

# On the Trail of Beatrix Potter with

2017 **FREEDOM TO EXPLORE**  
CROSS LAKES EXPERIENCE



Discover the western shore of Windermere by bus and boat

Discover many of the places which inspired Beatrix Potter and her special tales, aboard the Cross Lakes Experience.

Beatrix Potter spent many happy childhood holidays in the Lake District before making it her home in 1905. By 1930 she had bought over 4000 acres of farmland with the money she had made from her "little white books". When she died in 1943, she bequeathed her land to the National Trust so that it should remain undeveloped and unspoilt forever.

Hop on a boat at Bowness pier and cruise across Lake Windermere, where the Mountain Goat mini-bus awaits you. Climb up to Hill Top and the Tower Bank Arms pub to get a taste of what Beatrix's life here was like.

Head on to characterful Hawkshead where you can explore more and step inside her tales at the Beatrix Potter Gallery.

Wray Castle on the west shore of Windermere isn't your typical National Trust property. Beatrix spent her sixteenth birthday here and today you'll find fun for all the family indoors and out.

Return back along the shore of Windermere on the pretty lakeside path and to finish off your day in style venture up the short hill to colourful Claife Viewing Station with endless lake views. Reward yourself with a slice of freshly made cake and award winning coffee before getting the boat back across the lake.

For all of this you only need to buy one ticket, available from the Windermere Lake Cruises ticket offices at Bowness Pier.

**Please note:** Entry to attractions is not included in the ticket price.

## Hill Top



Bought by Beatrix Potter in 1905 and her house for over 30 years, she based the illustrations in some of her 'little books' here.

**Opening hours:** Times vary, please check website for details.

**Phone:** 015394 36269

**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hill-top](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hill-top)

## Claife Viewing Station



Just a short walk from Ferry House, this recently restored 18th Century viewing station offers unrivalled views along the lake through its stained glass windows.

**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/claife-viewing-station-and-windermere-west-shore](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/claife-viewing-station-and-windermere-west-shore)

## Claife Café



The café in the courtyard on the western shore of Windermere is the perfect pit-stop, with a cosy fire and homemade cakes. Muddy boots and soggy paws always welcome.

**Website:** As above.

## Beatrix Potter Gallery



The Beatrix Potter Gallery was formerly the solicitors' office of her husband, William Heelis. Discover the original illustrations from her much loved tales.

**Phone:** 015394 36355

**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/beatrix-potter-gallery-and-hawkshead](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/beatrix-potter-gallery-and-hawkshead)

## Hawkshead



Explore the many Beatrix Potter attractions of Hawkshead, enjoy a walk round nearby Esthwaite Water (the setting for 'The Tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher').

## Tarn Hows



Tarn Hows was bought by Beatrix Potter in 1929. Now owned by the National Trust, it is a 3 mile walk from Hawkshead.

**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tarn-hows-and-coniston](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tarn-hows-and-coniston)

