



A Weekend In Hawkshead

Your Perfect Weekend in Hawkshead

If you're looking for a calm and relaxing weekend away in the Lake District, The Red Lion in Hawkshead makes the perfect base.

Tucked away in the heart of the Lake District, the beautiful historic village is small enough to explore on foot and is surrounded by some spectacular scenery. With lakes to discover, woodland walks to cosy pubs, cafés and historic houses, you can pack plenty into a weekend without ever feeling rushed.

And the best part? You don't need to spend your weekend driving from one place to another. You can stay in the village, leave the car behind and explore at a slower pace.

Here's one of our guides to the perfect weekend in Hawkshead.

Friday: Arrive, settle in and explore the village

At the Red Lion, you'll find a cosy historic inn right in the heart of the village, making it an ideal base for exploring the area. Once you've unpacked, head out for a wander around Hawkshead.

Take a stroll through the village's narrow lanes and get a feel for its fascinating history. Hawkshead has an abundance of character all of its own, you'll soon see for yourself why so many tourists visit the village.

As evening approaches, there's nowhere better to be than back at the pub, settle down for dinner and enjoy some good food and drinks.

Saturday: Wray Castle, lake views and a well earned coffee

Wake up to a leisurely breakfast before heading out for your first full day of exploring.

One of the great things about staying in Hawkshead is the number of walks and attractions that are accessible from the village. For a lovely morning adventure, make your way towards Wray Castle. The walk takes you through the beautiful Lake District landscape, with plenty of opportunities to stop, take photographs and simply enjoy being outdoors.

Wray Castle sits overlooking Lake Windermere, it was built in the 19th century and is actually where Beatrix Potter and her family stayed during their summer holidays. Although the Castle, which is owned by the National Trust is currently closed, you can grab a coffee from JOEY'S CAFE and sit by the lake or explore the grounds.

Afternoon

Spend the afternoon browsing the village, visiting its historic sites or simply finding a quiet spot to sit and watch the world go by. Visit the old Grammar School, its most famous student was the poet William Wordsworth, you can see where he carved his name in the desk.

There are plenty of little shops to visit as well, Hawkshead Relish, The Little Ice Cream Shop & The Honey-pot to name a few. Make sure you make a stop at Tabitha Twitchits Bookshop, right next to the Red Lion.

If you're feeling energetic, there are plenty of walks nearby. If not, there's absolutely nothing wrong with making the most of a slow afternoon in the village, visiting the different pubs and shops.

Come evening, head back to the Red Lion for dinner and another cosy night in the heart of Hawkshead.

Sunday- Latterbarrow/Esthwaite Water and Tarn Hows

Make the most of your final morning with breakfast before heading out for another day of adventure.

A morning hike up Latterbarrow?

10/10 Views across Hawkshead and over Windermere, it's steep but it is well worth the effort when you reach the top.

If you're not feeling in the mood for something so strenuous first thing on a Sunday morning, we also recommend, just a short distance from Hawkshead, Esthwaite Water, its a beautiful spot for a peaceful morning on the lake. Why not hire a boat and spend some time out on the water? It's one of the more quieter lakes in the area and a perfect way to spend a calm morning.

An afternoon at Tarn Hows

From Esthwaite Water, make your way to Tarn Hows. The route offers beautiful views across the surrounding fells, making it a perfect final walk before heading home. The path is also relatively accessible compared with many Lake District routes, so is great for all abilities.



If you're planning a romantic weekend away, a walking weekend with friends or simply a couple of days escaping the everyday, Hawkshead is the perfect place to experience a slower side of the Lake District, stay in the heart of Hawkshead and explore at your own pace.

Make the Red Lion Hawkshead your base for a weekend of good food, beautiful scenery and Lake District adventures.