

## Stage 6 - Penrith

Penrith is a bustling market town just north of Ullswater.

Dalemain Mansion & Historic Gardens <sup>14</sup> offers a peaceful stop off en-route, with historic gardens, a shop and tearoom in which to refuel with the famous Dalemain marmalade ginger cake. It's also home to the World Marmalade Awards, with winning marmalades available to buy in the shop.

The Rheged centre <sup>15</sup> is also on the way through to Penrith and a great place to explore whilst your vehicle charges at the Gridserve Rapid chargers <sup>Ⓜ</sup> in the car park: this heritage centre boasts a cinema, indoor play area, gallery, independent shops and more.

Once in Penrith park up and explore (a Booths Supermarket offers more rapid charging points for your EV <sup>Ⓜ</sup>): don't miss a trip to Penrith Castle. Then, if you can squeeze it in, it's time to head to a nearby attraction.

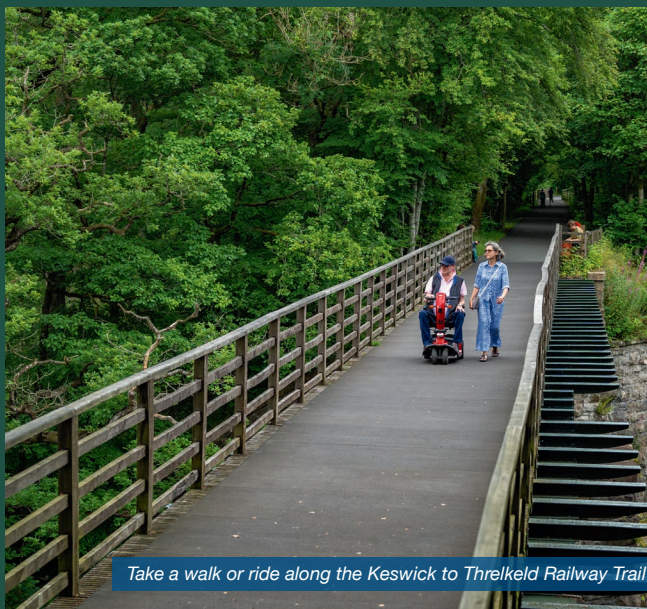
Lowther Castle <sup>15</sup>, just south of Penrith makes for a striking sight: this ruined castle is also home to one of the largest adventure playgrounds in the country. Bike hire <sup>Ⓜ</sup> is available on site, so you can explore the local area on two wheels.



Relax in Penrith town

## Stage 7 - Time to head home

After spending a few days exploring the Lake District, it's time to head home, having made memories to last a lifetime (M6 Junction 40 <sup>B</sup>).



Take a walk or ride along the Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Trail

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## Useful Information

Visit [www.visitlakedistrict.com/recharge](http://www.visitlakedistrict.com/recharge) for charge point maps, hybrid hire and more inspiration.

Check out the Lake District National Park website for EV charging points at their car parks.

Staying a while? A number of hotels and accommodation options across the area offer EV charging points for guests.

Walking routes are for illustrative purposes only. If you are heading out on the fells make sure you're adventure smart at [www.adventuresmart.uk](http://www.adventuresmart.uk)

*The Low Carbon Lake District initiative is a comprehensive programme to help tackle climate change in the Lake District National Park, working to reduce greenhouse gases and prepare for the impacts of climate change.*

*The project has received funding from the England European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014- 2020. Find out more at <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/caringfor/policies/lowcarbonlakedistrict>*



## RE-CHARGE YOUR BATTERIES ON A MULTI-DAY EV TOUR OF THE LAKE DISTRICT

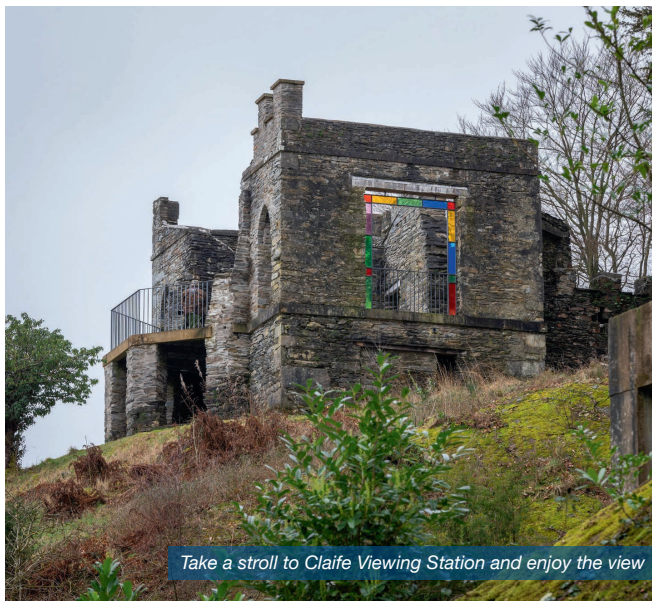


Cumbria and the Lake District is well known for its scenic routes and exploring by EV is a great low-carbon alternative. This multi-day tour takes you through the heart of the Lakes and to a few farther flung stops, with plenty of charging options en-route and some great opportunities to get out and stretch your legs.

Book your accommodation in the locations listed, park up and plug in, then head off to explore.

