Give the driver a break, sit back, relax and enjoy the views

Buses from Bowness to Grasmere

	From 5th April To 31st August From 9.40am Until 5.00pm Every 20 Minutes At these Minutes Past each Hour			From 1st September until 31st October From 9.35am until 4.05pm Every 30 Minutes At these Minutes Past each Hour	
Bowness	**00**	**20**	**40**	**05**	**35**
Windermere	10	30	50	18	45
Brockhole	17	37	57	25	52
Ambleside	30	50	10	35	02
Grasmere (arr)	**50**	**10**	**30**	**50**	**17**

Buses from Grasmere to Bowness

	From 5th April To 31st August From 10.10am Until 5.50pm Every 20 Minutes At these Minutes Past each Hour			From 1st September until 31st October From 10.17am until 4.50pm Every 30 Minutes At these Minutes Past each Hour	
Grasmere	**10**	**30**	**50**	**17**	**50**
Ambleside	30	50	10	32	05
Brockhole	40	00	20	41	14
Windermere	46	06	26	47	20
Bowness (arr)	**56**	**16**	**36**	**50**	**33**

These journeys are normally operated by Open Top buses

For **early morning** and **early evening buses** contact **Traveline 0870 200 22 33** or see full timetable in **Lakes Rider** Magazine

Extra journeys **Grasmere to Windermere** are provided by **Service 555 : Keswick – Kendal/Lancaster**

Extra Journeys **Ambleside – Bowness** are provided by **Service 618 : Barrow – Ambleside** (including early morning and late evening journeys)

Coming by train

Travel to **Windermere** by train on the **Lakes Line**. The **555/599** stop right out side the rail station. For fares and times contact Traveline on **0871 200 22 33** (calls from landlines cost 10p a minute) or visit **www.transportdirect.info**.

Travel all day on 1 ticket!

A **Central Lakes Dayrider** covers **Ambleside, Grasmere, Windermere and Bowness (plus Langdale & Coniston)** on the **599** and the **555**. Buy on the bus - great value at **£6.50** for an adult, **£5** for a child, **£13** for a group. Or buy a **Windermere bus & boat** for the **open top 599** plus a cruise on **Windermere** between **Bowness & Waterhead, Ambleside** - **£9** adult, **£5.85** child.

Give the driver a break and...

- **Sit back, relax and enjoy the views**
- **Forget about road maps and route planning**
- **Do your bit for the Lake District National Park and wider environment.**

So treat yourself to a leisurely day out without the stress of driving. A little effort from a lot of people can have a big effect – help us to protect this special corner of the planet. Thank You.

Windermere - Photo Dave Willis

For more give the driver a break days out

pick up one of these free leaflets available from tourist information centres

Days out

Get the most from your ticket

Stagecoach Explorer tickets allow you to travel on this bus and get connecting buses on all Stagecoach buses in Cumbria and Lancashire. Buy these tickets on any Stagecoach bus.

	Adult	Child	Concession	Group
Day Explorer	£9.75	£6.50	£5.90	£19.50
4 Day Explorer	£21.50	£15.00	-	-
7 Day Explorer	£30.00	£21.00	-	-

Cumbria Goldrider 7 day ticket £23.50
Cumbria Goldrider 28 day ticket £88.00
7 day ticket available on bus,
28 day ticket available from www.stagecoachbus.com
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www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk

For information on all bus, rail and ferry timetables and fares contact:

traveline
0871 200 22 33
Calls cost 10p per minute from BT landlines, calls from other service providers and mobiles may vary.

