

Rainy Day Walks & Activities

Walks

Askham & Helton fell:

Great for dogs/kids who love splashing in big puddles (it is a favourite of the Flusco Wood labradors!). What3Words for start/parking: ///choice.directive.mentions follow the footpath heading uphill/northwards (it eventually gets to Heughscar Hill where there is a great view of Ullswater). It's a great place to spend some time and you can make the walk as long and short as you like. Finish by heading to Lowther Castle Café a short drive away (dog friendly).



Walk to Greystoke

Greystoke is our lovely local village with a fantastic dog friendly pub, and the castle (famously the home of Tarzan) which has recently opened its doors to the public. The walk details are available on our Instagram reels and TikTok page – or you can open them on the main “Things To Do” page.

Lowther Estate Trails:

Lowther has lots of lovely walks and trails through the estate. You can tie it in with a visit to the café and gardens too. Park at the castle carpark for the café and gardens or at Low Sawmill carpark for the trails.

Keswick – Threlkeld Railway Trail:

Accessible 10km (5km each way) route. Keswick has lots of dog and kid friendly cafés and is great to explore on a rainy day. Use this link for more information on where to park and to download the map: <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/visiting/things-to-do/walking/mileswithoutstiles/mws37>

Latrigg fell:

An easy fell that can still be enjoyed in the rain – and you can “bag” a Wainwright fell. Use this link for more information on where to park and to download a map:

<https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/visiting/things-to-do/walking/mileswithoutstiles/mws38>

Whinlatter Forest

Whinlatter is England’s only true mountain forest and full of walking, running, and cycling trails. There are often guided walks and fun courses to take part in and is well sheltered on rainy days. There is also Café Ambio to enjoy during your visit. Please use this link to access their website where you can view trails and plan your visit:

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/whinlatter>

Dodd Wood

Another fantastic woodland setting full of trails and of course the opportunity to reach Dodd Summit (if the weather is not too bad) which is a Wainwright fell. There is also a tearoom called The Old Sawmill next to Dodd Wood car park. Please this link to access their website and view a map of the woods and trails:

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/dodd-wood>

Activities

Rheged

Rheged is a gallery, cinema, café, and shopping venue all rolled into one and a short drive away. It also has a wonderful indoor play area (slots need to be booked in advance). For more information please visit: <https://rheged.com/>

Tullie House Museum and Carlisle Castle

Tullie House is a fantastic museum, well suited to all ages and interests. This area has a huge amount of Roman history and there is plenty to see. Carlisle Castle is the most besieged castle in Britain and is a short walk from Tullie House. Carlisle has some lovely shops and cafés to visit too.

Keswick

The town of Keswick is lovely to visit at any time. It is also a very good place to get yourself kitted out with wet weather gear. Most shops and cafés are dog friendly so you can spend a very enjoyable day exploring.

Honister Mine Tours

If you still want a bit of adventure out of the rain – why not book a Mine Tour or Climb the Mine at Honister (please book in advance)? As a guest of Flusco Wood you can get 10% off Honister Adventure Activities. Click this link to view the offer:

<https://honister.com/ad/flusco-wood/>

Greystoke Castle

Greystoke Castle is now open to the public. It is located in the nearby village of Greystoke which is a short drive away – or about an hour's walk from Flusco Wood. Visit the café or Boot & Shoe pub too. Visit the website for more information

<https://www.greystokecastle.co.uk/>

Dalemain Mansion and Historic Gardens

Dalemain is a stunning mansion with beautiful gardens to explore. It is also home the the World Marmalade Awards. Visit their website: <https://www.dalemain.com/>

Pubs

Boot & Shoe, Greystoke

Our local pub, extremely dog friendly, lots of events and live music every Sunday. Short drive or roughly 45 mins to an hour walk via the footpath. Outdoor play area in the beer garden for children.

Horse & Farrier, Dacre

Lovely traditional pub a short drive away. Dog friendly in bar. Excellent food and great local ales.

The Sun Inn, Newton Reigny

Great atmosphere and lovely food. Not dog friendly so may not be suitable to all of our guests.

The Punchbowl Inn, Askham

Great dog friendly pub located close to Askham/Helton fells and Lowther.

The Oddfellows Arms, Caldbeck

Wonderful pub with great atmosphere about a 30 min drive away. Very dog friendly in the bar and set in the stunning village of Caldbeck (plenty of walks to do from the village and a large duck pond to see).

The Old Crown, Hesketh Newmarket

Traditional village pub about a 25 min drive away – England's first ever co-operatively owned pub! It is dog friendly and a favourite of many fellwalkers. It has also hosted some famous faces such as the King! Most of the ales are supplied by the village brewery, it is not to be missed.