

What's On 2023

Coniston 14 Road Race 2023 – 25 March

The Coniston 14 is probably the most beautiful road race in Britain. Each year it attracts some 1600 runners and has a reputation for being one of the best organised small races in the country. The race is organised by an enthusiastic committee of volunteers from Coniston village.

www.coniston14.co.uk

Bowness Bay Blues Festival – 31st March – 2nd April
10th anniversary, 27 bands, 11 venues

www.bownessbayblues.co.uk

Events at Holker Hall

www.holker.co.uk

Events at Grizedale Forest

www.forestryengland.uk

Coniston Boating Centre

www.conistonboatingcentre.co.uk

Lakeland Trails – 15 April

Starting and finishing at Hawkshead, the 10K Hawkshead Trail Run, 16K Hawkshead Trail Challenge, 16K Hawkshead Trail Race follow circuits along well marked and marshalled footpaths and bridleways, taking in panoramic views of Lake Windermere and the surrounding peaks of the Coniston Hills, the Langdales and most of the Lakeland fells. All of the routes take in the infamous, mile long, near vertical, killer climb of the “Coffin Trail”! Underfoot conditions are generally good, particularly for those used to off-road running.

www.lakelandtrails.org

The Fred Whitton Challenge – 7 May

The Fred Whitton consists of a 114-mile sportive around the Lake District, now a world heritage site. Starting at Grasmere and taking in climbs of Kirkstone, Honister, Newlands, Whinlatter, Hardknott & Wrynose passes.

www.fredwhittonchallenge.co.uk

Keswick to Barrow Walk – 13 May

The Keswick to Barrow (K2B) Walk is a sponsored walking and running event in the English Lake District. Teams of between 4 and 12 members test themselves on a challenging route, to raise money for charities and good causes.

www.keswick2barrow.co.uk

Keswick Mountain Festival – 19 -21 May

Keswick Mountain Festival is a unique event offering a fantastic mix of outdoor activities and music. There is a varied choice of activities, events and entertainment aimed to inspire all ages and abilities. Set in one of the most beautiful parts of the Lake District landscape; it's a family friendly festival for everyone to enjoy. With a huge programme of activities, world class speakers, sporting events, camping and live music in the evening, there is something for every adventurer at the Keswick Mountain Festival.

www.keswickmountainfestival.co.uk

ASICS Windermere Marathon – 21 May

One of a handful of marathons run entirely within a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Often described as the friendliest and most beautiful UK marathon, finish this breath-taking course, amidst a carnival atmosphere, in the grounds of Brathay Hall with stunning views over England's largest lake.

www.brathaychallenges.com

Cartmel Races – 27/29/31 May
www.cartmel-racecourse.co.uk

Grasmere Gallop 3 – 4 June

The weekend will have a variety of events to whet the appetite of first time racers and seasoned vets alike. There is an event to suit every ability, from a teddy bear dash to fully marked trail races and the adventure trail races of the OMM Lite, whether you are looking to challenge yourself or enjoy a fun run out. With catering and bar on site, experts on hand for kit and event queries, skills workshops, guest speakers, great shopping opportunities from OMM, plus camping available all weekend; come and enjoy the trails of the Lake District.

Gather your tribe and we'll see you there!

Giant heated marquee – Bar & Food all weekend – Camping – Kids teddy bear dash – Kit shop and running advice – Physiotherapy/massage – Talk to the experts – Guest Speakers – Family friendly – Post race food – biking, walking and running routes on the doorstep.

www.grasmeregallop.co.uk

The Great North Swim – 9 - 11 June

Hosted at Brockhole on Windermere for a fantastic weekend of open water swimming in the stunning Lake District. With distances to suit all levels and abilities you can enjoy a weekend in the great outdoors with friends and family. Take your pick from 250 metres, 1/2 a mile, 1 mile, 2 miles, 5k or a 10k...

www.greatswim.org

Lakes Charity Classic Vehicle Show 18 June

The Lakes Charity Classic Vehicle Show is an annual event for the whole family near Ambleside in the English Lake District where you will see over 300 Classic Vehicles, as well as some fantastic family-friendly local craft stands, trade stands, attractions, entertainment and games – and a diverse range of local caterers.

www.lakeslions.co.uk/lakes-classic-car-show

Cartmel Races – 30 June & 2 July

www.cartmel-racecourse.co.uk

Cartmel Races – 22 & 24 July

www.cartmel-racecourse.co.uk

Cumbria Steam Gathering – 29 & 30 July

For over four decades, the Cumbria Steam & Vintage Vehicle Society Ltd has been bringing together vintage vehicles from far and wide to Cark Airfield in Flookburgh, near Grange-over-Sands, for one massive summer gathering.

www.steamgathering.org.uk

Cartmel Races – 26 & 28 Aug

www.cartmel-racecourse.co.uk

The Grasmere Sports & Show – 27 Aug

The 2020 Annual Grasmere Lakeland Sports, now celebrating 170 years of existence, has been a regular annual event since 1868, unbroken except for the two periods of the First and Second World Wars. Now one of the most popular traditional events in the English Lake District, participants compete in a variety of sports, including Cumberland Wrestling, Fell Running and Hound Trails.

www.grasmeresports.com

Westmorland County Show – 13 & 14 Sept

For over 200 years, 223 years for Westmorland, agricultural shows have brought together communities, showcasing rural life while providing businesses a platform from which to trade. Westmorland County Show has survived world wars, recessions, the Great British weather and the recent pandemic. We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to the 2023 Westmorland County Show – together we can

make it happen.

www.westmorlandshow.co.uk

Keswick Half Marathon – 24 September

Keswick Half Marathon is said to be one of the most scenic half marathons in the country. The challenging course takes you around Derwent Water with an extra loop into the Newlands valley. Come and take part in this very popular annual event. The route is a circuit of Derwent Water, with a loop into the Newlands valley, probably the most scenic 13 miles 192.5 yards in the country.

www.keswickhalfmarathon.co.uk

Hawkshead Village Bonfire & Fireworks – 7 Nov (TBC)

Spectacular Fireworks display held on the Village Recreation Ground – Free entry but donations are asked for on the gates. Food and beverages available.

Ambleside Father Christmas Cruise & Christmas Lights Switch On – 18 Nov

www.amblesidechristmaslights.co.uk

The annual Ambleside Christmas lights switch-on involves a Father Christmas cruise followed by a parade through the Lake District town at dusk, featuring hundreds of paper lanterns. Young and old turn out to witness the spectacular procession and the Christmas street lights throughout Ambleside town centre are switched on, as if by magic, by Santa Claus!

Ulverston Dickensian Christmas Festival – 25 & 26 Nov

The annual Dickensian Christmas Festival takes place in Ulverston. It's one of the most popular Dickensian Festival events in the country and attracts thousands of visitors each year. Why not savour the wonderful atmosphere of a traditional market town in the Dickensian era.

www.dickensianfestival.co.uk

Hawkshead Christmas Fair – 2 & 3 Dec

Hawkshead Christmas Fair. Come & join us for a very special Christmas fair in the beautiful village of Hawkshead in the heart of the Lake District. Look us up on Facebook!

www.hawksheadchristmasfair.co.uk