

Lakeland Motor Museum



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Much more than just a motor museum!



Campbell Bluebird Exhibition



Head down memory lane to the Lakeland Motor Museum and feast your eyes on a unique collection of 30,000 exhibits. That includes 140 classic cars and motorbikes, all carefully assembled over 50 years.

Nestled in the scenic Leven Valley and open seven days a week, the Museum isn't just about cars. The entire collection is presented in a social context, with a host of rarities to awaken some special motoring memories.

2020 also marks the Lakeland Motor Museum's 10th anniversary at its current site in Backbarrow.

Just a few of the Museum's star exhibits include...

1) 1930s Jaguar brings vintage glamour: The rare SS Jaguar 100 is a sporty two seater and is regarded as one of the most eye-catching Jaguar cars ever made. This particular car was tested by the Motor Magazine in May 1937, then by Autocar in the same year. It also completed the 1937 RAC rally, helping to win the manufacturer's team prize.



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2) 'High fashion' 1960s classic: The Museum's super-stylish 1965 Singer Vogue Mark III is one of less than 40 vehicles still registered with the DVLA. In its heyday, it is said to have reached a top speed of 92 mph and was marketed as a "high fashion" car, which was elegant, yet affordable for the average person



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3) Sleek speed machine: Developed in the 1990s, the TVR Cerbera Speed 12 was originally conceived as a supercar to rival the McLaren F1 GTR. TVR said it could achieve an estimated 0-100mph in 4.8 seconds and had the potential to reach a top speed of up to 240mph. Of the handful built, the Museum has the last remaining road-registered Speed 12.



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4) The home-built aeroplane: The 1936 Le Pou de Ciel – or 'Flying Flea' – was one of the first home-built aircraft. Its French creator Henri Mignet wanted to create the flying equivalent of the Ford Model T, which would enable people to afford an easy-to-fly aeroplane.



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5) Legendary motorbike collections: With models including Black Shadow, Comet, Rapide and Black Lightning, Vincent motorcycles have an enduring reputation. Meanwhile, the Museum's newest additions include an incredibly rare collection of rarely seen AJW motorcycles from the 1920s and 30s. The Museum's Isle of Man TT Tribute exhibition also features racing bikes used by the 'Morecambe Missile' John McGuinness.



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6) Vintage Vespa with royal connections: The Museum is the proud owner of a Vespa Sportique which once belonged to the Queen's younger sister, Princess Margaret. With its wasp-like shape and curved bodywork, the 1963 Vespa Sportique is the epitome of the classic Vespa scooter.



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7) The first modern bicycle: Dating from c1885, the Safety Bicycle was introduced as a 'safer' alternative to the Penny Farthing and is part of a collection of over 60 two-wheelers covering the last 130 years.



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8) Campbell Bluebird Exhibition: Charting the achievements of record-breakers Donald and Sir Malcolm Campbell, the Museum is home to full-size replicas of Sir Malcolm's 1939 boat Bluebird K4 and his son Donald's legendary 1967 Jet Hydroplane Bluebird K7. The 'Speed Kings' exhibition also includes a replica of the 1935 Bluebird Car and even Donald's 1930s Bentley.



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9) 1950s 'water scooter' brought back to life: An incredibly rare 1956 water scooter – renowned as the forerunner of the modern jet ski – has recaptured some of its former glory after a major restoration project. Best known for high-performance motorcycles, Vincent manufactured a very limited number of these pioneering watercraft. Now on display in the museum, the craft was tested on Lake Windermere earlier in the year.



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Step back in time: The Museum's home in the picturesque Leven Valley was a cradle of the Industrial Revolution. It reflects South Lakeland's contribution to woodland industries, gunpowder manufacture, iron smelting, charcoal production and the making of ultramarine pigment, often remembered as 'Dolly Blue' and exported throughout the British Empire.

Some of the more unexpected items on show include painstakingly recreated period shop window displays, collections of female fashion clothing from the 1800s to the early 1970s, and the story of the Women's Land Army.



The Essentials

Just 20 minutes from both the M6 motorway and Central Lakes (Bowness), the Lakeland Motor Museum is open daily (except Christmas day) from 9.30am.

Adult entry is £8.50. Children (aged 5-15) are £5.00, while under 5s go free. A family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) is £24.00. Group rates also available for 20+ people.

There is a free quiz for children, as well as a riverside café with home-made cakes and snacks. Visitors can also buy combined museum and boat tickets, including a trip on a vintage 'steamer' with Windermere Lake Cruises. A connecting bus from nearby Lakeside (at the southern end of England's largest lake) runs to the Museum daily in the summer months.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Photography is allowed.

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