

Most people staying in Bowness or Windermere give their car a holiday and explore by boat, bike, boat or bus. Join them and soak up the views (and occasional beer or wine) at our slower Lake District pace.



Tick off all of Windermere and Bowness' scenic spots by using this map to discover the viewing points:

- Orrest Head
- Hammarbank Viewpoint
- Queen Adelaide's Hill
- School Knott
- Bliskey Howe
- Post Knott
- Cockshot Point
- Brantfell
- Claife Viewing Station



Check out our bike hire points in Windermere and Ferry Nab and jump on Windermere Lake Cruise's Bike Boat from Brockhole to discover the Western Shore of Windermere.



Windermere Lake Cruises offer scenic cruises ranging from 45 minutes to over 3 hours in length. Pick a cruise to some great attractions such as Wray Castle and Brockhole or explore the whole lake with a 24 hour Freedom of the Lake ticket.



Bowness & Windermere is connected to all surrounding towns and villages by Stagecoach Buses. Enjoy the views from an open top with a hop on and hop off day rider ticket from just £6.20.

If you do need to use your car whilst you're here, you can buy a three or seven day parking pass for £1.5 or £30 from South Lakeland District

## 8 things you probably didn't know about Windermere and Bowness

You may have heard, Bowness & Windermere are in a World Heritage Site! Joining the ranks of the Taj Mahal and the Great Barrier Reef, this area has been recognised by UNESCO for its outstanding universal value. Originally just a mere (pun intended) hamlet known as Birtheilte, Windermere received its new name in 1847 when the railway arrived. Bowness was an important fishing village providing our unique 'Windermere Chair' to Royal Courts by the 17th Century.

## 13 places to visit

- 1 **Brockhole the Lake District's Visitor Centre** Discover the adventure play area, enjoy a tree trek or a cup of tea with stunning views.
- 2 **Wray Castle & Claife Viewing Station** On the former industrial Western Shore of Windermere, where bobbins for cotton mills were made, a moor gothic castle and a Victorian viewing station are connected by a continuous lake shore walk and a dedicated cycle path. Look out for clearings where woodland workers used to camp.
- 3 **Lakeland Limited** Not every shop can be listed as an attraction but Lakeland is different, you'll see why!
- 4 **Tour Operators** Explore the area via a guided mini bus tour or a four wheel drive adventure.
- 5 **Windermere Jetty** Museum of Boats, Steam and Stories. This world-class museum opens later this year and tells the stories of Windermere's boats and people. For opening details visit [www.windermerejetty.org](http://www.windermerejetty.org)

Despite being far from the coast, Britain's first successful sea plane flight took place on Windermere in 1911.

At 23 a young Sir Alfred Wainwright, Britain's well-loved Lake District illustrator, completed his first Lakeland walk to Orrest Head inspiring a lifelong passion for the area.

In 1945 Windermere welcomed 300 child Holocaust Survivors to begin their recovery in a former wartime workers housing scheme known locally as the 'boat' Calgarth Estate. Head to Windermere Library to see the permanent exhibition.

'Rio Grande' in Arthur Ransome's 'Swallows and Amazons' is widely believed to be Bowness, inspired by the authors school years in Windermere.

Our beloved Herdwick Sheep continue to roam the surrounding fells, many traditional Lakeland Farms are tucked away behind the main streets.

7 **Royalty Cinema** Step back in time in this Art Deco-building complete with tack shop and Wurlitzer organ.

7 **The World of Beatrix Potter** Peter Rabbit and his friends come to life at this family favourite attraction.

8 **Old Laundry Theatre** Our very own cultural hub for performances, dining experiences, music and film.

9 **St Martins Church** Built in 1483, St Martins Church is well worth a visit, ask a volunteer guide about its links to USA's 1st President George Washington.

10 **Windermere Lake Cruises** Step aboard and enjoy the views on regular cruises to Ambleside, Brockhole and Lakeside direct from Bowness.

12 **Blackwell** The Arts & Crafts House - Winner of the Cumbria Tourism Culture and Heritage Award 2018. Explore the house, exhibitions, gift shop and dine on the lake fronted terrace.

13 **Fell Foot** The National Trust's lake front park complete with cafe, play area and rowing boats.

**Explore**  
WINDERMERE & BOWNESS



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# Welcome to Bowness & Windermere

MAP INSIDE!

Discover how much is on our doorstep. Leave the car and explore by boot, bike, boat or bus!