

Cottongrass on Lingmell Summit
Photo: Rob Grange



World Heritage Status

The Lake District got global recognition by becoming the UK's 31st World Heritage Site on 9th July under the heading of 'Cultural Landscape'. This recognises a unique combination of landscape, culture and conservation and how we as individuals and a society benefit. It's a culmination of lots of hard work and Ennerdale was one of 13 'valley plans' included in the bid. The large scale natural features, sense of isolation, wildness and tranquillity were described, along with the traditional farming, forestry and other land practices which make Ennerdale unique. The relationship between people and the land is well documented and more about the evolving relationships over the last 4,000 years can be found on our website.



New Visitor Interpretation

Wild Ennerdale has helped support the new visitor information panels now installed at The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge. This community run centre opened its doors to the public in Spring 2016 and offers a range of local services and a wonderful café. The visitor information service will continue to develop with more being planned for the upstairs space in the building.



Spirit of Place

Our 'Spirit of Place' booklet is now available as a paper copy, online and as a display. The panel display will be on show upstairs at The Gather during the school summer holidays for a period. Pop along to see it and let us know what you think. All helps support The Gather too.



Summer Flowers

It's a wonderful time to be out and about in the valley! The attractive Common Spotted Orchid is easy to find along the lakeshore path, around Gillerthwaite and other sites in the valley. Look out too for the Devils Bit Scabious; food plant of the Marsh Fritillary butterfly. Your images are always welcome for us to add to our Flickr gallery on the website.



Gillerthwaite Mire sees its first cotton grass as our Volunteers continue to restore this wonderful valley bottom mire wetland habitat by blocking up old drains.



Wild Ennerdale is a partnership of people and organisations led by the Forestry Commission, National Trust, United Utilities and Natural England. The Wild Ennerdale Partners are allowing the landscape to evolve naturally with reducing human intervention and invite you to explore this unique valley and experience its special sense of wildness. wildennerdale.co.uk