

# adventure & activities near windermere lodges

## Windermere Lake Cruises

From Brockhole Visitors' Centre you can get a boat to Ambleside. This is a great way to see the lake and take in those breath taking views.

Brockhole is the Lake District National Park Visitor Centre. Walk to Brockhole Visitors' Centre from the lodges enjoy the gardens, adventure playground and woodland walks.

Have afternoon tea in the cafe and look at the exhibitions in the house. And then get the boat to Ambleside and have a saunter around the shops. What a fantastic day out.

## Go For A Swim

There is a public pool located in Troutbeck Bridge on the Lakes School site. LIFE is a community leisure facility offering both swimming and fitness facilities at affordable prices. They welcome both local residents and tourists alike to make use of the friendly facilities.

## On Yer Bike!

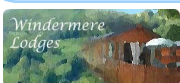
Why not hire a bike and explore the surroundings on wheels. You can hire bikes from Country Lanes in Windermere who offer full day hire for around £20. The staffs are knowledgeable on local routes for all abilities.

Troutbeck & Jenkins Crag Cycle ride: The high level route makes a superb mountain bike route and is an ideal introduction to mountain biking in the Lake District. It can be accessed from the lodges by cycling to Robin Lane.

## Low Wood Watersports & Activity Centre

Low Wood Watersports Centre, with its extensive range of equipment and an inspiring setting against a backdrop of the Lakeland fells is a great location for getting out on the water.

To get to the centre walk (roughly about an hour to an hour and a half) or cycle (35-40 minutes) on the designated path following the road past Brockhole just before Ambleside, or get the 599 bus from Troutbeck Bridge, the bus stops outside the Low Wood Hotel. The marina is situated here.



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# easy strolls & fell top views

Windermere Lodges are surrounded by some of the country's most stunning landscapes and are a perfect base for exploring right from our doorsteps. Stretch your legs and explore. Here are some of the highlights of what can be found just around the corner.



## Orrest Head Circular (Windermere can be added)

Orrest Head is a gentle stroll from Windermere Lodges that offers magnificent views. Orrest Head may not be the highest peak in the Lake District but is considered by many to be the best viewpoint over Windermere. On a clear day, the fell offers a 360° panorama; from the top you can see nearly the whole of Windermere and beyond to the higher Langdale Pikes. It is the first fell that Wainwright famously climbed, which gave him a lifelong love of the Lake District landscape.



The total distance of this walk is approximately 5.7 miles and will take around 2 and 1/2 hours to do the circular walk door to door. From Orrest Head you can wander down into Windermere and take in the Shops and Cafés it has to offer.

## Troutbeck Stroll

Troutbeck village is a beautiful quaint traditional Lake District village which is well worth getting to know a little better. The undulating valley in which Troutbeck is set is riddled with a maze of footpaths linking ancient hamlets and is right on our doorstep, so get outside and enjoy it. The walk is approximately 2 miles and is a circular walk.



## Troutbeck 2 Bridges

This is a gentle walk from Troutbeck Church, climbing gently up to a beautiful view of Windermere, returning via a footpath that goes over Trout Beck and then back to the church. This is a great walk for kids who may not want to do "proper" fell-walking and has great spot for a picnic next to the beck. There are ample opportunities to stop for tea (or something stronger) at the beginning and the end of the walk as the village of Troutbeck is only a few yards from the start and finish points.



# walk to Ambleside

## Jenkins crag to Ambleside

Wander up to Jenkins Crag, recently voted the Lakeland's most romantic viewpoint. Located just off the main path you'll find some of the tallest conifers in Cumbria. Watch out for the steep and unprotected drop at the front. It can be reached by anyone, and a visit to it can be combined with an interesting circular walk through Skelghyll woods.

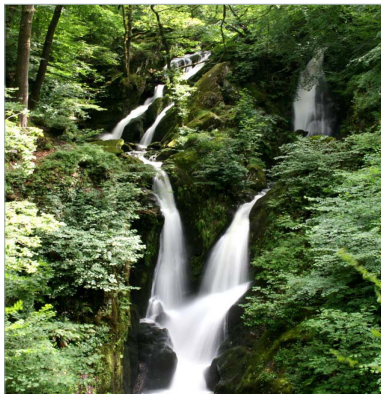
Walk up into Troutbeck via the footpath. Turn left and carry on walking until you reach "Robin Lane" which is just past the Post Office. Follow this track, and follow signposts to "Ambleside". This will lead you through the enchanting Skelghyll Wood and incorporating the opportunity to look out from the rocky viewpoint of Jenkins Crag across Lake Windermere. You will arrive in Ambleside through a car park opposite Hayes Garden World. From here follow the main road right into the centre of Ambleside.

## Wansfell and Ambleside

Walk up into the village of Troutbeck from the church. Turn right and you will find a left turn onto Nanny Lane leading to Wansfell Pike. The summit of Wansfell offers superb 360 degree views. Walking down towards Ambleside you will eventually enter some woodland and reach some beautiful waterfalls called Stockghyll Force. Leaving the falls downhill you will enter the village behind Barclays Bank, which is very central. From here you can explore the abundance of unique shops, outdoor retailers, pubs and cafe culture. With your back to the bank, the Tourist information Centre is to your right.

You can return to Windermere Lodges by retracing your steps via Wansfell and Nanny Lane or Skelghyll Woods and Robin Lane. Alternatively you can take the bus route 599, or 555 from Kelsick Road. The 599 is an open top sightseeing bus which runs from April to the start of September.

Maps recommended to complete these walks (OS OL 7), current guide books and local walk leaflets will also help you locate the routes. There are lots more walks, with downloadable routes for your GPS, available at [www.lakedistrictholidaylodges.co.uk](http://www.lakedistrictholidaylodges.co.uk)



# a grand day out at Ullswater

**Ullswater is England's second largest lake, but it is a haven of tranquillity, set in a stunning valley with spectacular views up to the Helvellyn range.**

Our suggested day out involves a journey by bus, followed by a relaxing lake cruise, a lovely lake side walk and a return trip by bus to Windermere Lodges.

From Windermere Lodges take the 517 "Kirkstone Rambler" Bus from the stop right next to Limefitt Park. This service runs daily over high season summer and Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays over summer low season.

For our walk you need to go to as far as Glenridding. The bus journey will take about 40 minutes. On the way you will go past the Kirkstone Pass Inn which is the highest pub in Cumbria. As you descend into the Ullswater valley, you will have a great view of the little known but very beautiful Brotherswater. From here the valley rolls on until you come to Patterdale and Glenridding where you will enjoy stunning views of the surrounding fells including Helvellyn, the third highest peak in England.

On arrival at Glenridding you have time to take in the amazing scenery before boarding the Ullswater Steamer for the 40 minute trip to Howtown.

From Howton return southwards down the East side of the lake along Hallin Fell and Place Fell back to Glenridding. From here you will take the bus back to Troutbeck and the lodges.

If you have some time to spare after your walk you may want to explore the traditional villages of Glenridding or Patterdale to enjoy a refreshing cup of tea or something stronger. Aira Force waterfalls, 3 miles North of Glenridding is spectacular but very easily accessible being right next to the road.

Ullswater also makes an excellent base for exploring the Helvellyn range and reaching the challenging Striding Edge.

To make your way back to Windermere Lodges catch a bus from Glenridding. Have a well-earned rest, enjoy the scenery from the bus and look forward to a barbecue at one of the lodges when you get back!

