



The Lakes

Blat Description

This is a three-day jaunt to the Lake District with an optional stop at the Skelwith Bridge Hotel. There is an excellent route on day two, which you may want to do more than once! *Be aware if you've not been to the Lakes before the roads around the main tourist routes get VERY crowded in summer.*

Start Point

Little Chef - Rising Bridge (Accrington) A680 Rising Bridge Services Blackburn Road Accrington Lancashire BB5 2SB

'Useful Stuff'

Skelwith Bridge Hotel: Near Ambleside Cumbria LA22 9NJ Tel: 015394 32115

Kirkstile Inn: Loweswater, Cumbria, CA13 0RU. Tel:01900 85219

Waterhead Hotel: Coniston Cumbria LA21 8AJ. Tel: 015394 41244

Route

DAY ONE

(Rising Bridge - Skelwith Bridge)

On leaving Little Chef Car Park, **TL** to **RB** and take **1st exit** (Blackburn A56).

At **RB** straight on A6068.

At **T.Lts** straight on (A6068 Fence) to Barrowford.

At **RB** take **1st exit** (A682 Kendal) follow to Gisburn.

At **T J, TR** (A682 Settle) and at mini roundabout, **1st exit** (A682 Kendal/Settle).

Follow to end to Long Preston.

At **T J, TL** (A65 Kendal). Straight on at **RB** (A65 Kendal) to Kirkby Lonsdale.

At Kirkby Lonsdale, **TR** (A683 Sedbergh) and option to stop at Devils Bridge on your left for **Bacon Butty!**

Follow A683 until sign (A 684 Kendal) and follow to **TJ** and **TL** (A684 Kendal) and follow to sign Kendal South and **TL** onto Parkside Rd.

At **TJ, TL** (A65 Endmoor) past **Shell Garage**.

At **RB, TR** over the River (A591 Windermere)

At **T.Lts, TL** (A591 Windermere) and continue following (A591 Windermere) onto dual carriageway.

At **RB, TL** (B5284 Hawkshead via Ferry)

At **TJ, TR** (A5074 Windermere)

At **TJ, TR** (Windermere) then **TL** following signs for (A591 Ambleside)

At **RB, TL** (A591 Ambleside)

At **T.Lts, TL** and immediately after Rugby Club, **TL** (A593 Coniston)

TL over bridge (A593 Coniston)

TL (B5286 Hawkshead) and **TR** at signpost (Drunken Duck Inn/ Tarn

Hows/Coniston)

Option to stop for Coffee/Afternoon Tea/Refreshment at Drunken Duck.

Car Parks behind and opposite pub.

From car parks, turn down the way you came towards Ambleside.

At **TJ, TL** (Ambleside).

At **TJ, TL** (A593 Skelwith Bridge)

The Skelwith Bridge Hotel is on your RHS a few minutes drive down this road.

DAY TWO

(Skelwith Bridge - Borrowdale - Kirkstone)

TL from Car park towards Ambleside.

Follow A591 to Keswick.

TR (B5289 Borrowdale)

TL (B5289 Borrowdale onto by-pass)

At **RB** take **1st exit** (B5289 Borrowdale)

TL (B5289 Borrowdale)

TR (B5289 Borrowdale)

At mini **RB, TR** (B5289 Borrowdale)

Follow B5289 Borrowdale over Honister Pass to Buttermere.

At **TJ, TL**, signposted Loweswater 1.5 miles.

TL signposted **Kirkstile Inn for optional refreshments stop.**

On leaving Inn, follow road back to B5289.

At Lorton sign, **TR** (Keswick 8.5 miles)

TR, signposted Braithwaite/Keswick

At **TJ, TR** (B5292 Keswick).

At **TJ, TR** (A66 Keswick)

At **RB** straight on (A66 Penrith)

TR, (A5091 Troutbeck/Ullswater)

At **TJ, TR** (A592 Windermere)

Follow A592 over Kirkstone Pass following signs for Ambleside.

TR, Ambleside and at **TJ, TR** (A591 Ambleside)

At **T Lts.**, **TL** by side of the lake.

TL (A593 Coniston)

TL (A593 Coniston) and back to Skelwith Bridge Hotel.

DAY THREE

(Skelwith Bridge - Langdales - Tarn Hows - Home)

TL from Car Park.

Then immediately, **TL** signposted Elterwater.

Heading towards and through the Langdales, including Little Langdale, following signs for Coniston.

This becomes a narrow road with few passing places after the steep 'Alpine' climb, so best to space out if there are a few of you to assist in passing if meeting oncoming traffic.

At **TJ, TR** (Ambleside/Coniston) a good place to re-group if there are a few of you is 200 yds after sign.

At **TJ, TR** (Coniston) **TL** signposted Hawkshead and Tarn Hows.

At **TJ, TL** signposted Tarn Hows and Hawkshead

Up the hill and at sign Hawkshead Hill, **TL** (Tarn Hows)

TL signposted Tarn Hows. Descend through Tarn Hows to **TJ** and **TR** (Coniston)

Back down the road to the **Waterhead Hotel** on your LHS for optional **Coffee/Refreshments**.

On leaving Car Park, **TR** back towards Hawkshead.

At **TJ, TR** (B5285 Hawkshead/Windermere by Ferry)

At **TJ, TL** (Sawrey, Windermere via Ferry)

Follow signs for Ferry (£3.50 fare, correct Feb 2009).

At **TJ, TR** then **1st Left** (Kendal/Lancaster)

At **TJ, TR** (A5074 Lancaster). Follow A5074.

At **TJ, TL** (A590 Lancaster)

TL onto dual carriageway, (A590).

Then either **M6** and home or **A65** Kirkby Lonsdale and back Bentham/Slaidburn