



▪ **CHESHIRE**

Alderley Edge

c/o Cheshire Countryside Office, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield,
Cheshire SK10 4UB

Tel: 01625 584412

A red sandstone escarpment with fine views across Cheshire to the Peak District. There are lovely walks through oak and beech woodlands and the area represents copper mining heritage from prehistoric and Roman times.

Hare Hill

Over Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 4QB

Tel: 01625 584412

A woodland garden surrounding a walled garden with pergola, rhododendrons and azaleas. Attractive walks including link path to Alderley Edge.

Dunham Massey

Altrincham, Cheshire LA15 8AX

Tel: 01619 411025

A Georgian house with Edwardian additions set in a wooded deer park. The interior includes fine furniture, paintings and outstanding Huguenot silver.

Dunham Massey: White Cottage

Park Lane, Little Bollington, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4TJ

An important timber-framed cottage built as a cruck-trussed open hall c.1500 and altered in the 17th century.

Little Moreton Hall

Congleton, Cheshire CW12 4SD

Tel: 01260 272018

Begun in 1450 and completed in 1580, the Hall is a fine example of a timber-framed moated manor house.

Lyme Park

Disley, Stockport, Cheshire SK12 2NR

Tel: (01663) 766492 (Infoline); 01663 765035

Home of the Legh family for 600 years and one of the largest houses in Cheshire. It is set in extensive historic gardens surrounded by a medieval deer park and 1400 acres of moorland on the edge of the Peak District. Lyme is renowned for its Grinling Gibbons woodcarvings, Mortlake tapestries and important collection of English clocks. Lyme was 'Pemberley' in the 1995 BBC adaptation of Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' starring Colin Firth.

Nether Alderley Mill

Congleton Road, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 4TW

Tel: 01625 527468

A fascinating overshot tandem-wheel watermill, dating from the 15th century, with a stone-tiled low-pitched roof.

Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate

Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4LA

Tel: 01625 445896 (Infoline); 01625 5399267

A Georgian cotton mill built in 1784 and restored as Europe's largest working textile museum. Interactive displays and galleries illustrate the millworker's world.

Tatton Park

Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6QN

Tel: 01625 374435 (Infoline); 01625 374400

One of the most complete historic estates in England. A 19th century Wyatt house set in a landscaped deer park with Japanese and Italian gardens, orangery, fernery, rose garden and pinetum.

Note: free entry to mansion and gardens but NT members charged for parking and full admission to all other attractions.

▪ CUMBRIA

Acorn Bank Garden & Watermill

Temple Sowerby, nr Penrith, Cumbria CA10 1SP

Tel: 017683 61893

A 17th century garden protected by ancient oaks and walls.

Spectacular display of shrubs, roses and borders as well as an orchard and herb garden. A woodland walk leads to the water-mill.

Beatrix Potter Gallery

Main Street, Hawkshead, Cumbria LA22 0NS

Tel: 015394 36355

An annually-changing exhibition of original illustrations from the children's stories. One of the many historic buildings in this village and once the office of the author's husband.

Borrowdale

Bowe Barn, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5UP

Tel: 017687 74649

NT ownership of this area in the Lakes District includes 11 farms, half of Derwentwater, hamlets of Watendlath and Stonethwaite and sites such as the Bowder Stone, Friar's Crag and Ashness Bridge.

Borrowdale: Force Crag Mine

Head of Coledale, above Braithwaite, Keswick, Cumbria

Tel: 017687 74649

This unique mineral mine processing mill was the last to operate in the Lake District. The mill houses a complete assemblage of processing machinery.

Buttermere and Ennerdale

Unit 16, Leconfield Industrial Estate, Cleaton Moor, Cumbria CA25 5QB

Tel: 019468 816940

3588ha of fell and commonland, including the lakes of Buttermere, Crummock and Loweswater, several farms and woodland.

Cartmel Priory Gatehouse

The Square, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 6QB

Tel: 01524 701178

The remains of an Augustinian priory, dating from about 1330.

Coniston and Tarn Hows

Lake District National Park, around Coniston and Hawkshead, Cumbria

Tel: 015394 41172

Historic woodland and tarns framed by mountain scenery at the north end of Coniston water.

Dalton Castle

Market Place, Dalton-in-Furness, Cumbria LA15 8AX

Tel: 01524 701178

A 14th century tower in the main street of the town with a local exhibition by the Friends of Dalton Castle.

Derwent Island House

Derwent Island, Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5DJ

Tel: 017687 73780

An 18th century house set on an idyllic woodland island in Derwentwater. The house has a classical interior and is surrounded by a restored garden.

Fell Foot Park

Newby Bridge, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 8NN

Tel: 015395 31273

This Victorian park, with spring and summer displays of daffodils, rhododendrons and magnificent views of the Lakeland fells, offers access to the lakeshore of Windermere.

Gondola

Pier Cottage, Coniston, Cumbria LA21 8AJ

Tel: 015394 41288

The steam yacht Gondola was first launched in 1859 and now, completely rebuilt provides a steam-powered passenger service in its opulently upholstered saloons. The perfect way to view Coniston's spectacular scenery. All passengers pay full fare including National Trust members.

