

Map and Programme

This central page pulls out and acts as a bring-along guide to the Coniston Water Festival. Events are taking place from Land's Point to the Sports Club, and included here are two walks which take you around Coniston Water; one to a Tea Room, the other to Low Park-A-Moor.

Join Alistair Hudson, Grizedale Arts' deputy director, for a guided version of the Thinking Space for the North walk, with incessant rhetoric added, on Wednesday 21 September. Meet artist Brian Davies and Dan Robinson at Park-A-Moor, take tea at Lawson Park and soak in the theory at Brantwood. Meet at the Bluebird Café by the Boating Centre at 10.00am, bring a packed lunch and allow all day. It's free, but book in advance to ensure a place on 01229 860 291 or email info@grizedale.org. Stout walking boots and a relativist outlook required.

A Tea Room Walk - Yew Tree Farm

Parking is available opposite the Farm at Glen Mary, Tarn Hows, Hodge Close and Shepherds Bridge. The walk can be started from any of these parking areas. Sorry, we are unable to offer car parking at the Farm.

This walk is ideally used in conjunction with an Ordnance Survey map - OL 7 is perfect.

This walk is moderately difficult with some uneven and steep terrain, and the path surface could be wet and slippery in places. I would estimate it taking between 1 and 3 hours depending on walking speed and time taken for stops. Please always wear stout footwear with good grip and be prepared for the Lakeland weather with warm and waterproof clothing.

From Glen Mary Car Park: Cross over small wooden footbridge next to 'Tom Gill' sign. Follow sign to 'Tarn Hows'. Go through hand gate go uphill through woods.

Tom Gill - this is the wooded valley carrying the outflow from the Tarn, look out for the small water falls on the right

When you reach waterside of Tarn Hows, turn left, follow track north. Tom Gill was dammed to create the Tarn 150 years ago and hundreds of trees were planted, the area was then available for the public to enjoy.

Turn left at junction of paths and follow sign 'Arnside & Langdales', follow path until you reach a gate. Look out for the mountain views, Wetherlam dominates the view to the West, (763m) and the Langdale pikes can be seen to the northwest. Go through gate, track left to 'Oxen Fell & Langdales' continue on this well surfaced track. Go left at tarmac to road.

Cross over A593 and follow tarmac farm track to High Oxen Fell also sign posted Bridleway.

Pass straight through High Oxen Fell Farm yard to gate at the far end, continue on track

You will pass many Juniper trees; these are small shrubby evergreens that yield berries used for flavouring gin. Buzzards are often seen circling above Holme Fell and red deer can occasionally be spotted. Look out for wooden sign post on

the right opposite a gate on the left, follow the sign pointing to 'Holme Ground & Yewdale' through the gate and along a grassy track, passing Hodge Close quarry on right.

Hodge Close Quarry - Once a long powered incline - would be used to raise the slate from the base of the pit. It was an underground cavern until in the 1880s when work began to take the roof off, there were many fatalities during this dangerous procedure. The quarry closed before the start of the Second World War.

At the South end of Hodge Close quarry continue past gate on right hand side that leads to quarry area. The path curves left, follow this uphill to another gate, continue through and along stone track. You will go through another 2 gates before reaching a final gate that leads on to the tarmac Hodge Close road.

Turn left here, continue downhill and along road. This is a quiet road but beware of cars.

