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A VISITORS GUIDE TO GRASMERE & RYDAL

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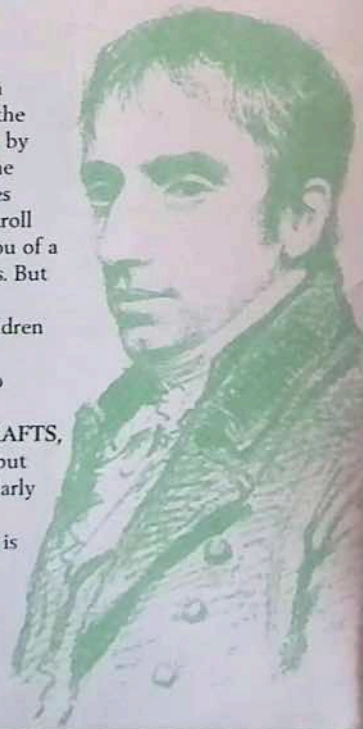
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Grasmere - "The loveliest spot that man hath ever found" !

This is how William Wordsworth described Grasmere, this jewel in lakeland's crown. He lived in Grasmere for 14 of his most creative years from 1799 until 1813 when he went to Rydal. The village, of local hewn stone, is in a setting below Helm Crag and Nab Scar, with the wooded slopes sweeping down to this tranquil, most beautiful, lake. The village and it's valley are seen best from the surrounding hills, but the motorist can enjoy fine views from the top of Dunmail Raise as it sweeps down from the North. The area, around the village and the lake, is notable for the scenery along the various walking routes.

GRASMERE VILLAGE -

By taking the quieter northern entrance at THE SWAN into the village you arrive at a car park by the side of the river, next to the playing fields with picnic tables and a children's play area. A stroll down Broadgate will ensure you of a warm welcome from the locals. But first take a refreshing drink at PIGGY IN THE MIDDLE children are welcome and the coffee is excellent! Order your picnic to take out later! Call in at MAINLY BRITISH MADE CRAFTS, it is a hive of unusual things - but you need to browse - I particularly like their beautiful handmade cards! BARNEY'S NEWSBOX is open from 7am. If you are a



William Wordsworth
1770-1850

jigsaw fanatic, or just fancy doing one, you can't go wrong, they are specialists with thousands in stock - they do mail order too! With each purchase at CALL OF THE WILD a donation is made to an animal charity.

LAKELAND ANTIQUES ART GALLERY has an excellent collection of paintings in all price ranges. They specialise in Michael Reeves's work - sign the book and be invited to the showing of his latest work. The original paintings of Paul Harley are well worth viewing. I just love the one of Elterwater! In KATE GREENWOOD you need time to browse to take in the variety of unusual things, take special note of the wooden hand-crafted bowls. They specialise in locally made pine furniture and they undertake commissions - pop in and have a chat! Turn the corner into College Street, at BECKSTEPS try their Lakeland Ice Cream - they will develop your film on the premises in one hour - but meander round the shop for soft toys with a difference - a must is a stop at the joke stand!

The MOUNTAIN HI shop just along, specialises in all of your needs for outdoor wear - just ask! Continue along to the DOVE AND OLIVE BRANCH, the locals pub, perhaps you are ready for a drink or a bar-lunch, the food is excellent and Hazel will give you a warm welcome. Do visit St.Oswald's Church, sign the visitors book and go round to see Wordsworth's grave in the church yard. Wander now past the Gingerbread shop and the WORDSWORTH HOTEL, which is open to non-residents, serving the most delicious lunches, afternoon teas and dinners. Into Red Lion Square next to the post office, is OUTDOOR WORLD, they specialise in all forms of outdoor wear and for advice from the experts you can't go wrong! Also in the Red Lion Square you will find LANGMAN'S BAKERY AND DELICATESSEN, sandwiches are freshly made to order to take out, while you are waiting try their freshly brewed coffee - delicious! BARCLAY'S BANK PLC, on Stock Lane, is open on Tues & Fri 9.30-1.30.

If you are fortunate enough to be able to stay in Grasmere of the surrounding area there is a wide variety of accommodation to choose from.

THE WORDSWORTH HOTEL is situated in the village and is set in beautiful tranquil gardens next to the church. Privately owned and run the hotel offers high quality food and service in luxurious surroundings. Near the tourist information centre is the GOLD RILL where you will be sure to receive a warm welcome, excellent food & service, at this family owned and run hotel. THE SWAN at Grasmere is world famous. This 17th century Inn oozes atmosphere, with its oak beams, oak panelling and roaring log fires. The food is freshly prepared and good. For a traditional Cumbrian bed and breakfast try THE HARWOOD in the centre of the village. Or you may prefer the atmosphere of

the old Coaching Inn - THE TRAVELLERS REST with it's open fires and old beams, they are open all day, serving appetising meals, the locals favourite is their Steak and Kidney Pie. For bed and breakfast in the tranquillity of a Lakeland Country House with beautiful views try: WOODLAND CRAG or perhaps you prefer self-catering, then BECKSTEPS has apartments, facing the village green, available. HEART OF THE LAKES has a large portfolio of cottages and apartments to rent all through the year. Situated at the foot of Rydal Water you can enjoy the hospitality at COTE-HOW GUEST HOUSE for bed and breakfast, take a walk down the garden to the water's edge before breakfast for a spectacular view. For a traditional Cumbrian farm house bed and breakfast stay at THE OAKS at the top of Red Bank.

The choice is varied in the Great Langdale valley, if you wish to stay beneath the majestic Pikes. At the Head of Langdale the OLD DUNGEON GHYL HOTEL, open throughout the year, offers a warm friendly welcome and good food. GREENHOWE CARAVAN PARK may fulfil your wishes. At the foot of the valley, with access to Elterwater Lake is the ELTERWATER PARK COUNTRY HOUSE where the comfort and home cooking are not to be missed!