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A large print version of this timetable is available from Friends of the Lake District (01539 720788)

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Ambleside and Windermere

Windermere - Photo Tony West

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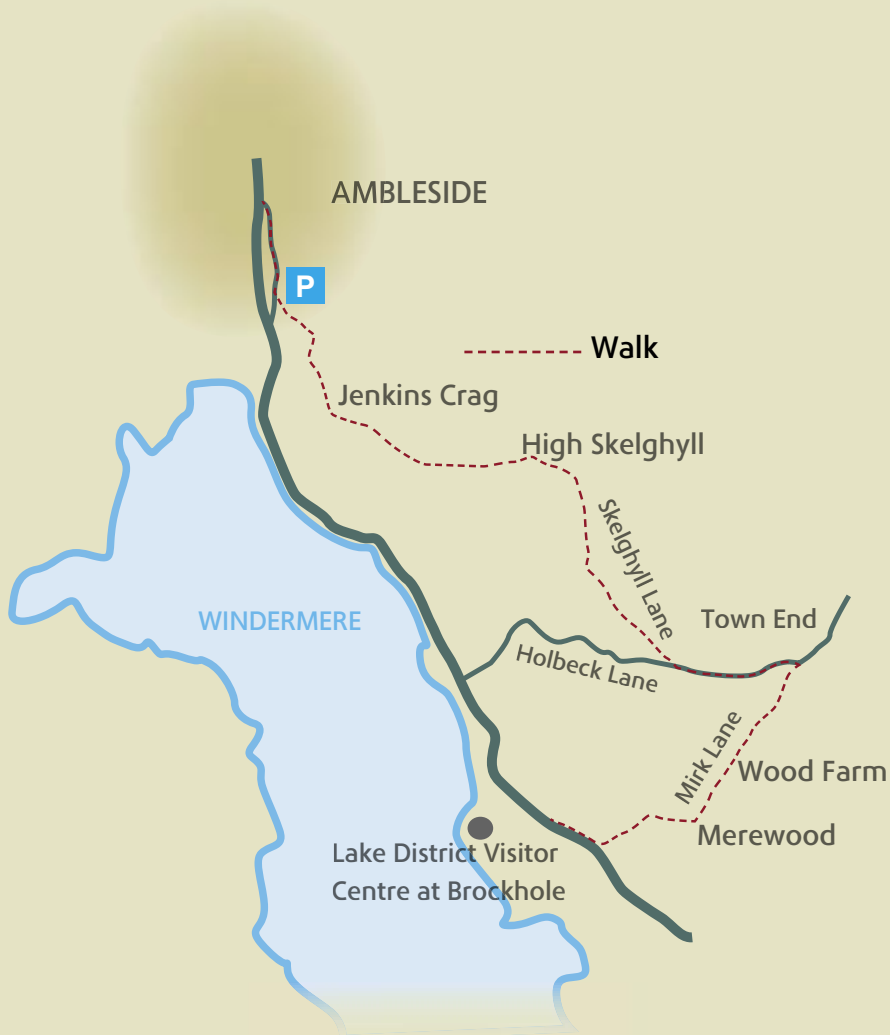
AMBLESIDE – BROCKHOLE – WINDERMERE – BOWNESS
Daily services all year round

Days out **Ambleside and Windermere**

Walk from Ambleside to Brockhole

Take a lovely two hour walk through woodland and farmland in the hills between Brockhole and Ambleside. The 3.25 mile route is mostly along well-surfaced bridleways with only a couple of sections of slightly rocky terrain. It takes in the National Trust's Skelghyll Wood and the wonderful viewpoint at Jenkins Crag. There are great views out over the lake towards Coniston Old Man, Bowfell and the Langdale Pikes.

- After breakfast, walk south along the Old Lake Road. Turn left up a track and follow signs for Jenkins Crag, Skelghyll & Troutbeck
- In about 30 minutes you will come to a gap in the wall on the right and a short path which leads to Jenkins Crag with wonderful views over Lake Windermere.
- Back on the track continue through High Skelghyll farm and follow the Troutbeck sign. Cross the cattle grid and bridge and continue on the track through Low Skelghyll farm.
- When you reach a minor road turn left and after 100 m turn right along the public bridleway down through a farm.
- Pass Wood Farm and take a right following the footpath sign. Follow the track between stone walls through woodland.
- At the end of this track you will reach the bus stop on the main Windermere to Ambleside Road. The entrance for Brockhole Visitor Centre is on your right across the road.
- Have a well-earned cup of tea, and then enjoy the visitors centre. Have lunch at the café or a picnic by the lake side before taking the 555 bus back to Ambleside at 14.02 (Saturday 14.05 , Sunday & Public Holidays 14.12). Ring Traveline for later buses.



