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An easy day in Coniston

Coniston village is a great place for a relaxing day out with stunning views, traditional tea shops, and peaceful walks. You can easily get here by bus from Ambleside, Hawkshead or Windermere, so leave the car at the hotel to look after the Lake District for future generations. Everything you need to plan your easy day out is in this itinerary.

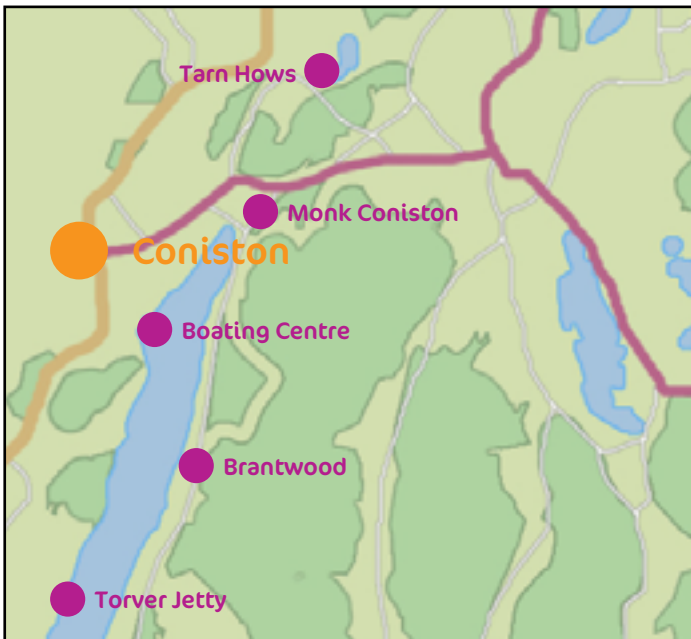
Arrive by bus:

- X12 from Ulverston (Mon - Sat)
- 505 Coniston Rambler from Ambleside or Hawkshead

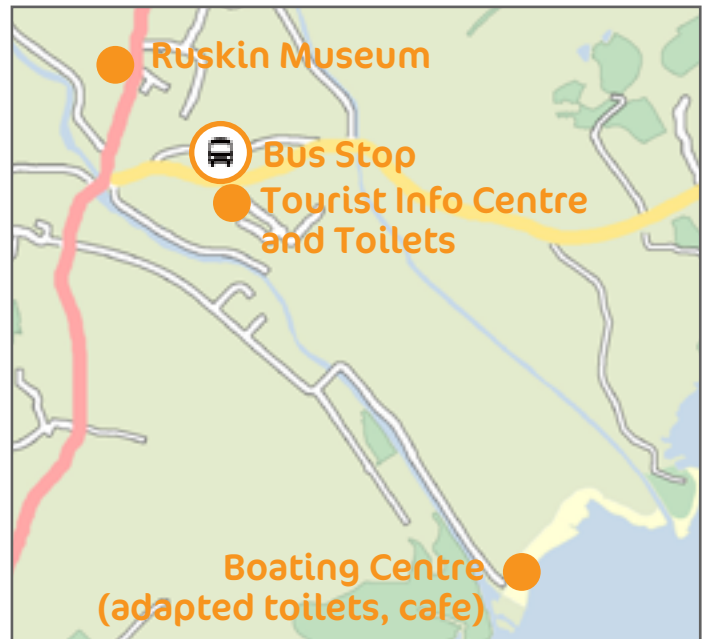
It's easy to get around the sights of Coniston. Take a cruise or a stroll, whatever suits you!

Take a walk down memory lane among the cultural curiosities at the Ruskin museum. Explore the walled garden at Monk Coniston, or the more rugged beauty of Tarn Hows. Admire the classic art collection and historic landscaped gardens at Brantwood House.

Coniston Area



Coniston Town Centre



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Attractions for All

There are lots of things to see and do around Coniston, so why not spend the day there? Here are some of the great attractions, which are easy to get to by foot, bus or boat. Take your pick, then follow the car-free routes on the next pages. Help to protect the environment and enjoy some stunning views too.

Ruskin Museum

John Ruskin championed the radical ideas of the welfare state, including the National Health Service, Public Libraries, and the National Trust. The Ruskin Museum in Coniston was set up by John Ruskin's secretary W.G. Collingwood in 1901, as a memorial to Ruskin's life. Ruskin was fascinated by the local area, and the museum has a great collection of exhibits about mining, lace making, and farming.

Open all day Mar - Nov, Mon - Sun (and Nov - Mar Wed -Sat, reduced hours).

Monk Coniston

Monk Coniston Hall was once home to James Garth Marshall, the Victorian creator of Tarn Hows. Explore the old walled garden and grounds famed for their exotic conifers. Look out for interesting wildlife here. The grounds and the walled garden are open to the public and now used by community gardeners.

The cafe is open for drinks and snacks during the summer.



Bring the children, they'll love the trails and quizzes.

Brantwood

John Ruskin's house at Brantwood is now open to the public and is a tribute to his life and work. Relax in the gardens, browse the bookshop and discover the craft gallery. With so much to see and do, Brantwood is an all-weather favourite. Jumping Jenny's restaurant on the terrace is the perfect place for a brew with a view!

