



# Days out Coniston and Ambleside

Hawkshead is a pretty 17th Century village with a car-free centre. Visit the church, old grammar school, Beatrix Pottery gallery and the gift shops and then pop into one of the many tea-shops or pubs for some well earned food and refreshment. Enjoy the benefits of taking the bus by having a pint (or two!) of local ale.

## Tarn Hows walk

From the High Cross bus stop, it is a 30 minute walk to Tarn Hows - a beautiful lake created in the 1800's, now belonging to the National Trust. The walk around the lake on well surfaced paths takes about an hour.

## Ambleside to Tarn Hows

Catch the 505 bus from Ambleside at 10.25 and get off at High Cross, just beyond Hawkshead Hill. Follow the footpath from opposite the bus stop, until you reach Tarn Hows.

You can then retrace your steps back to High Cross. The 505 leaves High Cross for Ambleside at 14.10 (approx) or 15.10 (approx) (Mon – Sat) and 14.10 or 16.10 (Sun & Public Holidays).

## Coniston to Tarn Hows

From Coniston, catch the 505 at 11.05 and get off at High Cross. Follow the footpath sign from the bus stop, which will take you to Tarn Hows.

Follow the same route back to High Cross. Catch the 505 for Coniston from High Cross at 14.50 or 15.50 (Mon – Sat) and 13.50 or 15.50 (Sun & Public Holidays).

## The Tarn Hows Tourer

The National Trust runs the X31 Tarn Hows Tourer from the car park going to Coniston and Hawkshead too. It leaves the Tarn Hows car park at 13.10, arriving at Hawkshead at 13.20, or 16.20, reaching Hawkshead at 16.35.

To get to Coniston, the Tourer leaves Tarn Hows at 12.10, 13.30 and 16.45.

## Have a Cross Lakes Experience!

For ideas on walking and cycling from the Cross Lakes Experience (service 525) pick up a leaflet from Tourist Information Centres locally.

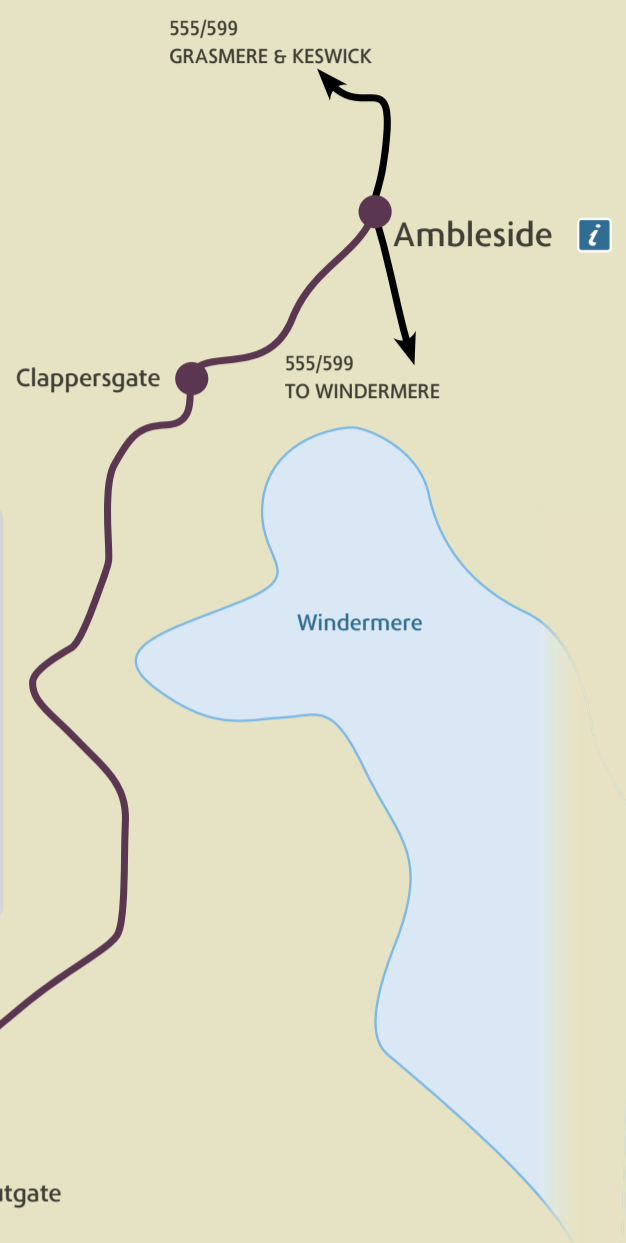
Cross Lakes Experience is a boat-bus-boat link from Bowness on the east shore of Windermere, via Hill Top and Hawkshead, to Monk Coniston, Tarn Hows and Coniston Pier. For further information and timetables see The Cross Lakes Experience leaflets available at many locations or ring: 015394 45161

Or you can take a relaxing afternoon cruise on Coniston Water or either the Coniston Launch or the National Trust's steam-powered gondola.

