

Visit Lake District, Cumbria

Let's Go Culture in Westmorland & Furness

Grasmere's Art & Culture

Nestled amidst Lakeland fells, in the heart of the Lake District National Park, Grasmere boasts a rich arts and culture heritage. Poet William Wordsworth once called this Lakeland village his home, and there's plenty to discover – from interactive experiences to exhibitions; modern museums to traditional Lakeland cottages.

Grasmere is accessible by road via the A591; or by bus with Stagecoach (the 599 and 555 buses serve the village).

For your first stop, it's time to discover the former home of William and Dorothy Wordsworth at [Wordsworth Grasmere](#). Here, you can visit Dove Cottage: left as it would have been when the Wordsworths lived here, with recreations of moments taken from their poems, journals and letters helping to tell the story of their life here.

Stroll through the garden-orchard behind the cottage, and explore the woodland to immerse yourself in the very nature which inspired Wordsworth. Then, it's just a few steps to the modern Museum – which tells the story of Wordsworth's radical and creative life. The permanent collection includes handwritten manuscripts, letters, published poetry and personal items; while there is also a regular programme of temporary exhibitions.

1 - Wordsworth Grasmere



Image: G Gardner,
Wordsworth Grasmere

There are plenty of hands on activities to enjoy for all ages – kids will find lots to enjoy, from arts and crafts to a nature trail. Don't forget to grab a brew and cake at the on site café. Plus, admission tickets are valid for 12 months and can be used as many times as you like. That means you can get access for a year, for the price of one ticket!

- **Check website for seasonal opening hours.**
- **There is an on-site car park, while Stagecoach buses 555 and 599 stop right outside.**

2 - Allan Bank



Allan Bank Image:
Annapurna Mellor / National Trust

The National Trust's [Allan Bank](#) was once home to National Trust co-founder Canon Rawnsley and poet William Wordsworth. Overlooking Grasmere's lake and fells, it sits in a stunning location and offers plenty for visitors to discover.

Enjoy woodland walks in the garden, where if you're lucky you may even spot a red squirrel! Picnics are welcome both outdoors and, in the house, where free hot drinks are available. There's a fire to keep you warm as you explore the historic villa: don't miss a visit to the recently restored Billiard Room, and the art room – where visitors are encouraged try their hand at creating their own artwork.

- **Allan Bank is usually open Tuesday – Thursday and Sunday, plus selected Saturdays.**
- **Winter opening hours : 11am – 3:30pm; Spring: 10am – 4:30pm. See website for full details.**
- **Allan Bank is accessible by foot from Grasmere Village; limited Blue Badge parking only on-site.**

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3 - Heaton Cooper

Back in Grasmere village, the [Heaton Cooper Studio](#) offers exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops; as well as a shop and popular café.

Established by landscape painter Alfred Heaton Cooper in 1905, today you'll find paintings, sculpture and books in display; as well as a children's table for kids to get creative.

- **Open hours:** The gallery is open between 9am – 5pm.



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