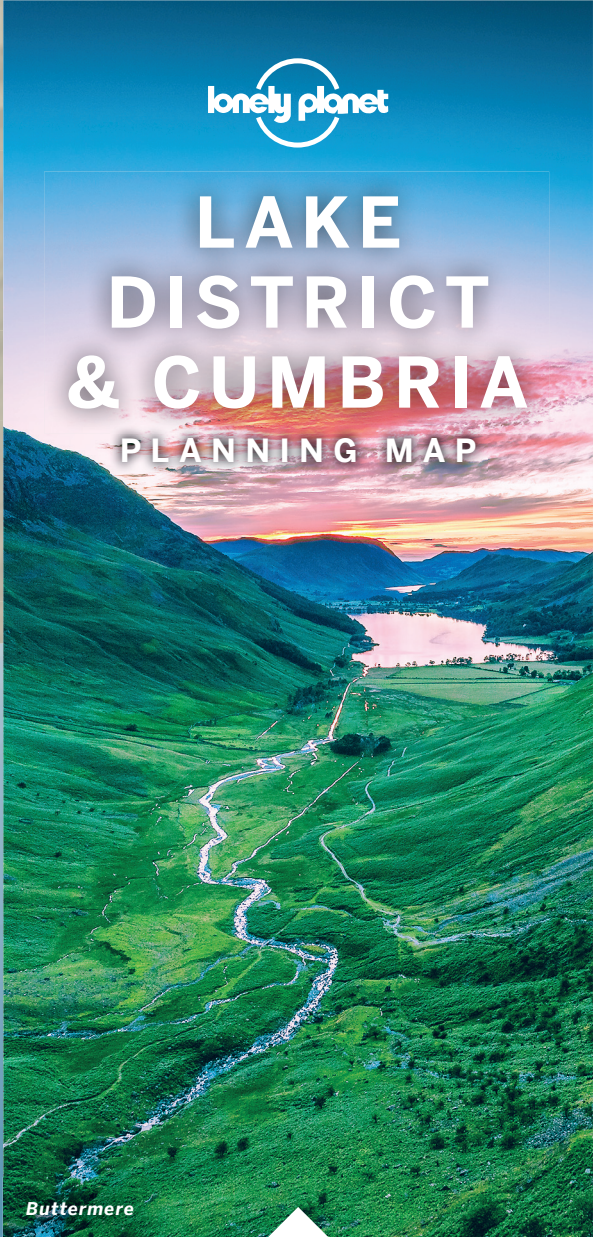


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Discover the Lake District & Cumbria's top sights, and experience it through an inspiring list of themes

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When to Go

High Season Jun–Aug
Summer is a beautiful time to visit but expect crowds.

Shoulder Season Apr–May &



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St Bees Head
Bring binoculars to spot the teeming birdlife at this



Ennerdale
If you really want to leave the outside world behind, this remote valley is



BORROWDALE & BUTTERMERE
HAYSTACKS

Catbells
Derwentwater's best-loved fell, for six-year-olds and septuagenarians alike.



Jennings
Cumbria's biggest brewer is in Cockermouth, with nattily-named beers like Sneek Lifter and Cocker Hoop.



Blencathra
A long walk leads to a panoramic view over the north



Helvellyn
A vertiginous climb along a high ridge



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Dove Cottage

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Upper Langdale

GRASMERE & AROUND

If it's Romantic connections you're looking for, the little village of Grasmere is the place to be, although there is also plenty of great hiking and other sights to explore nearby.

DOVE COTTAGE D3

This tiny, creeper-clad cottage was inhabited by William Wordsworth and his family between 1799 and 1808. The cottage's cramped rooms are full of artefacts – look out for the poet's passport, spectacles and a portrait (given to him by Sir Walter Scott) of his favourite dog, Pepper.

GRASMERE D3

Huddled at the edge of an island-studded lake surrounded by woods, pastures and slate-coloured hills, Wordsworth's beloved village is a must-see. Several of the poet's former houses can be visited, as well as an excellent museum – and, poignantly, his family's plot in the village churchyard.

