of the most famous walks in the Lake District?

An award-winning attraction, Ullswater 'Steamers' creates the perfect opportunity to combine a trip on the lake with a bracing walk – these boats are made for walking!

Strap on your boots and head out with us and experience a Lake District National Park Ranger led walk in the environs of the beautiful Ullswater Valley. There are miles and miles of walking paths linked to the 'Steamer' routes, catering for all abilities from the Helvellyn mountain range at the southern reach to some of Wainwright's most famous walks such as Striding Edge to the remote valley of Martindale, which offers access to a vast expanse of seldom-walked fells.

This spring you can discover the beauty of Martindale and Angle Tarn on 26th May. Simply cruise from Glenridding at 09.20am to Howtown, disembark and enjoy this stunning 7 mile walk led by a LDNPA Ranger, taking in Martindale, home to the oldest and largest wild red deer herd in England and visiting the craggy fastness of Angle Tarn and Heck Crag before returning via Brock Crag. For more details visit: <http://goo.gl/EXrWvW>

Alternatively enjoy a jaunt taking in Pikeawassa and High Street on 31st May. Hop on a 'Steamer' from Pooley Bridge at 09.20am, cruise to Howtown, disembark and enjoy a 9 mile wander led by a LDNPA Ranger. Climb Pikeawassa and Wether Hill, before returning along the old Roman Road atop High Street to Pooley Bridge. For more details visit: <http://goo.gl/XWBIZc>

Whatever you choose, you are sure to have a unique day out. Note charges apply and booking is essential. Led walk costs: Adult £5, child free. Discounted boat fare applies.

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Notes to Editors:

Ullswater Steamers is a family-owned business that has been operating in the tranquil Ullswater Valley since 1859. Today, the company provides a sustainable and environmentally friendly way of linking some of the most iconic walking routes and views in the Lake District National Park.

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

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