

# Visit Lake District, Cumbria

## Culture in South Lakes - Ulverston & Backbarrow

*Ulverston is a vibrant market town with lots to discover. Known for its fantastic arts scene, it's a great place to discover*

***culture in the South Lakes.** From comic duo Stan & Laurel to performances by world-class artists; heritage museums to country halls, there's lots to experience here.*

*Ulverston and Backbarrow are accessible by road via the A590; Holker is just a short drive away via the B5278. Stagecoach buses serve Backbarrow and Ulverston on the X6 service.*

### 1 - The Coro



Arts, culture and entertainment venue **The Coro** can be found in the centre of Ulverston. This historic building hosts a wide variety of shows and events throughout the year, with local and international artists gracing the stage.

Created in 1920, today The Coro continues its original mission to provide a place to go to enjoy theatre, music, dance and entertainment – there's everything from family friendly fun to opera and comedy.

As well as the regular programme of performances, there are also workshops and art exhibitions. Keep an eye out for what's on, including family friendly shows and events during the school holidays.

**Parking is available in Ulverston, with six car parks within a 10 minute walk of The Coro. The closest car park is on Theatre Street. Most car parks are free after 6pm – always double check to be sure.**

**If you are planning on travelling by public transport, please check bus and train timetables to ensure they correspond with performance times.**

### 2 - The Laurel & Hardy Museum

Did you know that one half of comic duo Laurel & Hardy was born in Ulverston? Stan Laurel began his life here, and **The Laurel & Hardy Museum** is dedicated to the famous pair. Discover an extensive collection of films, letters, photographs, posters, film stills and personal items; and learn more about the early life of Stan Laurel.

Located in a 1930s cinema complex, this quirky attraction screens Laurel & Hardy films throughout the day; there are also evening comedy shows to enjoy.



**Opening hours: daily, 10am – 5pm**

**Parking is available in Ulverston, with a number of car parks within walking distance.**

**Stagecoach bus X6 serves Ulverston, with the Ulverston Library bus stop just a short walk from the museum.**

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### 3 - Holker Hall & Gardens



Discover 25 acres of woodland and gardens, with a Victorian country house at the heart, at [Holker Hall & Gardens](#). Wander the grounds before heading inside to explore the Hall, which remains a family home to this day.

A regular programme of events and festivals takes place throughout the year, including Christmas markets; a chilli eating competition; and spring fair.

Keep an eye out for what's coming up – there's always something to enjoy.

There's also a local food hall and gift shop; while the Courtyard Café serves homecooked food and offers afternoon teas.

**Gardens, Parkland, Cafe, Gift Shop & A Days Walk (food hall) opening hours:**

**From 10th March to 17th December 2023 open Wednesdays to Sundays 10.30am – 4.30pm.**

**Bank Holiday Mondays: 10.30am – 4.30pm.**

**The Hall open on the dates above from 11am-4pm. Free on-site parking is available.**

### 4 - Lakeland Motor Museum

Marvel at classic cars and learn the story of 20th century transport at the award-winning [Lakeland Motor Museum](#) at Backbarrow.

There are over 30,000 exhibits, including 140 classic cars and motorbikes.

Discover displays highlighting Donald Campbell's record breaking career; pedal cars; the Isle of Man TT; and more.



Away from automobiles, visitors can also take a trip down memory lane with exhibitions showcasing local history, plus period displays like a 1950s café, shop fronts, and women's fashion.

Families are welcome, with kids activities including an interactive quiz to enjoy on their visit, with a souvenir prize once they've completed it.

The Lakeland Motor Museum is also dog friendly.

**Opening hours: daily, 9:30am – 4:30pm. Free parking is available.**

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### 5 - Stott Park Bobbin Mill



Stott Park Bobbin Mill  
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Founded in 1835, **Stott Park Bobbin Mill** is the only working bobbin mill left in the Lake District today. It once produced around 250,000 bobbins a week, totalling millions of wooden bobbins vital to the Lancashire spinning and weaving industries.

Today, the mill is open to visitors, with guided tours telling the story of its history. See the journey from tree to bobbin, with original machinery and kids dress up offering the chance to imagine what life was like at the mill.

**Open hours: from 23rd March to 3rd November, the mill is open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am – 5pm. Parking is available – this is free for English Heritage members.**

We hope you've had a great time visiting just a few of South Lakeland's attractions. Searching for inspiration on where to visit next? Download more cultural itineraries [visitlakedistrict.com/letsgoculture](https://visitlakedistrict.com/letsgoculture)

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