THERE IS MUCH TO DO AND EVEN MORE TO SEE.

When walking the "old coffin trail" to Rydal from Grasmere, stop at RYDAL HALL TEA SHOP and enjoy a repast at the side of Rydal Beck. Whatever - by foot - cycle - or car, a visit to KIRKSTONE GALLERY is a must, the food they serve is delicious, then browse around the "different" quality things they have in their shop - (I can recommend their pan scrub, its the best!) Golfers, whether staying for a day or longer, a round at KESWICK GOLF CLUB is something to remember, the setting is spectacular, and the food is appetising too! For evening entertainment there is live music every Saturday evening at THE KING'S HEAD, Thirlspot a five minute's drive over Dunmail Raise alongside Thirlmere. Again a place with lots of character and they have accommodation too! Just pop into WAINWRIGHTS in the Langdale Valley, and soak up the atmosphere of a traditional Cumbrian Pub, or join the locals in Grasmere village in the DOVE AND OLIVE BRANCH pub where you may hear many a strange story!! The Grasmere Players put on performances in the Village Hall twice a year - tickets from BARNEY'S NEWSBOX. Every year on the Saturday nearest to August 5th, the feast of St.Oswald, the ancient ceremony of RUSH-BEARING takes place. The procession wends it's way through Grasmere to the Church. The famous GRASMERE SPORTS take place in August, an event not to be missed!

I do hope you enjoy your visit.



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10.45am Sun

Sun 10.30am, 6pm

10am Sun, 1st Sun in month 7pm

10.30am Sun

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Winter: 6.30pm Sat

LANGDALE



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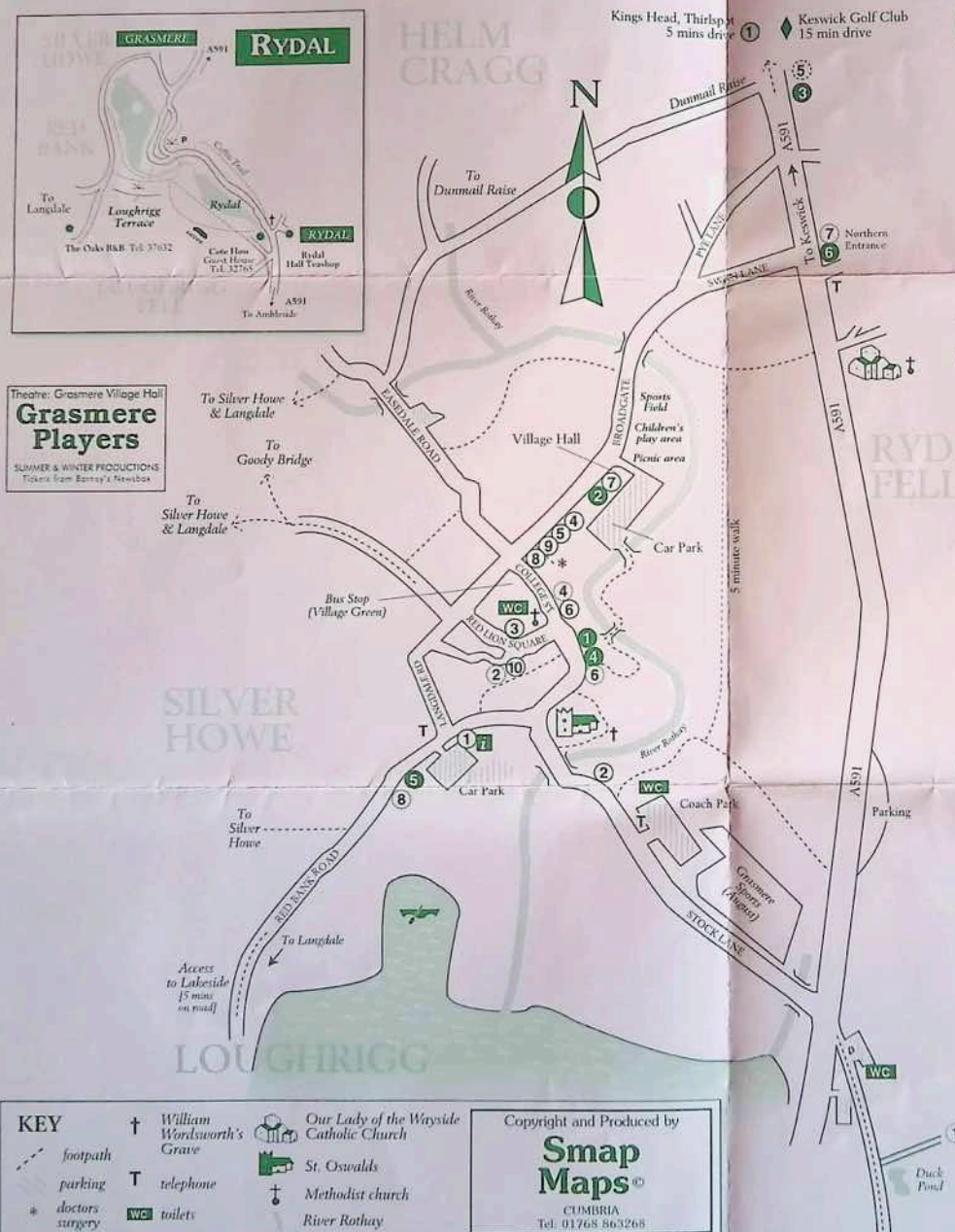
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- ② Piggy in the middle
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- ④ Wordworth Hotel
- ⑤ Gold Rill Hotel
- ⑥ The Swan

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- ① Grasmere Tourist Information
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