

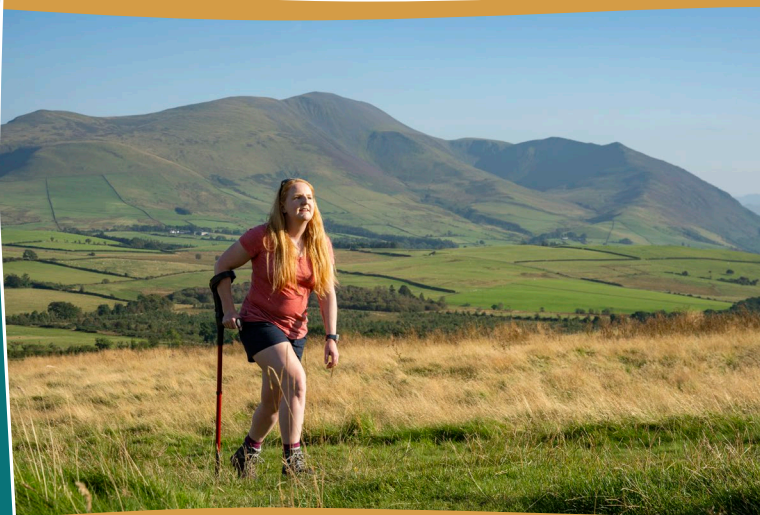


▶ A Hiker's Guide: Wainwright Bagging

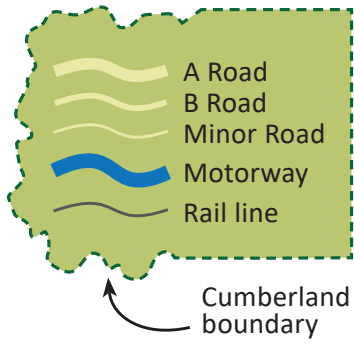
The Lake District is known for its hiking, with low level walks to enjoy and towering mountains to conquer. It's famous for its Wainwrights: named after fellwalker and guidebook writer Alfred Wainwright, these 214 peaks are often seen as the ones to walk, with many putting them on their bucket list to complete.

★ Highlights

- Guided walks
- Breathtaking views
- Wainwright bagging



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.

Good to know

Stay safe when heading for the hills. Check out [Adventure Smart](#) for tips and advice; and always ask yourself the following three questions.

- Am I confident I have the knowledge & skills for the day?
- Do I know what the weather will be like?
- Do I have the right gear?





Where to Eat

The Dog & Gun

2 Lake Rd, Keswick CA12 5BT

Traditional pub in Keswick, known for its goulash.

[www](#)

Fellpack

34 Lake Rd, Keswick CA12 5DQ

Cosy restaurant with a short, seasonal and eclectic menu.

[www](#)

Yonder

1 Main St, Keswick CA12 5BA

Independent cafe serving coffee, lunch and bakes.

[www](#)

Elm Cafe

Top floor of George Fisher store, 2 Borrowdale Rd, Keswick CA12 5DA

A cafe with a twist, above a popular outdoor equipment store.

[www](#)

DAY 1

Keswick

Home to the pencil, Keswick has a rich industrial heritage. Its story is told through interactive museums and a working slate mine.

1 Binsey

This outlying Wainwright offers a short route to the top, with stunning 360 degree views towards Scotland, the coast, and the Lake District as your reward. It's a hidden gem, frequented by locals, and takes around one hour to the summit and back.

2 Latrigg

For a relatively straightforward Wainwright walk, head for Latrigg: one of the lower lying Wainwrights at 369m tall. From Keswick's town centre, it's around a 4 and a half mile round trip to the top, where you'll find a bench offering stunning views across Derwentwater.

3 Walla Crag

For something a little more challenging, head for the summit of Walla Crag. A 6-mile round trip takes you to the summit, where you'll find impressive views across Derwentwater. The walk back into Keswick takes you along the shores of Derwentwater.