## Wray Castle

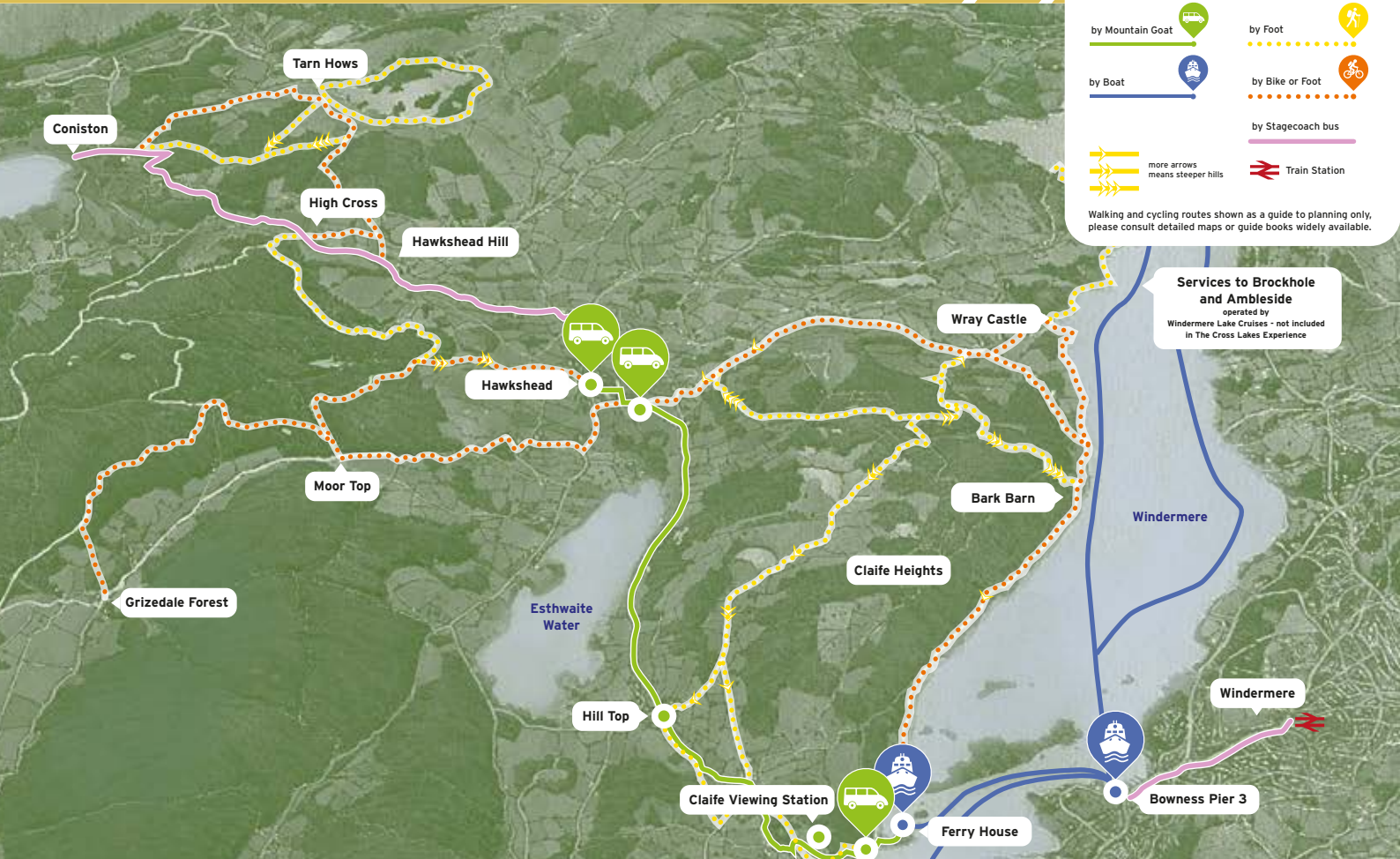


Visit the mock Gothic Wray Castle managed by the National Trust, where Beatrix stayed on her first Lake District holiday. Walk or cycle along Windermere shore to reach it.

**Phone:** 015394 33250

**Website:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wray-castle](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wray-castle)

# CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE...



## KEY ROUTES

- by Mountain Goat
  - by Boat
  - by Foot
  - by Bike or Foot
  - by Stagecoach bus
  - Train Station
  - more arrows means steeper hills
- Walking and cycling routes shown as a guide to planning only, please consult detailed maps or guide books widely available.

**Services to Brockhole and Ambleside**  
operated by  
Windermere Lake Cruises - not included  
in The Cross Lakes Experience

## Timetable 2017

Daily 1st April to 29th October.

	Windermere Lake Cruises:	Bowness Pier 3	10.00	10:40	11.20	12.00	12:40	14.00	14:40	15.20	16.00	16:40
		Ferry House	10.15	10.55	11.35	12.15	12.55	14.15	14.55	15.35	16.15	16.55
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	The Mountain Goat 525:	Ferry House	10:20	11:00	11:40	12:20	13:00	14:20	15:00	15:40	16:20	17:00
		Hill Top	10:27	11:07	11:47	12:27	13:07	14:27	15:07	15:47	16:27	17:07
		Hawkshead (Arrive)	10:35	11:15	11:55	12:35	13:15	14:35	15:15	15:55	16:35	17:15
		Hawkshead (Depart)	10:40	11:20	12:00	12:40	14:00	14:40	15:20	16:00	16:40	
		Hilltop	10:47	11:27	12:07	12:47	14:07	14:47	15:27	16:07	16:47	
		Ferry House	10:55	11:35	12:15	12:55	14:15	14:55	15:35	16:15	16:55	
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	Windermere Lake Cruises:	Ferry House	10:20	11:00	11:40	12:20	13:00	14:20	15:00	15:40	16:20	17:00
		Bowness Pier 3	10:35	11:15	11:55	12:35	13:15	14:35	15:15	15:55	16:35	17:15

For connections to Coniston and Ambleside via Stagecoach's 505 or Windermere on the 599 call 01539 722143 or visit [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com). Additional charges apply.

### Key to Timetable

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## What does it cost...

Single Price - black text Return Price - orange text

		Adult	Child	Family
Bowness Pier 3 to:	Ferry House	3.00	5.00	1.80 3.00 8.70 14.50
	Hill Top	6.25	11.00	3.50 6.40 17.20 31.00
	Hawkshead	7.45	12.75	4.00 7.10 20.50 36.10

Special Family Tickets: 2 adults and up to 3 children. Child fares are for 15 years and under, children aged 4 years and under travel free.  
Holders of concessionary travel passes receive free travel on these bus services (boats not included).

For more details: [www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk](http://www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk) 015394 43360  
[www.mountain-goat.co.uk](http://www.mountain-goat.co.uk) 015394 45161  
[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) 01539 722143  
[www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/crosslakes](http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/crosslakes)

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