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Coniston
to
Langdale

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The Ruskin Museum, Coniston

The picture postcard village of Elterwater overlooked by the rugged peaks of the Langdale Pikes

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11 miles / 17.5 km - 4.5 to 5.5 hours walking

This stage features a marvellous mix of mostly rolling farmland, woodland, fells and becks. Lovely Elter Water and the small village of Elterwater are at the entrance to Great Langdale, a large U-shaped glacial valley overlooked by the dramatic rocky summits of the Langdale Pikes - Pavey Ark, Harrison Stickle and Pike of Stickle.

Look out for ...

Coppermines Valley - a popular route to the Old Man of Coniston.

Donald Campbell's gravestone and memorial in Coniston.

Some of England's few remaining red squirrels at Tarn Hows.

The exhibition centre at Skelwith Bridge's slate factory.

Tips

Visit Brantwood aboard Gondola or the Coniston Launch.

Make sure your camera's loaded - Tarn Hows is one of the most photographed spots in the Lake District.

Use the footpath just east of Skelwith Bridge to get closer to Skelwith Force waterfall especially when the river's high.

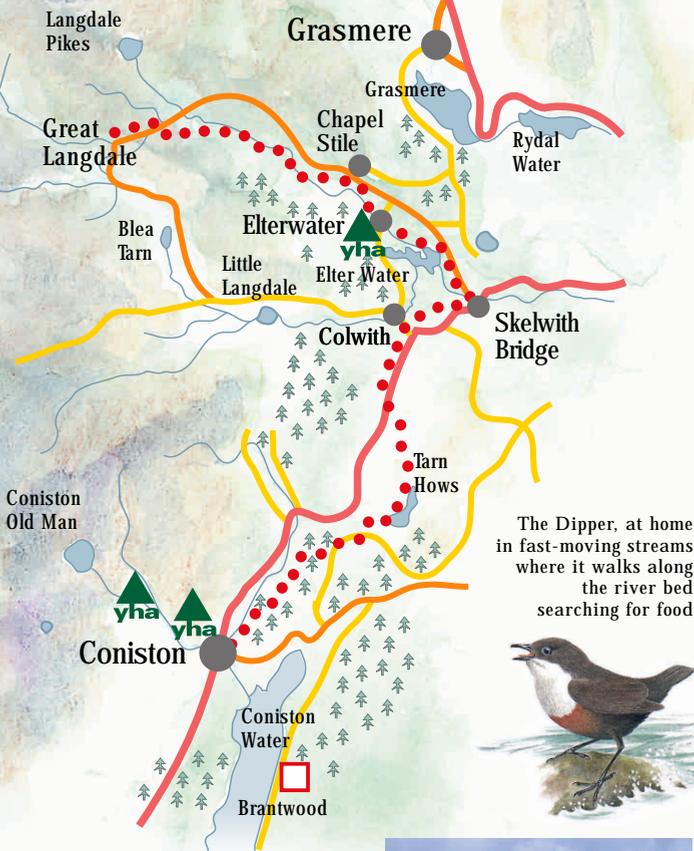
Dog Rose, familiar hedgerow flower, symbol of Tudor kings, ancestor of the garden rose and rich source of vitamin c



Tarn Hows... one of Lakeland's most famous unspoiled beauty spots, was part of the Monk Coniston estate which Mrs Heelis (Beatrix Potter) bought in 1929 and later bequeathed to the National Trust



Red squirrel, under threat from the grey but still thriving in Lakeland woods



The Dipper, at home in fast-moving streams where it walks along the river bed searching for food



Stay awhile... Coniston

The village of Coniston nestles between Coniston Water and The Old Man of Coniston, its architecture reflecting the village's long history of slate mining. The lake is also famous for its now disused copper mines. It is a tranquil place to stay with an abundance of accommodation and a variety of small friendly shops. Coniston Water is famous as the setting for Arthur Ransome's classic children's novel Swallows and Amazons. The lake also hosted Donald Campbell's new world water speed record in 1955. He died on the lake in an attempt to regain the record in 1967 on his famous boat Bluebird, which was reclaimed from Coniston Water in 2001. Coniston was also the home of writer, artist and philosopher John Ruskin who lived at Brantwood, a magnificent house set on the eastern shore of Coniston Water, between 1872 and 1900. He is buried in Coniston churchyard. His life and work is commemorated in the Ruskin Museum in the village centre, which also illustrates the development of the village over the centuries. Brantwood is open to visitors and can be accessed via a number of vessels including the National Trust's Victorian steam launch Gondola and the Coniston Launch.

- Places to visit
- The Ruskin Museum
- Brantwood
- Boating Centre
- Gondola
- Coniston Launch

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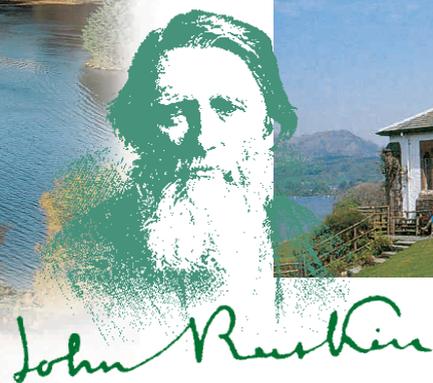
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Coniston village and Yewdale Fell



The Victorian steam launch, Gondola



Brantwood