Open all day Mar - Oct, Mon - Sun (and Nov -Mar, Wed - Sun, reduced hours).

Tarn Hows

Tarn Hows is nestled in the low level hills between the villages of Coniston and Hawkshead. Tarn Hows is a popular family walk due to the well-surfaced circular track, through beautiful countryside with majestic mountain views.

Refreshments are available most days from Easter to Oct. There are public toilets in the car park.

Miles without Stiles

For a truly memorable trip, try one (or more!) of these walks, starting at Coniston Boating Centre. They are all part of the "Miles Without Stiles" network, perfect for pushchairs and wheelchairs. If you prefer to put your feet up, we've included information about boats too. Visit the Tourist Information Centre or the Miles Without Stiles website <http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/mileswithoutstiles> for a detailed route.

Bring the children,
they'll love
exploring the great
outdoors.

A Leisurely Stroll

- Take the footpath from Coniston Boating Centre along the lake shore to Torver Jetty
- This walk is 2 miles (3.5 km) and should take 1 hour (each way)
- Take Ordnance Survey Explorer map OL6
- There are toilets at Coniston Boating Centre and the Bluebird Cafe offers stunning views of the lake.
- At Torver Jetty retrace your steps, or take the Coniston Launch back to Coniston Boating Centre
- See the next page for boat times

A Gardener's Delight

- Walk or take the Launch to Waterhead Hotel, then take an easy walk to Monk Coniston
- This walk is about 0.5 miles (1 km) and should take 20 minutes (each way)
- Take Ordnance Survey Explorer OL7
- There are toilets at Monk Coniston
- Continue on to Tarn Hows (below), retrace your steps back, or return on the Steam Yacht Gondola
- See the next page for boat times

A Stunning View

- Walk from Waterhead Hotel following the picturesque route to Tarn Hows
- This walk is 2 miles (3.5 km) and should take 50 minutes (each way)
- Take Ordnance Survey Explorer map OL7
- There are toilets at Tarn Hows
- Walk all the way back or take the Launch from Monk Coniston

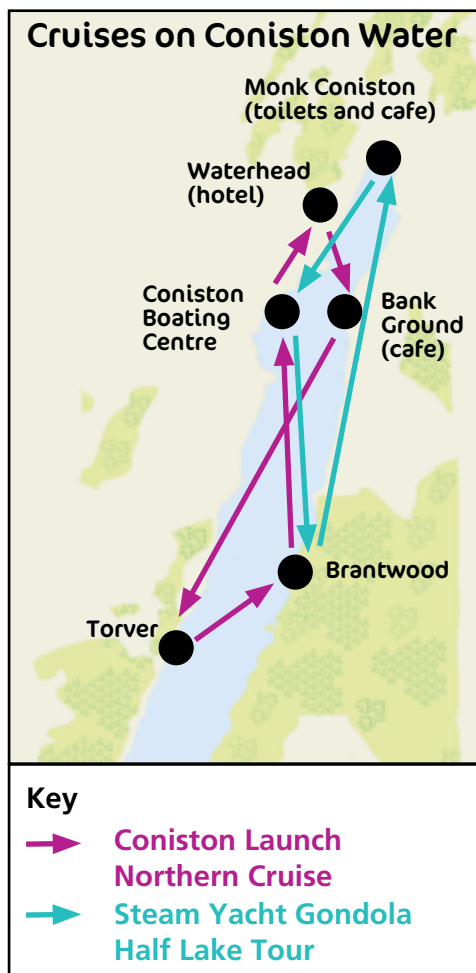


The routes shown are for guidance only. Please ensure you have an up-to-date map and a compass with you, and you know how to use them, before undertaking any of the trails. Let people know where you are going, and what time you expect to be back. All information is correct at time of print. Nurture Lakeland cannot be held responsible in the unlikely event of injury or accident whilst undertaking any of these activities.



A Relaxing Cruise

Take a cruise on the Coniston Launch or Steam Yacht Gondola, and see the countryside from a different perspective. Both services leave from Coniston Boating Centre. Sit back and enjoy the journey, either all the way around the lake or hop on and off at Brantwood House and Monk Coniston.



Coniston Launch

Relax on a traditional timber ferry run by Lake District Ferries, hop on and off at one of the five jetties around the lake. The launches are accessible to those with mobility problems- they are fitted with handrails and are level with the jetties, and small folding wheelchairs can be carried onboard.

Northern Cruise or single fares

Sails Mar - Nov, Mon - Sun, 10:45 - 15:55

6 sailings per day

Call 01768 775753 for more information

Steam Yacht Gondola

Experience the elegance and style of the Victorian era on this National Trust boat, hop on or off at Brantwood or Monk Coniston. There are steps with a handrail onto the boat.

Half lake or full lake tour

Sails Mar - Nov, Mon - Sun, 11:00 - 15:30

4 sailings per day

Call 015394 32733 for more information

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Buy a great value combined ticket for Coniston Launch and Brantwood

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