

A shorter, circular tour by car



A CAR TOUR OF SOME OF THE BEST OF THE WESTERN LAKE DISTRICT

The Buttermere circuit

This car tour takes guests through a variety of Cumbrian landscapes from Georgian Whitehaven, unspoilt Lakeland villages, stunning lakes and the grandeur of the high fells.

Narrow valley roads are followed by high level passes that do require some care but are nowhere as difficult as the notorious Hard Knott and Wrynose passes from Eskdale to Ambleside.

Alternatives to the suggested tour can easily be found by reference to your road maps with suggestions given below.

The route sets off from Glenfield and quickly leads to gently rolling countryside and early glimpses of the nearby fells.

Options are given that take into account the risk of ice and snow that may result in the closure of the higher passes.

You will have breathtaking views of five of the most beautiful Lakes with scenery that not only changes with the seasons but, often, by the minute.

Excellent views are obtained of the magnificent Red Pike, High Stile and High Crag ridge together with an exquisite panorama across Buttermere towards Fleetwith Pike and Wainwright's beloved Haystacks.

Buttermere village is lovely and provides good opportunity for refreshment and camera work together with walks ranging from gentle, low-level to demanding that should

not be undertaken without map, compass and full equipment.

If the Honister alternative is taken this will take you past the Slate quarry with its Gift Shop and, even, guided walks through the mines.

Keswick is well worth the time taken to explore and visit shops and museums.

The return route brings you over Whinlatter pass and the Forest Park with its own visitor centre.



Daffodils in Lorton

A chance to enjoy two of Lakeland's high level passes with spectacular scenery.

From Glenfield head south along the A5094 and then the A595 towards Barrow.

Take the first left towards Cleator Moor, left at the mini roundabout in the village and straight on at the roundabout by the fire station. Take the right turn towards Frizington. Turn

left on to the A5086 towards Cockermouth. Turn right towards Lamplugh and again towards Loweswater. Turn right on to the B5289 to Buttermere.

The summer route is the left turn to Newlands and Braithwaite then turn left over Whinlatter.

In the winter at Buttermere continue to Honister and Keswick to follow the A66 towards Whitehaven then take the left turn to Whinlatter.

After Whinlatter follow the signs to Cockermouth and then back to Whitehaven.

Honister with Buttermere and Crummock Water



Special points of interest:

- Pass five of Lakeland's best lakes
- Splendid mountain scenery
- High mountain passes
- Dramatic waterfalls at Newlands
- Keswick and Cockermouth towns
- Whinlatter slate mine and Forest Park