Boat or Bus?

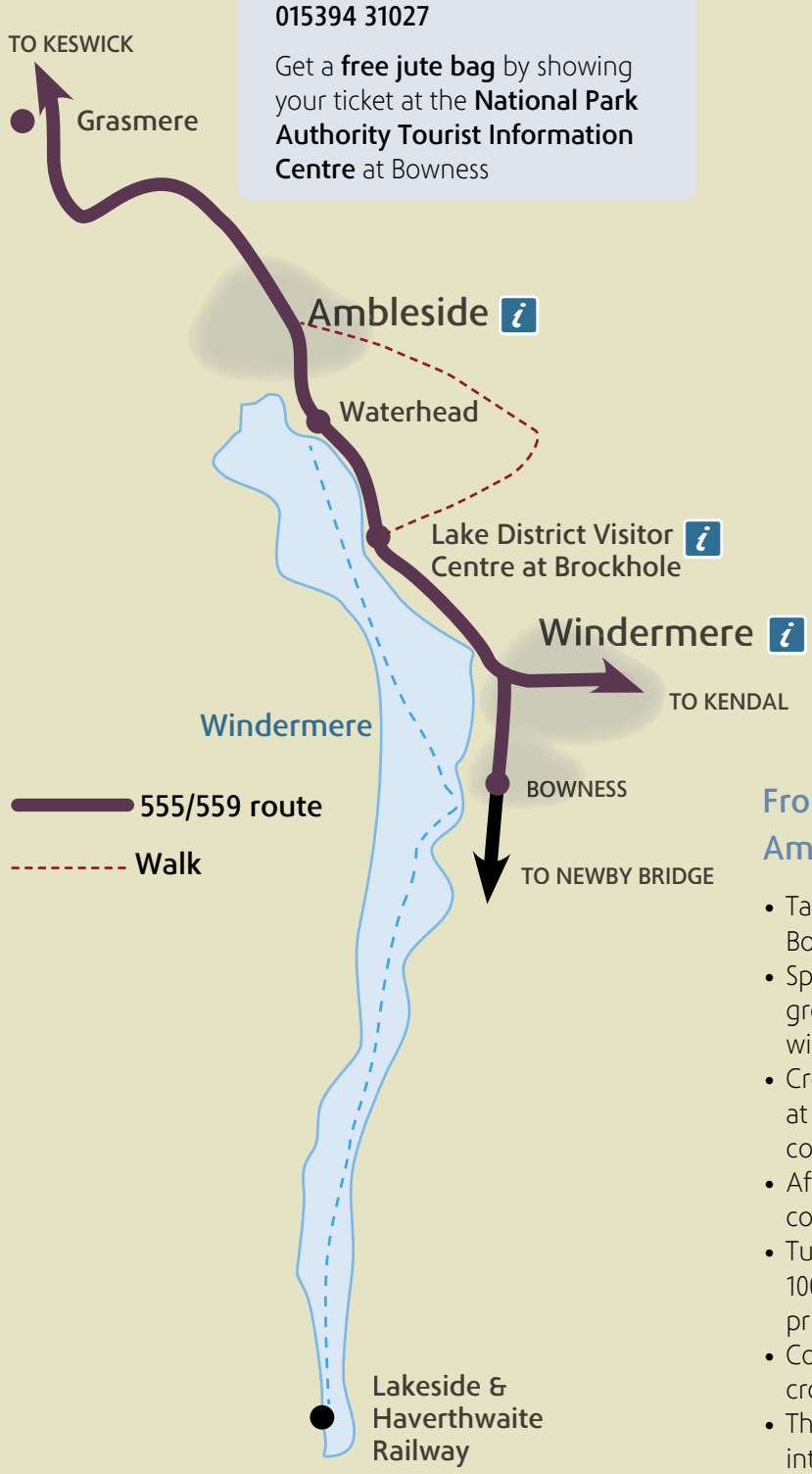
If you prefer you can travel by boat rather than bus, or if you don't feel up for the walk combine a bus/boat trip to Brockhole. Windermere Lake Cruises operate a range of launches that operate the full length of the lake, calling at Waterhead (Ambleside), Bowness, Brockhole and Lakeside. For Cruise times, call 015394 43360.