4 Skiddaw

Fancy a real challenge? Skiddaw is the fourth highest Wainwright - and indeed, the fourth highest mountain in England. From the centre of Keswick, it's a 10 mile route to and from the summit, with some challenging spots along the way. At the top, you're rewarded with views across the surrounding landscapes - on a clear day, you can even see the Isle of Man!

TOP TIP:

A small car park at Gale Road above Applethwaite offers a path to the viewpoint for those with limited mobility.

PHOTO SPOT:

Stop at Ashness Bridge for a picture-perfect photo opportunity.

GOOD TO KNOW:

It's often cold and windy at the top (even if it feels warm at the base) so be sure to have the right gear.



DAY 2

Buttermere

The Buttermere Valley is home to some stunning walking routes. To get here, hop on the 77/77A 'Honister Rambler' Stagecoach bus or keep an eye out for seasonal shuttle buses from Cockermouth.

5 Rannerdale Knotts

From Buttermere village, the 3-mile round trip up Rannerdale Knotts makes for a scenic walk with a few steeper spots along the way. With views across Crummock Water, Buttermere, and Loweswater the views from the top - standing at 355m high - are worth the climb.

6 Haystacks

Alfred Wainwright's favourite walk was Haystacks, and it's easy to see why. Word has it, his ashes were even scattered near the 597m high summit! A scenic route of just under 5-miles from Gatesgarth Car Park, or around 8-miles from Buttermere itself, rewards you with stunning views from the top.

Where to Eat

Sykes Farm Cafe

Syke Farm, Buttermere, Cockermouth CA13 9XA

Homemade cakes, lunches, and ice cream made using milk from the farm's own cows.

[www](#)

Croft House Farm Cafe

Buttermere, Cockermouth CA13 9XA

Award winning cafe serving hot and cold food alongside drinks and cakes.

[www](#)

TOP TIP: Watch out for the Keswick Mountain Festival: held every summer, it's a celebration of the great outdoors held next to Derwentwater.



Where to Stay

YHA Keswick

Station St, Keswick CA12 5LH

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Lyzzick Hall Hotel

Keswick CA12 4PY

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The Royal Oak, Rosthwaite

Keswick CA12 5XB

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Scale Hill Hotel

Scale Hill, Loweswater,
Cockermouth CA13 9UX

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Wasdale National Trust Campsite

Wasdale Head, Seascale CA20 1EX

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Wasdale Head Inn

Wasdale Head, Gosforth CA20 1EX

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GOOD TO KNOW:

In summer, keep an eye out for shuttle buses to Wasdale from Ravenglass and a pop-up car park in Nether Wasdale.

DAY 3

7 Scafell Pike

If a trip up England's highest mountain is on your bucket list, give it a go with a local guide. They'll be able to show you the best routes, and give insider insight into the best photo spots too.

There are several routes up Scafell Pike, of varying degrees of difficulty. If you've chosen Keswick and the surrounding area as your base, the route from Seathwaite is easily reached on the 78 bus. Allow a full day for this, as it's one of the longer paths to the peak.

If you'd prefer a shorter climb, opt for the route from Wasdale. It's around 1h20 by car from Keswick, and parking is limited - so set off early. Alternatively, spend the night before in Wasdale so you can wake up and head straight out.

Lake Head Car Park, CA29 1EX

The National Trust operates a car park at Wasdale, which offers a good starting point for the route up Scafell Pike. There's a toilet block and welcome centre, with staff offering advice on trails and mountain safety. Maps, compasses, route cards and whistles are available to borrow free of charge.

Where to Eat

The Sawmill Cafe & Farm Shop

The Sawmill, Nether Wasdale
CA20 1ET

Local food and drink in a stunning location, in the heart of the Wasdale valley.

[www](#)

Wasdale Head Inn

Wasdale Head,
Gosforth CA20 1EX

Country inn with a range of local ales, and hearty food.

[www](#)

