

Rainy Day Walks & Activities

Walks

Askham & Helton fell:

Great for dogs/kids who love splashing in big puddles (it is a favourite of the Hartsop Fold 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 Patterdale and/or Glenridding

Patterdale is our lovely local village with a fantastic dog friendly pub. You can walk there using two low level routes. Our favourite route is heading out of the North end of the park and past the waterfall. But you can also head out of the south end of the park and pick up a footpath near Cow Bridge. You can continue onto Glenridding which is a popular village and has more places to eat and shop.

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

The World of Beatrix Potter

The World of Beatrix Potter is a famous attraction recreating all the beloved characters of Beatrix Potter. Family friendly. For more information please visit: <https://www.hop-skip-jump.com/>

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/>

Penrith Toptracer Driving Range

Penrith Golf Hub has 14 bays which all have Toptracer installed so play a round, challenge friends, or see who can do the longest drive – all undercover. All less than 10 minutes away: <https://www.penrithgolfhub.co.uk/>

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/>

Dalemain Mansion and Historic Gardens

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

Pubs

The Brotherswater Inn

Our closest pub which can be driven to or walked. Good food and local ales – dog friendly

The White Lion, Patterdale

Lovely traditional pub a short drive away or can be walked. Dog friendly. Excellent food and great local ales.

The Swinside Inn, Newlands Valley

Excellent food, close to low level walks around Derwentwater. Dog friendly.

The Punchbowl Inn, Askham

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