Discounts with your ticket

10% off Windermere Lake Cruises as well as **10% off** in **Boatman's Café** and **Lake Information Centre Bowness** and **10% off** in the **Pier Café Waterhead**

12% off any hot drink at **Café Treff, Central Building, Ambleside. 015394 31027**

Get a **free jute bag** by showing your ticket at the **National Park Authority Tourist Information Centre** at Bowness



More information

Ambleside Tourist Information Centre. Tel. 015394 32582.

Windermere Tourist Information Centre. Tel. 015394 46499.

Walking

If you are thinking of going walking, make sure that you are properly equipped, as the weather can change quickly. Check the weather before you go, get a mountain forecast from **0870 055 0575** or **www.lake-district.go.uk/weatherline**.

Ordnance Survey map **OL7** will be required for walks in this area.

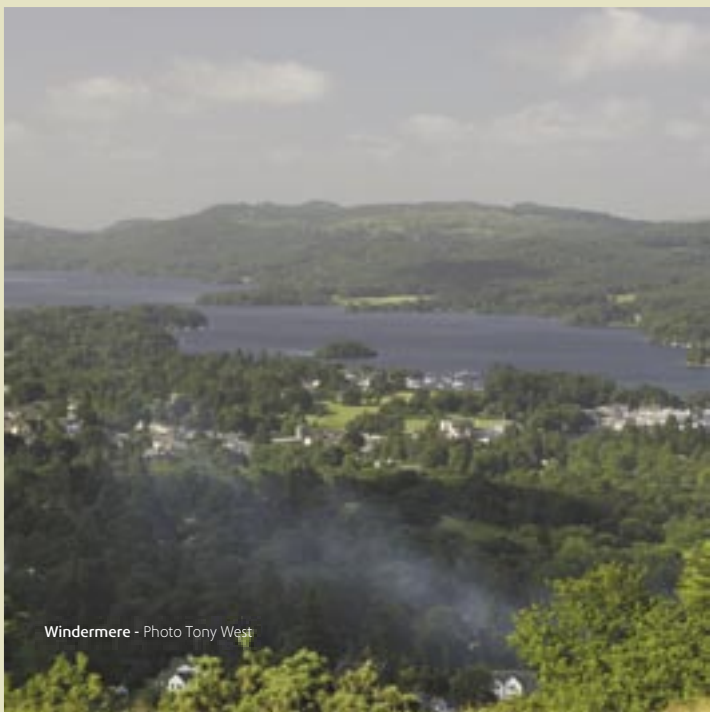
Lake District Visitor Centre at Brockhole

The Visitor Centre is set in 30 acres of magnificent grounds stretching down to the shore of Windermere. There are splendid views across the lake and surrounding countryside. Why not visit Brockhole with its terraced café, adventure playground and find out more about the Lake District National Park. Visiting Brockhole is FREE if you come by bus!

Windermere - Photo Dave Willis

From Windermere or Bowness to Ambleside by bus and on foot

- Take the 599 bus to Brockhole, leaving from Bowness at 9.40 or Windermere at 9.50.
- Spend a leisurely morning wandering around the grounds, and then work up your appetite for lunch with the walk to Ambleside.
- Cross the main Windermere to Ambleside Road and at the bus stop head up Mirk Lane. After Mereward cottages take the path left signed by blue arrows.
- After a small stream take a left past Wood Farm and continue along the track.
- Turn left when you reach a minor road and after 100m turn right onto the public footpath along a private road marked for Skelghyll Arms.
- Continue up the hill through Low Skelghyll farm, cross a bridge and follow a sign for Ambleside.
- The track passes through High Skelghyll farm, and into Skelghyll Wood.
- You will come to a gap in the wall on the left and a short path which leads to Jenkins Crag and wonderful views over Lake Windermere.
- Return to the track and follow it all the way down to Ambleside.
- Have lunch at one of the many cafes, (see above for discounts) restaurants and pubs and then take the 599 bus at 13.50 back to Bowness or Windermere.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