

Welcome

There's so much to keep everyone occupied that you'll always be entertained in Cumbria. You can look forward to a packed programme of events throughout the year - find out more at golakes.co.uk/culture

To help you get started, we've put together lots of things to do in Cumbria's cultural landscape:

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- Art Roots sculpture trails**, Grizedale Forest forestry.gov.uk/grizedale
- Andy Goldsworthy's Sheepfolds** sheepfoldscumbria.co.uk
- Eden Benchmarks**: 10 stone sculptures/seats along the River Eden eccp.org.uk
- Castlerigg Stone Circle**: Britain's most dramatically sited stone circle english-heritage.org.uk
- Lakes Alive**: World-class performance and arts events in spectacular landscapes (mostly free) lakesalive.org
- Summer Sundays**: Music in the Brewery Arts Centre garden breweryarts.co.uk
- Carlisle Fireshow**: Spectacular fireworks every November carlisle.gov.uk
- Exhibitions at Tullie House Art Gallery** tulliehouse.co.uk
- Wordsworth Trust's Bindman Talks**: talks with special focus on the Lake District through the eyes of its early visitors and artists: wordsworth.org.uk/events

History & Heritage *Significant sites in stunning surroundings.*

From Hadrian's Wall in the north to Furness Abbey in the south, delve into the history of the region. Castles can be found in Kendal, Kirkby Stephen (Pendragon), Penrith and Carlisle. There are some 50 stone circles in Cumbria including Long Meg and Her Daughters, near Penrith.

The 8 Lake District Historic Houses & Gardens are uniquely different homes surrounded by spectacular gardens and set in picturesque countryside.

More info: lakedistricthistorichouses.co.uk | hadrians-wall.org | english-heritage.org.uk | ctfc.org.uk | nationaltrust.org.uk



Parks & Gardens *Nature and genius, shoulder to shoulder...*

There is an unrivalled array of garden experiences both large and small. Gardens that celebrate individual genius as in Ruskin's creation at Brantwood and Wordsworth's at Rydal Mount; trace history and adventure at Levens and Muncaster; grand gardens at Holker Hall; compact gardens with enduring, caring family ties at Dalemain and Hutton-in-the-Forest.

More info: golakes.co.uk/places/gardens



Music *Imagine your favourite music in the stunning setting of the landscape.*

You will find a lively, vibrant and varied music scene across Cumbria. Have a look at Zeffirellis in Ambleside, the Brewery Arts Centre in Kendal and Mostly Acoustic Cumbria across the county for regular bands and gigs. Music festivals, classical and modern, folk and blues, are listed below.

More info: breweryarts.co.uk | mostlyacousticcumbria.co.uk

2011 music festivals:

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| Keswick Jazz 12 – 15 May
theatrebythelake.co.uk | Maryport Blues 29, 30 & 31 July
maryportblues.com | Solfest August 26 – 28 August
solwayfestival.co.uk |
| Ireby Festival 27 – 28 May
musicinireby.co.uk | Kendal Calling 29, 30 & 31 July
kendalcalling.co.uk | |
| Sedbergh Folk Fest 24 – 26 June
sedberghfolkfest.co.uk | Lake District Summer Music
29 July – 14 August ldsm.org.uk | |



Literature & Poetry *Inspiring writers & poets, past and present...*

The area's links with William Wordsworth give a unique opportunity to see what inspired the great poet.

Brantwood, the former home of eminent Victorian artist, theorist and critic John Ruskin, is a treasure house of art and memorabilia.

Discover Beatrix Potter, the children's author and pioneering conservationist, at her farm Hill Top, the Beatrix Potter Gallery and her gardens.

Sedbergh, the Book Town, has many second-hand book sellers and festivals based around writing.

More info: newwritingcumbria.org.uk | wordsworth.org.uk | brantwood.org.uk | ruskinmuseum.com | golakes.co.uk/beatrixpotter | contemporarywriters.com



Theatre & Film *The biggest names in theatre, music and comedy throughout the year.*

The Brewery Arts Centre in Kendal is a lively venue where you can enjoy touring theatre, music, dance, film and comedy acts, plus regularly changing exhibitions of art and creative workshops.

The Old Laundry Theatre in Bowness-on-Windermere is the only professional in-the-round theatre offering performing arts, film and the season always includes one of Alan Ayckbourn's latest stage plays.

Theatre by the Lake is our year-round, professional, producing theatre. Set by the shore of Derwentwater you can also experience a wide range of visiting drama, music, dance, talks, comedy and film too.