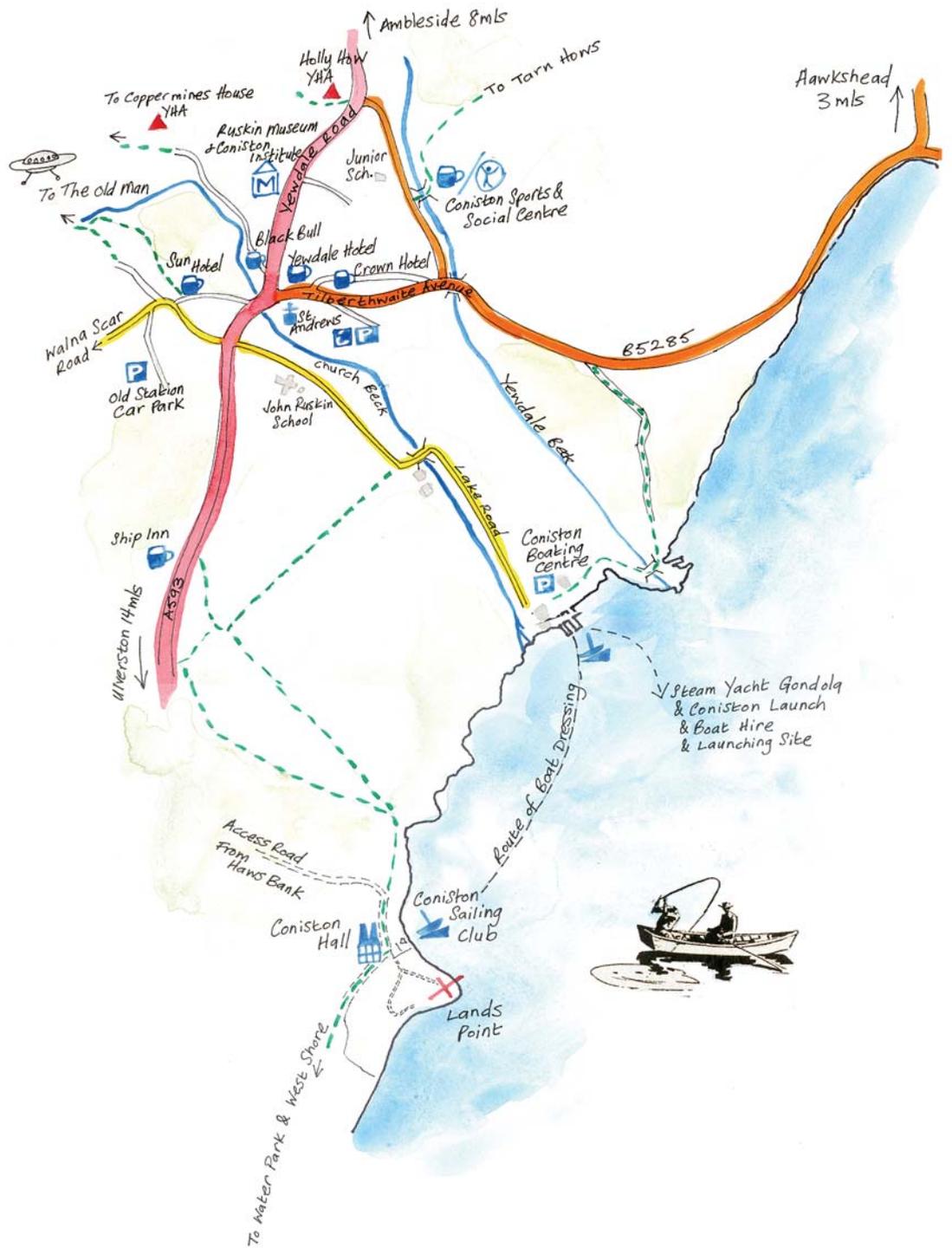
Holme Fell - is the high rocky fell to the left. The fell is a mosaic of grassland, bracken, heath land, small mires and woodland, and this forms an important habitat for many plant and animal species. Peregrine Falcon can sometimes be seen or heard!

When you reach the road bridge 'Shepherds Bridge' there is a signpost for Yew Tree Farm. Go through kissing gate and follow path. The path passes through 3 gates and then skirts to the rear and north of Yew Tree Farm. Look for the large Scots Pine trees.

Turn right through kissing gate into wooded area and follow track to finally reach front gate of Yew Tree Farm.

Yew Tree Farm - owned by Beatrix Potter in 1930s. The Farm House dates from the 17th Century. Teas are served from the front room (furnished by Beatrix Potter) between 11am and 4pm at weekends and during holidays.

At the main road turn right on to road for a few yards before going left through kissing gate and then left along fence side, bringing you back to the parking area at Glen Mary.



- Main Caravan Route
- Secondary Road - (subject to occasional blockages of slow drivers)
- Yellow Road
- minor Road
- - - Footpath

- House of historic or cultural interest
- Car Park
- Campsite
- Key Water Festival Site
- Public House
- Leisure Facility
- Tourist information
- Ruskin Museum & Coniston Institute
- Grizedale marquee
- Land
- Water

