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THE ENGLISH  
LAKE DISTRICT  
WORLD HERITAGE SITE

## A short introduction on The English Lake District World Heritage Site



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



- **The English Lake District**
- inscribed on the World
- Heritage List in 2017

**UNESCO's aim is "to contribute to the building of peace". To achieve this, they believe "our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration..." and that "World Heritage sites belong to all the peoples of the world, irrespective of the territory on which they are located".**

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## Types of World Heritage Sites

**Natural**



**Dorset & East Devon Jurassic Coast**

**Cultural**



**Frontiers of the Roman Empire**

**Mixed**



**St Kilda**

**Cultural Landscape**



**English Lake District**

## Why is the Lake District a World Heritage Site?

To be included on the World Heritage List, sites must be of **Outstanding Universal Value** (OUV) and meet at least one out of ten selection criteria as defined in UNESCO's Operational Guidelines...the Lakes meets three...

Those reasons are three intertwining and interdependent themes that reflect the criteria for inscription and attributes:

**Identity** – a landscape of exceptional beauty, shaped by farming traditions and local industry for over 1,000 years, which give it special character

**Inspiration** – a landscape which has inspired artistic and literary movements and generated ideas about landscapes that have had global influence

**Conservation** – a landscape which has been the catalyst for key developments in the national and international protection of landscapes

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Identity – a landscape  
shaped by people



Field structures



Local breeds



Farm buildings



Vernacular structures



Mining and quarrying



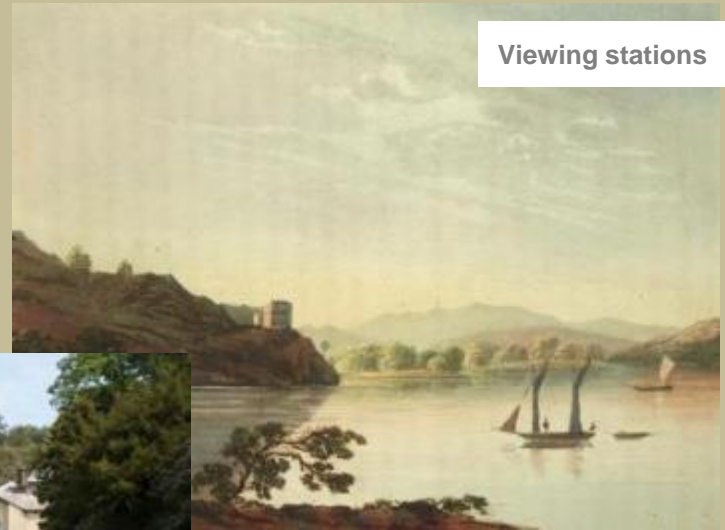
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Inspiration – landscapes shaping  
people



Picturesque



Viewing stations



Designed landscapes



Villas



Romanticism

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## Conservation - birthplace of global conservation movements



Crow Park

Thirlmere Dam



Concept of National Parks



Birth of National Trust

## Managing the World Heritage Site

- Led by the Lake District National Park Partnership (LDNPP)
- Through a governance structure (WHS Steering Group)
- Supported by working groups – marketing, technical advisory group, funding, other non official groups...
- Management Plan – one for WHS and National Park
- Work programmes and projects
- Monitoring attributes of OUV
- WHS Coordinator
- WHS Engagement Officer

