

Discover the places which inspired **Beatrix Potter** and her celebrated children's books, aboard the **Cross Lakes** shuttle. Hop on a boat at **Bowness Pier** and cruise across **Lake Windermere**, where the **Mountain Goat** minibus awaits you.

Alight at Near Sawrey and the **Tower Bank Arms** pub to get a taste of what Beatrix's village life was like. Beatrix Potter spent many happy holidays in the Lake District before making it her home. As you walk up through the garden to Beatrix's **Hill Top Farm**, try to spot where Tom Kitten played, and Jemima Puddle-duck hid her eggs. This cosy farmhouse is filled with Beatrix's personal treasures, and was the setting for many of her famous stories. For Beatrix Potter, **Hill Top** provided a refuge away from London and became a place of independence and innovation.



A new display at **Hill Top**, *Pets to Page: The Tale of Two Bad Mice*, explores how Beatrix drew inspiration for her tales from the pets and people in her life and celebrates the layers of imagination within her stories. At the heart of this display is her restored dolls' house. Look inside to see the dolls' food and accessories, which appear in her book *The Tale of Two Bad Mice*.

Hill Top was the first of many farms and over 4,000 acres which Beatrix bought during her lifetime thanks to the success of her 'little books'. She established prize-winning, landlord flocks of pedigree Herdwick sheep across her farms, which you can still see today. Beatrix was committed to protecting the Lake District and when she died, she left her land, properties and flocks to the National Trust to look after.



Follow in Beatrix's footsteps to explore the beautiful **Hawkshead** village and visit Tabitha Twitchet's bookshop. Please check website for opening hours.

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Claife Viewing Station



On the west shore of Windermere this 18th century viewing station offers unrivalled views along the lake through its coloured panels. Don't miss JOEY's café in the courtyard below.

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The Honeypot



Purveyors of fine foods supporting small independent local producers of honey, jams, marmalade and chutney. Ice creams and takeaway foods.

The Square, Hawkshead.
honeypothawkshead.com

Chocolate Factory



Award-winning Childrens' chocolate workshop - A unique and interactive experience for children and families that is truly unforgettable.

chocolatefactoryhawkshead.co.uk
015394 36075

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hawksheadrelish.com

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CROSS LAKES EXPERIENCE 2025



On the Trail of Beatrix Potter



Discover the western shore of Windermere by bus and boat

CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE...

Timetable 2025

Daily* 24th May to 28th September 2025

* Hill Top closed and no bus service on Fridays - except 30th May, 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August.



Bowness Pier 3	09:50	10:35	11:25	12:15	13:50	14:40	15:30	16:20
	10:05	10:50	11:40	12:30	14:05	14:55	15:45	16:35
Ash Landing	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Ash Landing	10:11	11:01	11:51	12:41	14:14	15:03	15:53	16:43
	10:26	11:16	12:06	12:56	14:29	15:18	16:08	16:58
Hill Top	10:34	11:24	12:14	13:04	14:36	15:26	16:16	17:06
Hawkshead (Arrive)								
Hawkshead (Depart)	09:51	10:41	11:31	12:21	13:54	14:43	15:33	16:23
	09:58	10:48	11:38	12:28	14:01	14:50	15:40	16:30
Hilltop	10:04	10:54	11:44	12:34	14:07	14:56	15:46	16:36
Ash Landing	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
Ash Landing	10:10	11:00	11:50	12:40	14:15	15:05	15:55	16:40
Bowness Pier 3	10:30	11:20	12:10	13:00	14:35	15:25	16:15	17:00

TICKET PRICES	ADULT	CHILD (5-15 years)	FAMILY (2 adults + 3 kids)
Single	£3.00	£3.00	—
Return	—	—	—
Any journey between Ash Landing - Hawkshead	£8.00	£6.00	£29.40
Single	£14.40	£11.00	£54.00
Return	—	—	—
Any journey between Bowness Pier 3 - Hawkshead	£31.40	£19.50	£96.50
Single	—	—	—
Return	—	—	—

Tickets available from the Windermere Lake Cruises ticket offices at Bowness Pier or pay on bus.

Child fares are for 15 years and under, children aged 4 years and under travel free.

Holders of concessionary travel passes receive free travel on these bus services (boats not included).



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