



South Tyneside Council

### **Travel Information**

Due to 2015's flooding and subsequent road closures we are advising groups traveling to Thurston OEC to follow the suggested route below for ease and safety. If you are following alternative routes please note route planning tools suggesting use of the following roads should be avoided; the A591 through the lakes district, this will be closed until mid-summer (June 2016), the East side of Coniston lake, as it has some subsidence and Pooley Bridge, which is no longer passable.

**Traveling from South Tyneside:** 136miles taking approximately 3hours

Join the A1 (M1) heading south to Scotch Corner.

At Scotch Corner join the A66 heading west to Brough.

From Brough head to the M6 South bound, two options depending on your vehicle are; follow signs for Kirby Stephen and M6 Junction 37 via the A685 OR continue on the A66 to Penrith Junction 40.

Join the M6 South bound, follow it down to Junction 36.

### **Traveling from other destinations;**

At M6 J36 Follow the A590 sign posted Barrow-in-Furness.

Continue on the A590 to Greenodd. At the Greenodd junction there is a roundabout, take the second exit (right) A5092.

Follow the A5092 through to Lowick Green and bear left onto the A5084 sign posted Coniston.

Continue following the Coniston sign posts and the A5084 to Torver. At the T-junction turn right onto the A593, sign posted Coniston.

As you enter Coniston Village there will be a BP garage on the right hand side, at the junction immediately after this take the road on the right, this is the B5285 sign posted Hawkshead, (brown, tourist information, sign posts for Brantwood).

Continue following this road out of the village, the lake will appear on your right hand side, follow this to the head of the lake and take the road on the right (tourist information signs point to Brantwood). This road becomes narrow in places and services another outdoor education centre, please be conscious you may meet another coach or associated traffic.

Follow this road round the head of the lake, away from the lake briefly and up a short but steep incline. At the top of the incline the road bears right at a junction, continue round to the right eventually becoming parallel with the lake again. You will pass a 'Swallows and Amazons' tea shop signposted along the road and an outdoor centre 'Low Bank Ground'. After Low Bank ground the road descends through some woods the centre is immediately at the end of these it is signposted on the right hand side.

Coaches are advised to reverse down the drive. All other vehicles are advised to park in the car park on the right.

You have arrived!



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