## ! Walking

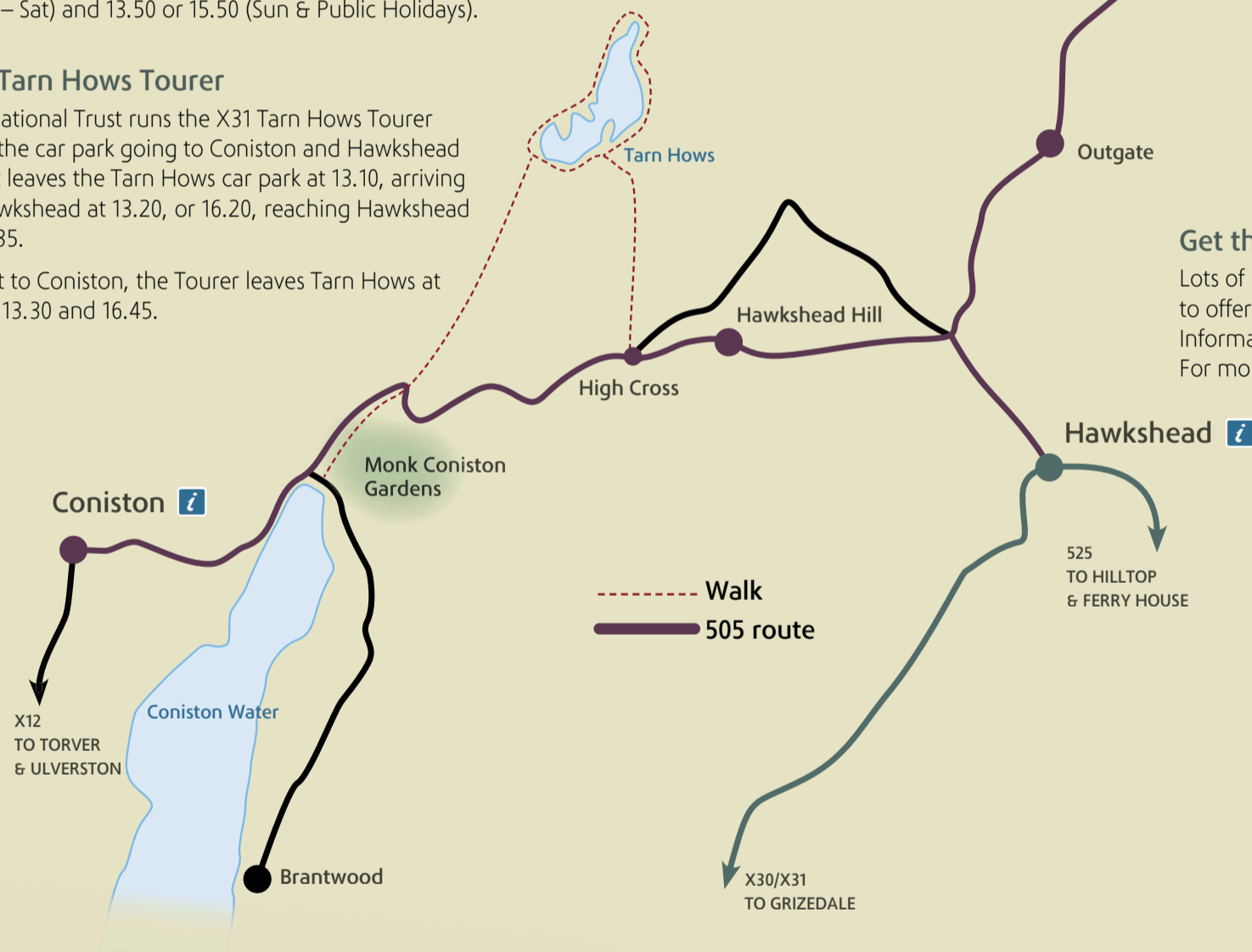
If you are thinking of going walking, make sure that you are properly equipped, as the weather can change quickly. Check the weather before you go, get a mountain forecast from **0870 055 0575** or **www.lake-district.go.uk/weatherline**.

Ordnance Survey map **OL7** will be required for walks in this area.



## Get the best from a day out in Coniston!

Lots of businesses in Coniston have joined together to offer discounts. Buy a card for £3 from the Tourist Information Centre and spend all day in the village. For more information call 015394 41533.



## Walking to Monk Coniston

You can have a longer walk from Tarn Hows by walking onto the Monk Coniston estate, also owned by the National Trust.

From the car park at Tarn Hows, follow the track signed for Coniston. This takes you down through the woods. After about a mile you will come to a sign for 'Coniston via Monk Coniston garden'.

This takes you through Monk Coniston gardens and on to Coniston Water, where you can catch a gondola from Monk Coniston jetty or walk back to the village.

