

Daffodil Trail

Follow the daffodils through Dove Cottage, the Garden-Orchard, Woodland, and Museum, and discover the sights and stories that inspired William Wordsworth's famous poem 'I wandered lonely as a Cloud'

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A self-guided spring experience at Wordsworth Grasmere

Step into the world that inspired one of the most famous poems in English literature. This trail celebrates spring, renewal, and the daffodils that sparked William Wordsworth's 'I wandered lonely as a Cloud'. Explore Dove Cottage, the Garden-Orchard, Woodland, and Museum collections while enjoying art, nature, and poetry along the way.



Dove Cottage

Step inside Dove Cottage where Wordsworth wrote many of his greatest poems and Dorothy kept her Grasmere journal. Explore manuscripts, letters, and objects connected to the Wordsworths' lives.



Garden-Orchard

Wander the Garden and Orchard, where early spring flowers are starting to bloom. Take in the colours, scents, and landscape, and explore the pathways that the Wordsworths themselves walked.



Listen

Scan the code to listen to the poem:

youtu.be/hZKW-MRVLpE



Woodland Walk

Continue into the woodland, where daffodils and early wildflowers echo the landscapes Dorothy recorded in her journals. Experience the stunning views across Dove Cottage to the lake beyond.



'A Thousand Daffodils' display

Follow the trail to the central bank bridging the Garden-Orchard with the Museum. Here, clusters of ceramic daffodils, created by Helen Ratcliffe in collaboration with Another Way, capture Dorothy Wordsworth's description of the flowers "dancing" beside Ullswater. Pause for photographs and enjoy the combination of art and nature in one striking display.



Museum

Finish your trail in the Museum, where early printed editions of the poem and Dorothy's journal entry are on display. The exhibition provides context for the poem's creation and invites you to think about how everyday observation and collected objects become part of literary history.



Visitor tips

- Allow 1.5 - 2 hours to explore Wordsworth Grasmere
- The ceramic daffodils are perfect for photos and social sharing.
- Paths are maintained, though some sections are uneven.
- A great activity for the whole family to explore the full Wordsworth Grasmere site.