Grasmere and Great Langdale

High Close, Loughrigg, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 9HH

Tel: 015394 37663

This area holds picturesque walking opportunities from high fells to lakeside and woodland paths. There is a spectacular NT campsite at Great Langdale with wonderful views.

Hawkshead and Claife

c/o Hill Top, New Sawrey, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0LF

Tel: 01625 584412

Hawkshead is a classic Lakeland village. Claife Woodlands and the low lying small farms between the village and Lake Windermere are typical of the area. North of Hawkshead is the 15th century Courthouse, all that is left of the manorial buildings once held by Furness Abbey.

Hill Top

nr Sawrey, Hawkeshead, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0LF

Tel: 015394 36269

Beatrix Potter wrote many of her famous children's stories in this 17th century house which still contains her furniture and china. Delightful cottage garden.

Sizergh Castle and Garden

Sizergh, nr Kendal, Cumbria LA8 8EA

Tel: 015395 60951

The Strickland family has lived here for over 750 years. The impressive 14th century pele tower was extended in Tudor times. Gardens with herbaceous borders, ferns and limestone rockery. Walks around the estate.

Stagshaw Garden

Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0HE

Tel: 015394 46027

A woodland garden, containing shrubs, rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. Limited access.

Townend

Troutbeck, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 1LB

Tel: 015394 32628

A typical Lakeland yeoman farmer's house, built about 1626. Contains carved woodwork, books, papers, furniture and fascinating domestic implements.

Ullswater and Aira Force

Tower Building, Watermillock, Penrith, Cumbria

Tel: 017684 82067

Beautiful valley of fell, woodland and farms as well as Aira Force waterfalls.

Wasdale, Eskdale and Duddon

The Lodge, Wasdale Hall, Cumbria CA20 1ET

Tel: 019467 26064

Large Trust-owned area including England's highest mountain, Scafell Pike, and deepest lake, Wastwater. Also includes many farms, fell and commonland.

Windermere and Troutbeck (including Bridge House)

St Catherine's, Patterdale Road, Windermere, Cumbria LA23 1NH

Tel: 015394 46027

This is fine walking country around Lake Windermere. Troutbeck Park was once owned by Beatrix Potter and there are lots of popular places to visit including Ambleside Roman Fort and Cockshott Point. Footpaths from Ambleside to Troutbeck Valley offer high level views.

Wordsworth House

Main Street, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 9RX

Tel: 01900 820884 (Infoline) / 01900 824805

Imagine life during the childhood of William Wordsworth in 18th century Cockermouth. Visit this living Georgian townhouse, hear about the gossip of the time and meet some of the Wordsworth household and find out what life was like for the maid, man servant and clerk.

▪ LANCASHIRE

Gawthorpe Hall

Padiham, nr Burnley, Lancashire BB12 8UA

Tel: 01282 771004

An Elizabethan house with a unique collection of textiles and costumes from all over the world. There are paintings on loan from the National Portrait Gallery and extensive grounds and woodlands for walks.

Rufford Old Hall

200 Liverpool Road, Rufford, nr Ormskirk, Lancashire L40 1SG

Tel: 01704 821254

One of Lancashire's finest 16th century buildings, there is a legend that William Shakespeare performed here for the owner in the Great Hall which has an intricately carved 'moveable' wooden screen and dramatic hammer beam roof.

Note: NT members may be charged for some special events.

▪ LIVERPOOL

Formby

Victoria Road, Freshfield, Formby, Liverpool L37 1LJ

Tel: 01704 878 591

A stretch of unspoilt coastline of dunes and pine woods with interesting plants and birdlife, and also the rare red squirrel.

20 Forthlin Road, Allerton

Allerton, Liverpool

Tel: 0844 8004791

This 1950s terraced house is the former home of the McCartney family. Displays include contemporary photographs by Michael McCartney and early Beatles memorabilia. There is no access by car or on foot. Visits are by combined minibus tour only with Mendips, the childhood home of John Lennon.

Mendips

Woolton, Liverpool

Tel: 0844 8004791 (Infoline)

This childhood home of John Lennon is where some of the earliest Beatles' hits were first composed. The house provides an insight into the life of John Lennon as a boy through photographs, documents and other memorabilia.

Mr Hardman's Photographic Studio

59 Rodney Street, Liverpool L1 9EX

Tel: 0151 7096261

This Georgian house was the former home of Liverpool photographer Edward Chambre Hardman. The house displays Liverpool life in the mid 20th century and has a small exhibition space showing Hardman's work.

Speke Hall, Garden and Estate

The Walk, Liverpool L24 1XD

Tel: (0151) 427 7231

Set on the banks of the River Mersey, and one of the most famous half-timbered houses in the country (1530). The Great Hall evokes the communal living of Tudor times while the small rooms show the Victorian preference for privacy and comfort. The restored garden has spring bulbs, a rose garden, summer borders and stream garden and there are magnificent views of the Mersey Basin and North Wales hills as well as delightful woodland walks and children's play area.