You can walk back to Coniston from here or catch the 505 bus back to Ambleside from the Waterhead Hotel at 15.07, 16.42 or 17.07.

## ! Discounts with your ticket

Get **10% off** full fares with **Coniston Launches. 017687 75753**

**12% off** any hot drink at **Café Treff, Central Building, Ambleside. 015394 31027**

## More information

**Coniston Tourist Information Centre.**  
Tel. 015394 41533.

**Ambleside Tourist Information Centre.**  
Tel. 015394 32582

## Cruise on Coniston

After 9am the 505 leaves Ambleside at 25 minutes past the hour (not 9.25 or 2.25 on Sundays), calling at Hawkshead, taking about 35 minutes to reach Coniston. This then gives you time to walk down to the lake for half past the hour to take a cruise.

If you want to have a cruise and go to John Ruskin's house at Brantwood, buy a Ruskin Explorer ticket when you get on the 505 bus. It costs £14.50 for an adult, £6.85 for a child and includes travel on the 505, a cruise on the launch from the Waterhead Hotel and entry to Brantwood.

The 505 leaves Coniston for Ambleside and Hawkshead usually at 5 past the hour – check the timetable over for more details.

# Give the driver a break and...

- Sit back, relax and enjoy the views
- Forget about road maps and route planning
- Do your bit for the Lake District National Park and wider environment.

So treat yourself to a leisurely day out without the stress of driving. A little effort from a lot of people can have a big effect – help us to protect this special corner of the planet. Thank You.



Coniston - Photo Ben Barden

# Get the most from your ticket

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<b>Day Explorer</b>	<b>£9.75</b>	<b>£6.50</b>	<b>£5.90</b>	<b>£19.50</b>
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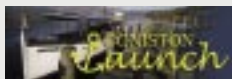
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or email [hq@lake-district.gov.uk](mailto:hq@lake-district.gov.uk)



**Friends of the Lake District**

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**Coniston launch**

[www.conistonlaunch.co.uk](http://www.conistonlaunch.co.uk)



0870 609 5391

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**0871 200 22 33**

Calls cost 10p per minute from BT landlines, calls from other service providers and mobiles may vary.



**Cumbria County Council**

0871 200 22 33

[www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses)



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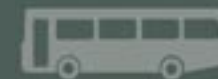
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**A large print version of this timetable is available from Friends of the Lake District (01539 720788)**

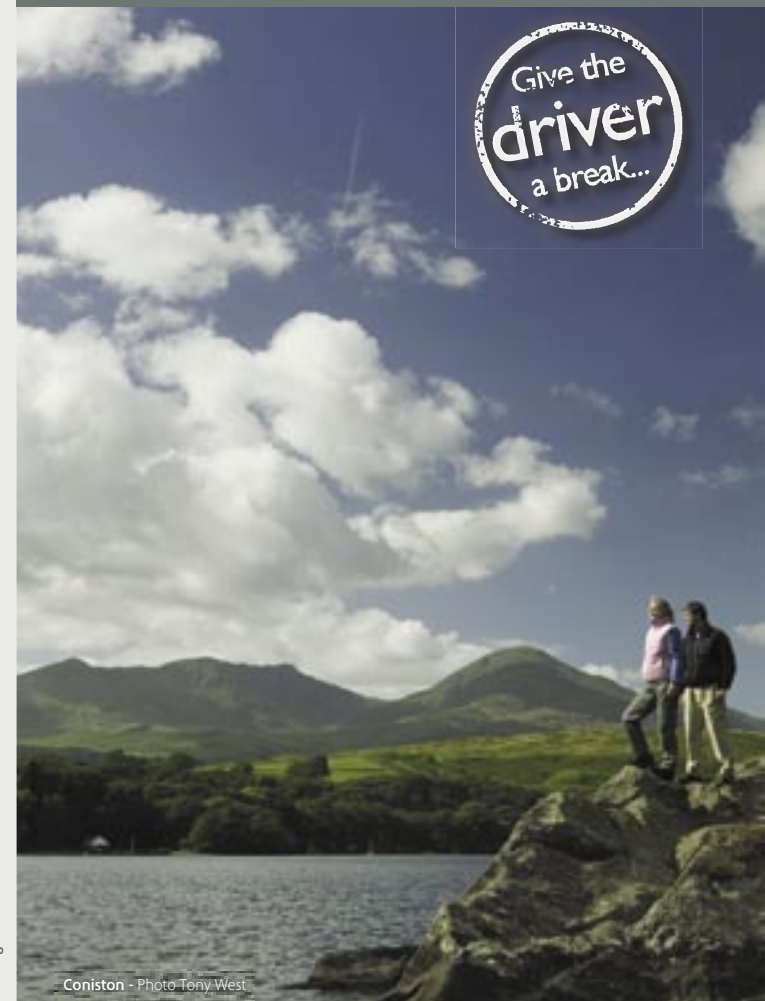
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Coniston - Photo Tony West

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