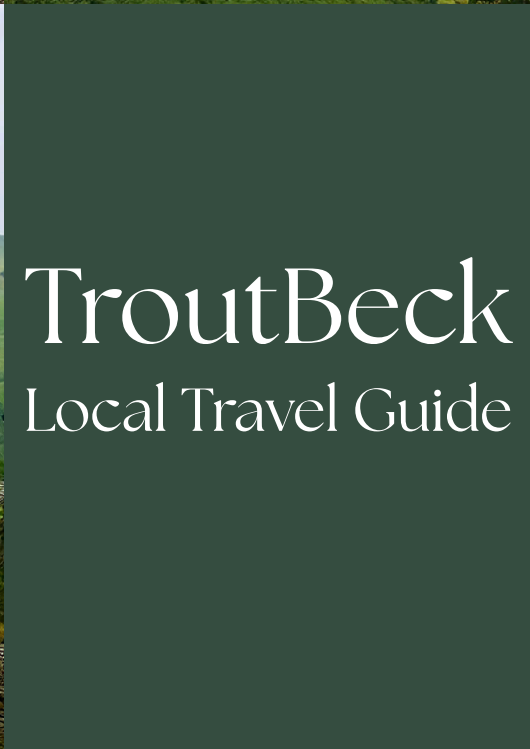




Welcome to TroutBeck

We're excited to have you stay at ChurchView, this guide will serve as your trusted companion to get the most out of this beautiful location.

Inside you'll find exactly what you need to know to make your stay unforgettable.

We've collected a list of the seasonal events that take place in the area this year, our favourite local dining locations and the best walking, Cycling & mountain biking trails close to churchview.

Make sure to have a look through to make sure you don't miss any of the hidden gems in and around Troutbeck.

If you have any more questions about what's happening in and around the area, please feel free to reach out to us

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We hope you have a wonderful stay.

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Seasonal Events

2026 Seasonal Events

ChurchView is a 10–20 minute drive from major hubs like Windermere, Ambleside, and Kendal. We've included some interesting local events you might like to attend.

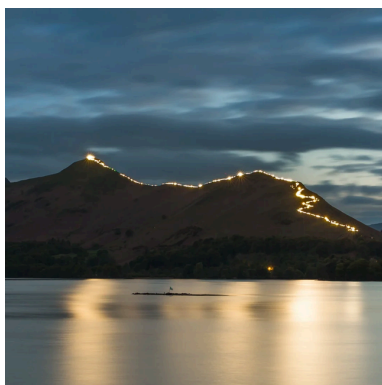
Spring

The World Marmalade Awards (April 25): Held at Dalemian Mansion (approx. 30 mins away). A quirky, world-famous festival celebrating all things citrus.

Lakeland Festival of Light (April 4): A Beautiful event where hundreds of people light up a fell (often Catbells) with head torches for charity.

Keswick Mountain Festival (May 15–17): A massive celebration of outdoor sports, live music, and food on the shores of Derwentwater.

Bluebird K7 Festival: Scheduled for Spring 2026 in Coniston to celebrate the return of Donald Campbell's iconic jet hydroplane.



Summer

Great North Swim (June 12–14): Based at Brockhole (5 mins down the road from you). Thousands of swimmers take to Windermere; even if you don't swim, the festival village is great for food and atmosphere.

Windermere Marathon (June 14): Watch the runners pass by or join the finish line celebrations at Brockhole.

Ambleside Sports (July 30): A traditional Cumbrian “Old English” sports day featuring Cumberland Wrestling, fell racing, and hound trails.

Lake District Music Summer Festival (July 31 – August 9): Classical and jazz performances in intimate venues across Windermere and Ambleside.

Grasmere Sports (August 30): One of the most famous traditional events in the Lakes, dating back to 1852.



Autumn

Kendal Torchlight Carnival (Late September): A huge, vibrant procession through the streets of Kendal with music and light displays.

Taste Cumbria Food Festival (September): Excellent for local produce, craft ales, and street food.

Kendal Mountain Festival (November 19–22): The “Oscars” of the outdoor world. Incredible films, world-class guest speakers, and a legendary party atmosphere.



Winter

Ambleside Christmas Lights (November 15): A beautiful lantern procession and fireworks display.

Cumbria Dark Skies Festival (Feb - March): Stargazing events and guided night walks taking advantage of the area's low light pollution.



Explore Troutbeck

The Cottage is located in the pretty and picturesque conservation village of Troutbeck. The popular villages of Ambleside and Windermere are a short drive away both of which offer a great choice of quality local shops, bars and restaurants. Travel north from the cottage over the spectacular Kirkstone Pass and Brotherwatter, Patterdale and Ullswater are all waiting to be explored.

Closer to home there is a myriad of walks to choose from.

The small village shop and tea room add to the charm of the village. If the high fells are your chosen destination, Thornthwaite Crag, Stoney Cove Pike, and the mighty High Street can all be conquered right from the front door.

Spectacular Lakeland fells surround this lush valley; scattered with historic Lakeland houses and pretty woodlands, and blessed with several acclaimed Lake District country pubs. One of which is literally a healthy stone's throw from your cottage, the Queen's Head in Troutbeck village is renowned for its excellent food, Cumbrian produce and cosy fireside ambience. Perfect for a special occasion.



Outdoor Routes & Peaks

Thornthwaite Crag (784m)



This is the most iconic peak visible from Troutbeck, largely because of Thornthwaite Beacon.

The Landmark: Unlike most fells that have a simple pile of stones, Thornthwaite is topped by a massive, 14-foot stone pillar (the Beacon). It was built to be seen from miles away and acts as a major navigational “crossroads” for hikers.