More info: breweryarts.co.uk | oldlaundrytheatre.co.uk | theatrebythelake.co.uk

Other theatre and film venues around the county:

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| Rosehill Theatre , Whitehaven
rosehilltheatre.co.uk | Carnegie Theatre , Workington
carnegietheatre.co.uk |
| Forum Twenty Eight , Barrow-in-Furness
forumtwentyeight.co.uk | Royalty Cinema , Bowness-on-Windermere
nm-cinemas.co.uk |
| UpFront Puppet Theatre , Unthank
up-front.com | Highlights Rural Touring
highlightsnorth.co.uk |
| Kirkgate Centre , Cockermouth
thekirkgate.com | Fellinis , Ambleside fellinisambleside.com |
| Zeffirellis , Ambleside zeffirellis.com | Tullie House , Carlisle tulliehouse.co.uk |
| | Arts Out West arts-out-west.co.uk |



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Arts & Galleries Guide

Cumbria is home to outstanding exhibitions, art in the landscape, art festivals and inspiring and extraordinary independent art galleries where you can find unique handcrafted pieces to suit every budget. You can also visit some of Cumbria's creative and cultural festivals – a refreshing range of events:

- Printfest** is dedicated solely to the exhibition and sale of original contemporary prints. 30 April & 1 May. printfest.org.uk
- Woolfest** celebrates all aspects of natural fibres – their sources, uses and products. 24 & 25 June. woolfest.co.uk
- Best in Eden**, celebrating what's on in Eden landscape, culture and food. Throughout the summer. bestineden.co.uk
- Potfest in the Park** (29 – 31 July, Hutton-in-the-Forest) and **Potfest in the Pens** (5 – 7 Aug, Skirsgill Auction Mart, Penrith). Meet creative makers in clay at the hustle and bustle of potters' markets. potfest.co.uk
- c>art** the first year of a county wide open studios event for fine & applied arts. 17 Sept – 2 Oct. edenarts.co.uk
- The Organ of Corti from Liminal**, PRS New Music Award winner 2010, Tebay Gorge, 9 & 10 July. golakes.co.uk/liminal

01 Tullie House

A fusion of old and new awaits you, from the grade one listed Old Tullie House, home to our Pre-Raphaelite collection, to the Border Galleries, full of interactive fun. New Roman Frontier Gallery opening June 2011.

Open all year round except 25, 26 Dec & 1 Jan

Tullie House, Castle Street, Carlisle, CA3 8TP
T 01228 618718 | E enquiries@tulliehouse.co.uk | tulliehouse.co.uk



02 High Head Gallery

A light airy gallery offering regularly changing exhibitions of contemporary art works, with a friendly farmhouse tea-room serving good home-made food and a five acre sculpture valley. A pleasant day out for all the family.

High Head Sculpture Valley, Ivegill, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA4 0PJ
T 016974 73552 | E highheadvalley@aol.com | highheadsculpturevalley.com



03 Hesta Scene?

Hesta Scene? is a working studio gallery showcasing a unique range of work from post-graduate students and established artists/makers, set in the beautiful village of Caldbeck, exhibits include paintings, textiles, jewellery, ceramics and more.

Hesta Scene?, Tithe Barn, Midtown, Caldbeck, Cumbria, CA7 8EA
T 016974 78015 | E info@hestascene.co.uk | hestascene.co.uk



04 Alan Stones & Rebecca Payn

Artists Alan Stones & Rebecca Payn welcome visitors to their painting and printmaking studios in Blencarn – oil paintings, drawings and original prints. Open every Thursday and Saturday, 2 pm - 5 pm, and by appointment.

Glen Cottage, Blencarn, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 1TX
T 01768 88688 | E alan@alanstones.co.uk / rebecca@rebeccapayn.co.uk | alanstones.co.uk / rebeccapayn.co.uk



05 The Gallery at Rheged

New Gallery and Arts information station opens at Rheged on 12th March with the Natural History's Wildlife Photographer Exhibition. Year round programme featuring talented Cumbrian artists.

Also Cafés, large format 3d cinema, shops, events. Free parking. Rheged Centre, Redhills, Penrith, CA11 0DQ (Just off the M6 at J40)
T 01768 868000 | E enquiries@rheged.com | rheged.com



06 Beckstones Art Gallery

Established in 1978, Beckstones Art Gallery has an enviable reputation as one of the UK's leading fine art galleries with a varied selection of over 300 paintings by 40 of the nation's top artists.

Beckstones Art Gallery, Greystoke Ghyll, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0UQ
T 01768 483601 | E enquiries@beckstonesartgallery.co.uk | beckstonesartgallery.co.uk



07 Cumberland Pencil Museum

Professional Artist demonstrations run every Tue and Wed between March and November from 10am – 4pm. One hour complementary demonstrations using Derwent Fine Art Pencils, including watercolour and pastel, suitable for both beginners and intermediate levels.

Cumberland Pencil Museum, Southey Works, Keswick, CA12 5NG
T 017687 73626 | E kes_museum@acco.com | pencilmuseum.co.uk



08 Bitter Beck Pottery

Joan Hardie makes original and unusual hand-built ceramics inspired by nature. Visitors can talk to Joan about her work as well as see inspirational photographs, work in progress and finished pieces.

Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday.

Bitter Beck Pottery, 11 Market Place, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 9NH
T 07803 174120 | E joan@bitterbeck.co.uk | bitterbeck.co.uk



09 Percy House

A grade 2 star listed building which dates from 1390, the gallery has six rooms, each retaining the building's original features. It hosts a large variety of British arts and crafts, ranging from paintings and sculpture to ceramics, textiles and jewellery. Due to open in February.

Percy House, 38-42 Market Place, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 9NG
T 01900 829667 | E whitehaven@freenetname.co.uk | percyhouse.co.uk



10 The Beacon

The interactive Beacon is awash with the history of Copeland. You'll be amazed at the area's rich past and you won't believe what a great time everyone has exploring the Beacon's five floors!

The Beacon, West Strand, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7LY
T 01946 592302 | E thebeacon@copelandbc.gov.uk | thebeacon-whitehaven.co.uk



11 Mill Yard Studios

This working studio mounts seasonal exhibitions of top quality contemporary art from selected artists working in the region. Don't miss the SMALL (and affordable) show before Christmas.

At other times visit the studio by arrangement.

Mill Yard Studios, 3 Mill Yard, Staveley, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 9LR
T 01539 721836 | E millyardstudios@talktalk.net | millyardstudios.co.uk



12 Brewery Arts Centre

The Brewery Arts Centre is a multi-purpose complex housing a theatre, cinema, music venue, and bars, restaurant and a gallery.

A diverse programme includes dance, comedy, literary events, drama, live gigs, and the latest films.

Brewery Arts Centre, Highgate, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4HE
T 01539 725133 | E info@breweryarts.co.uk | breweryarts.co.uk



13 Abbot Hall Art Gallery

Abbot Hall is an exquisite gallery on the banks of the river Kent.

Works of art can be enjoyed in this beautiful Georgian villa, drawn from its important collections and the changing series of exhibitions.

Abbot Hall, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 5AL
T 01539 722464 | E info@abbothall.org.uk | abbothall.org.uk



14 Farfield Mill

Showing high-quality exhibitions and fascinating heritage displays, Farfield Mill is a wonderful place to discover the work of resident and regional artists, watch demonstrations, attend workshops, purchase gifts and enjoy delicious food in Weavers Café.

Farfield Mill, Garsdale Road, Sedburgh, Cumbria, LA10 5LW
T 015396 21958 | E admin@farfieldmill.org | farfieldmill.org



15 The Dock Museum

Explore the galleries and discover the fascinating history of Barrow.

Plenty to do for all the family, you will be amazed in the Dock Hall and marvel at our collection of original ship models.

North Road, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA14 2PW
T 01229 876400 | E dockmuseum@barrowbc.gov.uk | dockmuseum.org.uk



16 Brantwood

The former home of John Ruskin, Brantwood is an inspiring venue. Major exhibitions are on display in the house throughout the year.

In addition we have an enviable programme of contemporary art exhibitions in our Severn Studio.

Brantwood, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8AD
T 015394 41396 | E enquiries@brantwood.org.uk | brantwood.org.uk



17 Beatrix Potter Gallery

Let your imagination wander as you experience the charm of this 17th Century building where romance blossomed for Beatrix Potter and William Heelis. Join us in celebrating 100 years since the publication of 'The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes' in a new exhibition 'Little friends all over the world'.

Beatrix Potter Gallery, Main Street, Hawkshead, Cumbria, LA22 0NS
T 015394 36355 | E beatrixpottergallery@nationaltrust.org.uk | nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-beatrixpottergallery



18 Grizedale Sculpture Trails

Home of the UK's first art in the environment programme, with over 60 artworks sited across the forest as well as an events and education programme based in 'The Yan'. The Visitor Centre and 'Café in the Forest' are open all year round.

Forestry Commission, Grizedale, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 0JQ
T 01229 860010 | E hayley.skipper@forestry.gsi.gov.uk | forestry.gov.uk/grizedale



19 The Wordsworth Museum & Art Gallery

A fascinating permanent exhibition about Wordsworth and his contemporaries, and a programme of special shows featuring historical and contemporary art from the Wordsworth Trust's designated collection, loans and new work. See website for events.

The Wordsworth Museum & Art Gallery, Dove Cottage, Grasmere, Cumbria, LA22 9SH
T 015394 35544 | E enquiries@wordsworth.org.uk | wordsworth.org.uk



20 Blackwell - The Arts & Crafts House

Blackwell is one of the most important surviving Arts & Crafts houses. Completed in 1900 by M H Baillie Scott, the house features period rooms, displays and a changing exhibition programme of historical and contemporary crafts.

Blackwell The Arts & Crafts House, Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 3JT
T 015394 46139 | E info@blackwell.org.uk | blackwell.org.uk



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