Half Term in The Lake District

Family Days Out from the Red Lion in Hawkshead

Looking for things to do in the Lake District over half term? With woodland adventures and lakeside walks as well as discovering the magical world of Beatrix Potter, Hawkshead is the perfect base for a family getaway.

Nestled in the heart of the Lake District, our historic village is surrounded by beautiful countryside, fascinating history and plenty of family friendly attractions.

Here are some of our favourite things to do during your Lake District half term stay.

Discover the magic of Beatrix Potter at Hill Top

For families with little book lovers, a visit to Hill Top is a wonderful way to spend an autumn afternoon.

Just a short journey from Hawkshead, this traditional farmhouse was once the home of beloved children's author Beatrix Potter. Explore the house and garden that inspired many of her famous stories, and see how the landscapes and wildlife of the Lake District influenced her much loved characters.

It's a lovely opportunity to bring the stories of Peter Rabbit and his friends to life while discovering a little local history along the way.

Explore the woodland trails at Grizedale Forest

If your family loves getting outdoors, Grizedale Forest is a must visit during half term.

With woodland walking trails and cycling routes, it's a brilliant place for children to burn off some energy while discovering the great outdoors.

Wrap up warm, pop on your walking boots and get out to enjoy this beautiful forest. For families looking for something more adventurous, Grizedale also offers treetop activities, including Go Ape which makes for an adventurous day out.

Red Lion Tip- Pack waterproofs and a spare pair of socks. Autumn woodland adventures are even better when you're prepared for a little Lake District weather.

Enjoy an autumn walk around Tarn Hows

We’re big fans of Tarn Hows here at The Red Lion, we often promote this walk, because it’s so accessible. Few things capture the beauty of autumn in the Lake District quite like a walk around Tarn Hows.

Surrounded by woodland and rolling hills, this picturesque beauty spot is ideal for families looking to enjoy the fresh air and spectacular scenery without committing to a challenging mountain walk.

The route is popular with families, although paths can be muddy and conditions vary, so suitable footwear is recommended.

There is also toilets and Joeys cafe to grab a hot chocolate after your walk.

Adventure over to Muncaster Castle

Head off towards the western side of the Lake District and make a visit to Muncaster Castle, this is a full day activity and what an adventure you’ll have. A great day out for kids and adults, learn some essential knight skills in the medieval weapons hall, explore the grounds and play area and of course visit the impressive castle itself. We highly recommend this day out, feel free to ask our team for more details.

Indoor Attractions near us

If the weather is really putting you off exploring the outdoors then we have some great attractions on our doorstep. Why not head over to Bowness to The World Of Beatrix Potter, this is the perfect family friendly attraction to discover the world of Peter Rabbit and friends.

The Lakeland Motor Museum isn't too far away and perfect for car fans to visit.

Haverthwaite & Lakeside Railway - Enjoy a ride on a steam train to Lakeside where you can hop off and enjoy a visit to the Aquarium or a cruise on **Windermere Lake Cruises.**

If you're staying at the Red Lion, you'll be perfectly placed to explore Hawkshead and discover attractions and beautiful walks across the Lake District.

Planning a visit? Get in touch with the Red Lion to enquire about accommodation and start planning your Lake District getaway.