



We look forward to welcoming your group to Brantwood, the home of eminent Victorian, John Ruskin. The house, beautifully set, enjoys spectacular mountain views over Coniston Water. The gardens consist of 7 diverse areas of woodland and gardens with many spots to enjoy the views and seating for picnics.

We are now operating visits to the house on a timed-ticket basis. Time slots are available at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.00pm. Times need to be pre-booked so please allow extra time (at least 15 minutes) for booking in at the car park where you will receive your site map, instructions and house guide if visiting the house. Visitors will then make their way up to the main house in time for their allocated slot. If arriving by boat, please check timetables for arrival times at Brantwood to ensure they will fit in with your chosen house slot and again, departure times.

Arrive by coach, car or boat: Free parking. The road to Brantwood is quite narrow and not suitable for very large coaches (see coach restrictions attached). Discounted house ticket with either Steam Yacht Gondola or Coniston Launch.

Group admission prices for pre booked groups of 10 or more

House and gardens	Adult: £9.00 Student: £7.20
Gardens only	Adult: £6.50 Student: £5.00

The gardens can be visited at any time during opening hours and, if your visit is gardens only, site maps will be handed out from the ticket booth in the car park on arrival. Please note that the gardens are quite steep with uneven paths so may not be suitable for the infirm or disabled.

The Terrace Café

Refreshments or lunch can be pre-booked at our café. Please note that at busy times, if a group has not pre-booked, we cannot guarantee availability or waiting times. Options available for groups are a set lunch in the café of soup, cake bites and tea or coffee @ £11. Alternatively a takeaway picnic of sausage roll or falafel, crisps, cake, fruit and a cold drink @ £10. If eating in, the maximum number we can cater for is 24 persons. For groups larger than 24, there would be two sittings at 11.45am and 12.30pm or 1.30pm and 2.15pm. We will endeavour to cater for any particular dietary requirements - please let us know when booking. If the weather is inclement, we can offer indoor seating for picnics. We can also offer refreshments only of assorted cake bites with tea or coffee @ £6.

Email: bookings@brantwood.org.uk

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Open all year – please check our website for seasonal variations in days and times

FACILITIES AT BRANTWOOD

LINTON ROOM–The Linton Room has been refurbished to house a 21st century version of Ruskin’s slate lithophone, described by international percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie as “fascinating and intriguing”.

BRANTWOOD BOOKSHOP– Come and browse in our interesting and carefully stocked bookshop, which has many specialist books on Ruskin as well as a range of gifts and souvenirs.

CATERING-THE TERRACE CAFE-Enjoy the spectacular setting overlooking Coniston Water. Newly refurbished and extended in 2017, The Terrace is open for morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Everything cooked on site uses fresh ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. It is essential that groups book in advance, as failure to do this may result in long delays. Allow at least 1 hour for lunch or tea. Tel 015394 49025

DISABLED VISITORS-The majority of the house at Brantwood is accessible to disabled visitors. There is no wheelchair access to two small bedrooms on the first floor although a photo album is available upon request. Large print and Braille guides are available upon request. Guide dogs are permitted into the house. Disabled toilets are on site and access is available to the restaurant. ‘Brant’ means steep in Old Norse. The nature of the site means that not all the gardens and estate are accessible. Please contact Brantwood for additional information.

DIRECTIONS

BY CAR– Exit the M6 at junction 36. Join the A590 in the direction of Kendal. Exit at the Brettargh Holt junction. At the roundabout take the 1st exit signposted for Barrow-in-Furness. Continue to follow the signs for Barrow-in-Furness. At the Meathop roundabout (junction with A592) take the first exit continuing on the A590. Turn right onto the A5902 signposted for Workington, Whitehaven. Turn right onto the A5084 signposted for Coniston. Turn right onto the A593 in Torver. Follow the signs for Brantwood from the village of Coniston.

BY BOAT

Coniston Launch boats are available for pre-booked groups during the day and evening. Tel. 017687 75753 e-mail: info@conferry.co.uk web: www.conistonlaunch.co.uk

S.Y. GONDOLA

The elegantly restored Victorian steam yacht operated by The National Trust calls at Brantwood during the summer season. Tel 015394 63856 e-mail: gondola@nationaltrust.org.uk web: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gondola

BY COACH

Confident, experienced drivers do not find it too challenging, however, the approach road is narrow and the following guidance will help drivers plan their route. Brantwood is located on the east side of Coniston Water, on the C5018. The only approach by coach is from the north end of the lake, as the road south of Brantwood is not passable in a coach.

From the head of Lake Coniston the road is twisty, and narrows to 3.5m in places (the average width of a coach is 2.55m). The road is unsuitable for articulated coaches. We therefore advise the length of coaches to be a maximum of 12 meters (61 seaters). Coach parking can be reserved at Brantwood.

The driver must enter the car park and then turn north facing toward the house, this will allow the coach to be reversed to the South end of the carpark to wait and park. This is the best way to handle our space. We try to guide drivers in if we can, but following these instructions should help on the day.

There is short walk including the main driveway, on a steady gradient, from the car park to the house. Small coaches are welcome to pull off close to the main driveway to the house to allow elderly and disabled passengers to disembark.

There is access to clean water in the car park for drivers to service their coaches should they need to top up windscreen washer reservoir, radiator, or clean windows. Brantwood staff will always be happy to provide refreshments for drivers on arrival and while they wait.

If you would like any further information regarding bringing a group, please contact us.