

The earliest forms of Transport

For well over 300 years slate from Honister was being carried by pack-horse across the Lakeland mountains to the Cumberland coast. This involved an extremely hazardous journey on steep terrain.

The route can still be followed today and occasionally along the way one can still see deposits of broken slates showing where a load slipped and the fragile contents were lost. The route today is still known as Moses' Trod after the quarryman, Moses Rigg, who, as well as quarrying slate, operated a profitable sideline of smuggling whisky which he stored in the workings on Honister Crag.