WRYNOSE & HARDKNOTT PASSES C4

Is this the nation's most spectacular drive? Many seasoned drivers seem to think so, and you certainly won't be the only one doing it on a summer weekend. Traversing both of the steepest passes in England and reaching 30% gradient in some places, it's a real roller-coaster.

LANGDALE PIKES C3

This strenuous walk is the most popular hike in Langdale and crosses over a series of lofty summits, including Harrison Stickle, at 736m the highest of the Langdale Pikes. The pikes have stirring views over the Langdale and Mickleden Valleys.

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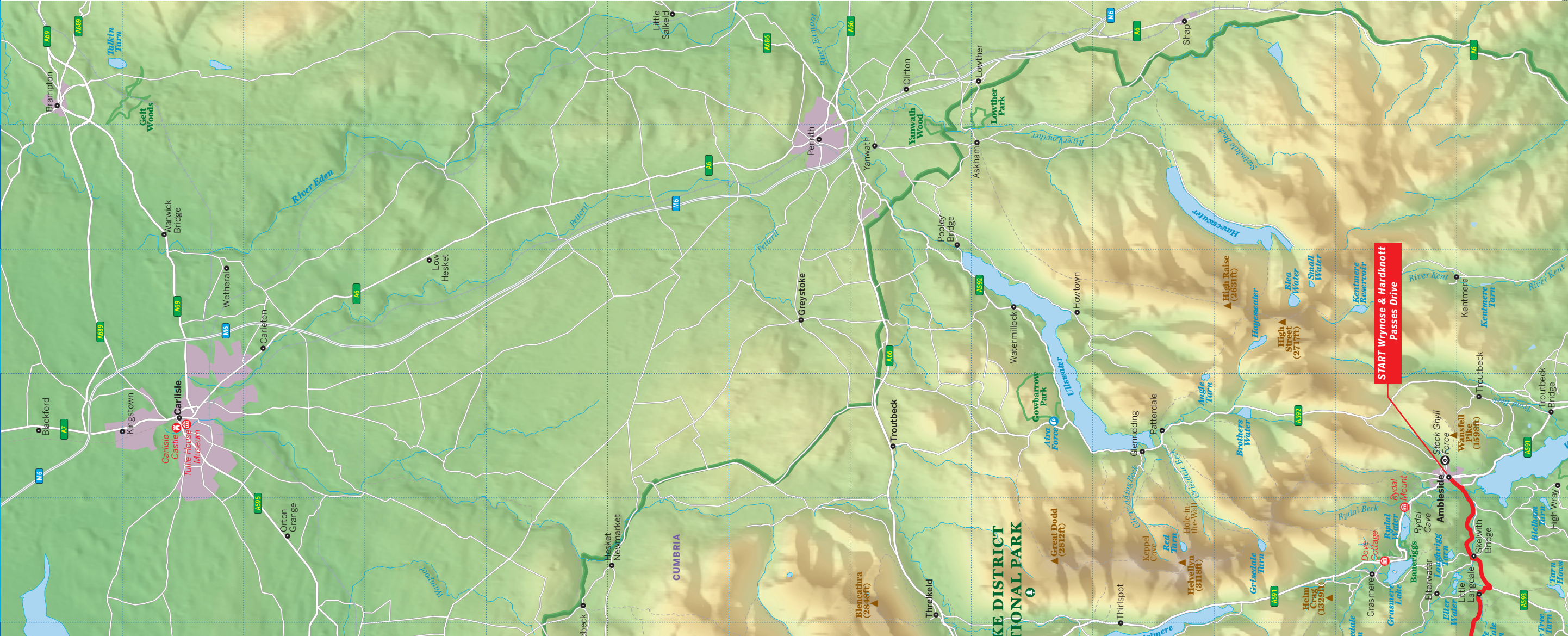
Carlisle Castle

CARLISLE CASTLE D1

Carlisle was founded as a military city, and its brooding, rust-red castle provides a timely reminder of the conflicts that have shaped the city's history. For 500 years until the Act of Union in 1603 it was the frontline fortress in several Anglo-Scottish conflicts.

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Tullie House
Cumbria's best art gallery, encompassing 19th-century architecture



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