Stoney Cove Pike (763m)



Often referred to by locals as **Caudale Moor**, this is the massive “wall” of a fell that forms the northwestern side of the Troutbeck Valley.

It is a broad, rocky, and somewhat wilder-feeling fell compared to its neighbors. The climb from the Threshthwaite Mouth pass is famously steep. A “straight-up” scramble that will definitely get your heart racing.

The Mighty High Street (828m)



This is the “King“ of the Far Eastern Fells—the highest point in this part of the Lake District.

It is named High Street because a Roman Road ran right across its flat, grassy summit. In the 18th and 19th centuries, it was used as a racecourse where locals held summer fairs, horse racing, and wrestling matches (hence its secondary name, *Racecourse Hill*).

Troutbeck Tongue (Moderate)



You can walk this directly from Longmire Yeat. It's a small "tongue-shaped" fell in the middle of the valley. It offers great views without the brutal climb of the higher peaks.

Wansfell Pike (Moderate/Strenuous)



Walk from the village up toward Nanny Lane. It's a steep pull, but the 360-degree view from the top—looking down the full length of Windermere. Arguably the best in the district.

Orrest Head (Easy)



A 10-minute drive to Windermere. This is the view that inspired Alfred Wainwright to write his guides. It is now a “Miles without Stiles” path, making it very accessible.

The Fairfield Horseshoe (Strenuous)



For a full day’s hike, drive 15 minutes to Ambleside. This is a classic 10-mile ridgeline walk.

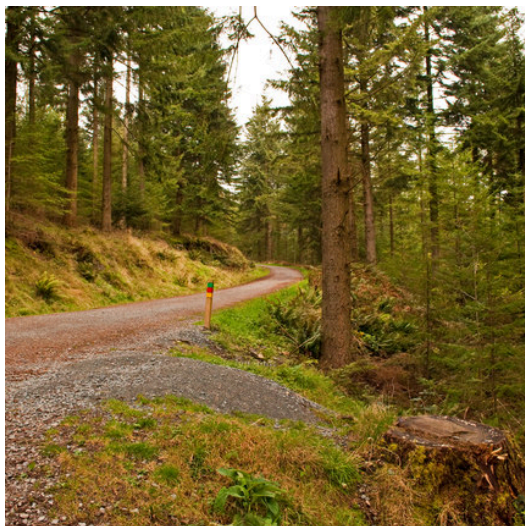
Cycling & Mountain Biking

The Kirkstone Pass (Road Cycling)



From your door, head north. You'll hit "The Struggle" – one of the UK's most famous (and steepest) road climbs. It ends at the Kirkstone Pass Inn, the highest inhabited pub in the Lakes.

Grizedale Forest (Mountain Biking)



A 25-minute drive. It offers everything from easy family fire-track trails to the "North Face" singletrack for experts.

Windermere Western Shore (Leisurely)



Drive to Bowness, take the car ferry across, and enjoy a flat, beautiful cycle path along the quiet western shore toward Wray Castle.

Local Dining

From your stay at ChurchView, you are in a prime “foodie” location. You have two excellent historic pubs within walking distance and the culinary hub of Windermere just a 5 minute drive away.

Here are the best restaurant recommendations for your visit, categorised by the type of experience:

Within Walking Distance

You don’t need the car for these. Both are quintessential Lakeland inns with great reputations.

- **The Mortal Man:** A legendary 17th-century inn with a garden that has some of the best views in England. It’s known for hearty, traditional “top-notch” pub food, local ales, and a very welcoming atmosphere. Perfect for a post-hike meal.
- **The Queen’s Head:** Recently refurbished but retaining its historic charm (including a bar made from an Elizabethan four-poster bed). It offers a slightly more “gastropub” feel with dishes like venison burgers and duck sausage alongside classic pies.
- **The Old Post Office Tearoom:** The only café in the village and a must-visit for breakfast or afternoon tea. It’s small, charming, and serves excellent home-baked cakes.

A Short Drive (Windermere Village 5-10 Mins)

Windermere offers more variety, from casual brunch spots to specialized seafood.

- **Homeground Coffee + Kitchen:** Hands-down the best spot for brunch in the Lake District. It is incredibly popular, so there is often a queue, but the coffee and innovative breakfast dishes (like their “Truffle Mushrooms” or “Turkish Eggs”) are worth the wait.
- **Hooked:** A small, intimate restaurant specializing in ultra-fresh seafood. The menu changes daily based on the local catch. It’s highly rated and requires a booking well in advance.
- **The Lamplighter Dining Rooms:** If you are visiting on a Sunday, this is the place to go. They are famous for their “Giant Sunday Roast” and traditional British comfort food.
- **San Pietro:** An award-winning Italian restaurant located in the heart of the village. It’s great for a more “night out” feel with authentic pasta and a bustling atmosphere.

Something Special (Fine Dining & Michelin Stars)

The area around Windermere is a world-class destination for fine dining.

- **The Samling (1 Michelin Star):** Located just outside Troutbeck on the way to Ambleside. It offers an incredible fine-dining experience with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Windermere.
- **Henrock (by Simon Rogan):** Situated at Linthwaite House (about 12 mins drive). This is a more relaxed way to experience the cooking of Simon Rogan (the chef behind L’Enclume), focusing on seasonal ingredients from his own farm.
- **The Gaddum (at Brockhole):** Located in a stunning Arts and Crafts villa overlooking the lake. It is excellent for a refined Afternoon Tea or a long, sophisticated lunch after walking through the gardens.

Quick Booking Tip for 2026:

The Lake District is exceptionally busy during school holidays and weekends. For **Hooked**, **The Queen’s Head**, and **The Samling**, I recommend booking at least 2–4 weeks in advance to secure a table during your stay.