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Take a stroll to Claife Viewing Station and enjoy the view

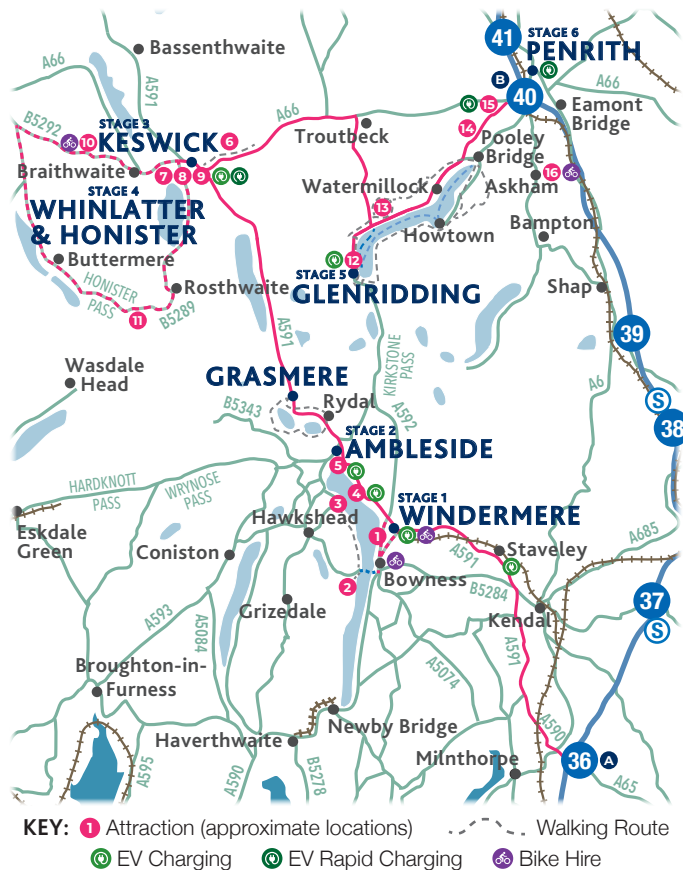
## Stage 1 - Windermere

From the M6 Junction 36 (A), follow signs for Windermere, travelling along the A590 then the A591 to Windermere village. Along the way, you'll find Charge My Street 22kw charging points in Staveley's Mill Yard (C) and Instavolt 50kw charge points at Booths Supermarket in Windermere (C).

Once you're parked, it's time to head out and explore.

The pretty villages of Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere can both be easily explored on foot or by bike, with bicycle hire available at Windermere Train Station (B) and on the pier at Bowness (B). Discover the Windermere Jetty Museum (1) to learn more about the area's heritage on the water. Grab a bite to eat at a café, before heading across to the western shore of Windermere on board Windermere Ferry which departs from Ferry Nab, Bowness (LA23 3BF). Pedestrians and cyclists are welcome, with tickets just £1 for pedestrians and £2 for cyclists.

Upon arrival, it's a short walk to Claife Viewing Station (2): an 18th century viewing station with colourful glass frames. From here, walk or ride approx. 2 miles along the western shore to Wray Castle (3): a National Trust castle in the Gothic Revival style. Explore the castle and grounds, before returning to the ferry and heading back to Bowness or Windermere for a night or two's stay. Make sure you book one of the many places which offer overnight charging.



## Stage 2 - Ambleside and Grasmere

From Windermere, head up to Ambleside, calling at Brockhole, the Lake District Visitor Centre (4), along the way. Featuring a grand country house, Thomas Mawson designed gardens, a café, and a whole host of outdoor and indoor activities, it's a great place to visit for all ages. Thanks to the Low Carbon Lake District Project, there are two 7kw EV chargers available on site (C), so you can charge while you explore.

Once in Ambleside, hop on a Windermere Lake Cruise (5) and enjoy breath taking views from the water.

If you're itching to get out on the fells, walk to Grasmere village from Rydal, along the picturesque Coffin Trail and back via Loughrigg Terrace, which offers stunning views of Grasmere and Rydal Water.

If you need a top up, there are 7kw charging points at Waterhead car park (C) in Ambleside. There are also plenty of places to stay that will offer overnight charging.

## Stage 3 - Keswick

The market town of Keswick sits amidst some beautiful scenery and is surrounded by fells including Catbells, Skiddaw and Blencathra. It's a walker's paradise so put on your hiking boots and explore on foot, before heading back into town to refuel at a local café, pub, or restaurant.

For an accessible, multi-user route, there's the Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Trail (6): also funded by the Low Carbon Lake District Programme. A beautiful walk or cycle for all to enjoy. It follows the path of the old Keswick to Penrith Railway, stretching for 5km each way, the route begins in Keswick.

Catch a show at the Theatre by the Lake (7), which puts on a varied program of live theatre; or watch a film at the Keswick Alhambra Cinema (8). Visit the Derwent Pencil Museum (9) and discover the history of the pencil.

Charge your EV overnight or at the Instavolt rapid charge points at Booths Supermarket (C) in the town centre or charge whilst you explore at the Charge My Street 7kw chargers in the Keswick Ministries Car Park (C).

## Stage 4 - Whinlatter and Honister

Just a short, but exciting bus ride aboard the Honister Rambler from Keswick, is Whinlatter Forest (10) England's only mountain forest. Bike hire (B) is available on site to enjoy the many mountain biking trails on offer; there are also walking paths, adventure activities and an onsite café.

Also en-route, Honister Slate Mine (11) is a great choice for thrill seekers. Set in England's last working slate mine, there are a range of activities including Via Ferrata and an infinity bridge offering unique views of Honister Pass.

## Stage 5 - Ullswater

Peaceful Ullswater can be found to the east of Keswick. Head to Glenridding, located on the southern tip of the water. The Lake District National Park car park at Glenridding has a pod point 7kw charge point (C). From here, enjoy a cruise with Ullswater Steamers (12) to see the landscapes from the decks of a heritage steamboat. Alight at the Aira Force pier to walk to this iconic waterfall (15).

If you really want to challenge yourself, you can complete the 20-mile Ullswater Way, which goes around the entire lake and includes some beautiful places to stop along the way. After this, you'll have earned a meal in a local pub or bistro!