



## ▶ What's New?

Want to stay ahead of the crowd? If you're a journalist looking for ideas and inspiration for your next travel piece, there are plenty of gems for you explore. Take a look at some of the newer - and more quirky - places to visit, along with some of the planned developments arriving throughout 2025.

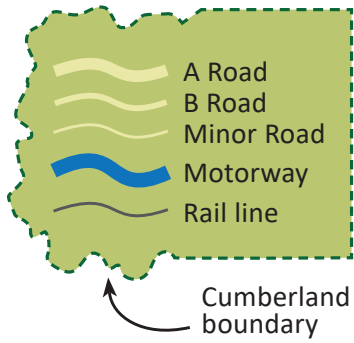
### ★ Highlights

- Recently opened attractions
- City regeneration
- New developments for 2025





# MAP & KEY



- Points of interest
- Open all year
- On public transport route
- Parking
- Accessible Parking/ Drop off point
- Wheelchair access
- Accessible toilets
- Hearing loop
- Refreshments available
- EV Charger
- Wifi
- Dog Friendly
- ACCOMMODATION ONLY:**
- Star Rating
- Price indicator
- VE/AA** Visit England / AA



Please note, this map is for illustrative purposes only. Not all routes are suitable for all vehicles.

## 2025 EXPANSION

**Somewhere to stay: Wallace Lane Farm Holiday Park**

Located on the northern fringes of the Lake District, this award-winning holiday park was Cumbria's first campsite to offer hot tub pitches. They are now going one step further, doubling the number of premium hot tub pitches from 6 to 12.



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## Also watch out for:

### 2025 ANNIVERSARY

**Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway** celebrates its 150th birthday

Watch out for celebrations galore, as one of the oldest and longest narrow gauge railways in England turns 150. The railway also added a brand new Changing Places facility in 2024, as well as an Outdoor Mobility scooter for visitors to hire.

### RECENTLY OPENED

**The Yew Tree Pub**

The historic Yew Tree Pub has been newly reopened after closing its doors 15 years ago. Located in Seatoller near Keswick, it boasts a riverside beer garden, and offers home cooked food with a modern twist.

## DAY 1

# Silecroft and Muncaster

### RECENTLY OPENED

#### 1 **Silecroft Beach Cafe** Silecroft, Millom LA18 4NY

Today, visit picturesque Silecroft: here, you'll find a modern beach cafe overlooking the Irish Sea. Opened in 2024, the building's bespoke shutters were designed by Scottish artist and Turner Prize winner Martin Boyce.

Also at Silecroft, new externally accessed toilets include a Changing Places facility for visitors with additional needs.

**TOP TIP:** Keep an eye out for pop-up artworks on display as part of an ongoing coastal arts programme.

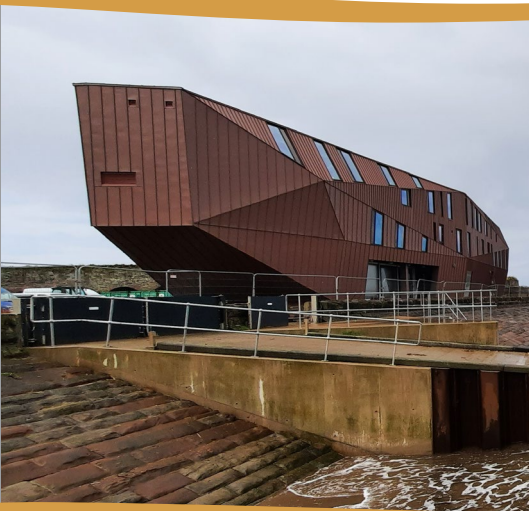
### RECENTLY OPENED

#### 2 **Weapons Hall at Muncaster Castle** Ravenglass CA18 1RQ

The family owned and inhabited Muncaster Castle is said to be the most haunted castle in the country! Visitors are welcome to wander through the extensive gardens, explore the castle and catch a bird of prey show.

2024 saw the opening of the Medieval Weapons Hall, where you can try your hand at becoming a medieval knight with activities like axe throwing, archery and jousting!

**TOP TIP:** Keep an eye out for events throughout the year, from the 'Dragcaster' drag event to rock festivals and an annual sausage festival.



## DAY 2

# Coastal Discovery

### NEW IN 2025

#### 3 The Edge 8 West Strand, Whitehaven CA28 7LR

In the afternoon, head to Whitehaven - the 'Coastal Gateway to the Lakes' - to discover a new £4.5million harbourfront coastal activity centre. The only one of its kind in the north west, The Edge will support coastal recreational activities, as well as boasting changing facilities, an events gallery, cafe, and accommodation - all across three floors.

### NEWLY ADDED - LIMITED TIME ONLY

#### 4 Workington Art Trail

Until the end of February 2025, Workington is host to the Workington Art Trail, featuring the work of three visual artists: Alison Critchlow, Melissa Davies and Rosie Galloway-Smith. Artworks will be installed in shop windows, with a digital map and information available to help visitors enjoy and learn about each piece.

### NEW IN 2025

#### 5 Maryport

Spend the morning in the coastal town of Maryport, where a £12m regeneration project is taking place.

The town's harbourside play area is being completely redeveloped, with a new pirate-themed splash park and playground featuring slides, swings and a zipwire to replace the old site.

Further regeneration projects include a new cafe and beach shop on the town's promenade; a new bike and skate track; a harbourside events space; and the revamp of the newly-named Maryport Activity Centre (formerly the Wave centre). Recently completed work includes a reconfiguration of Senhouse Street, and the creation of an accessible beachfront boardwalk connecting the promenade and the harbour.

The town's Maritime Museum is also moving, into the newly restored Christ Church on the harbour.





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## DAY 3

# 6 The City of Carlisle

## RECENTLY EXPANDED

### Tullie

Castle St, Carlisle, CA3 8TP

Standing in the heart of Carlisle, Tullie is a museum, art gallery and community hub showcasing fine and decorative art, human history and natural sciences. After extensive refurbishment, Tullie reopened in 2024 following the completion of Phase 2 of Project Tullie: a multi-year plan to transform the museum.

Visitors can now enjoy a revitalised entrance and atrium space, new retail offer, and brand-new ground floor gallery dedicated to the city of Carlisle. There's also a new food and drink offering at the on-site cafe.

## 2025 EXPANSION

### Carlisle city centre regeneration

- Devonshire Street, in the heart of Carlisle city centre, is home to numerous shops and eateries. It's been newly transformed with wider pavements alongside new seating areas, cycle parking, trees and plants.
- Also in August 2024, work began on a Market Square and Greenmarket Regeneration Project, which will transform a 6,000 square-metre area in the city centre into a vibrant, multifunctional events space.
- A redevelopment of Carlisle Station is underway, with proposals to rejuvenate the high street in place.

## Undiscovered gems

For something a little bit different, why not try out one of these more quirky experiences?

### Moorforge Viking Settlement

Experience life like a Viking at this heritage settlement. Look out for reenactments, workshops, festivals and events. The site can also be booked for group stays.

### Soldiers in Silloth

A quirky, volunteer run museum thought to be the only one in Britain dedicated purely to toy soldiers. Created from a private collection of 10,000+ figures. Limited hours; forward bookings generally required.

### Goat picnic at Cragg House Farm

Enjoy a picnic with a difference at a traditional hill farm in the stunning Buttermere valley. Their exclusive picnic area is available to book, complete with 6-seater picnic bench and a small herd of rare breed Bagot goats!