



“Blencathra offers award winning eco-friendly accommodation”

Blencathra is beautifully situated 300m up, on the south facing slopes of Blencathra in the Lake District National Park, just 1 mile outside the Lakeland village of Threlkeld, with panoramic views of the Lake District fells. This impressive setting has a true sense of space, giving the site a unique quality, which many visitors enjoy year after year.

Blencathra is a residential environmental education centre in the heart of the Lake District that runs mainly off renewable energy.

It offers award winning eco-friendly accommodation; the electricity is generated by the Centre's own hydro scheme and the heating is powered by Cumbrian-sourced biomass.

All types of bookings are welcome including singles, couples, groups of adults, families and extended family groups. However, please note that we do not accept stag or hen parties. Groups have the option to book B&B, Full Board or it is possible to rent out the whole centre on a self-catering basis. There is also a range of break rooms, meeting rooms and classrooms available for group use.

Your options:

Hire the whole centre

- Exclusive use, bed linen, classrooms and common rooms all included
- Suitable for activity clubs, large gatherings or faith groups
- Self-catering
- Prices start from £1425/night + VAT for Main House plus supplement for St John's & Lonscale
- Catering and activities available on request (chargeable)

Group accommodation with classrooms

- Suitable for special interest groups who need craft or lecture spaces
- Full board accommodation in allocated bedrooms with bed linen
- Classroom facilities with equipment available to hire
- Shared common rooms
- Pricing from £60.00pppn + VAT

Group accommodation

- Suitable for activity groups off-site all day, sports tours, family groups
- Full board accommodation in allocated bedrooms with bed linen
- Shared common rooms
- Prices for Adult groups and U18 groups, from £45.00pppn + VAT

Buildings	3 - Main house, St Johns & Lonscale
No. of floors	3
Bed capacity	133 (99 main house, 8 St. Johns & 26 Lonscale)
Accessible rooms	There are two ground floor bedrooms in the main house offering en-suite wet-rooms and toilet facilities.
Accessible spaces	Disabled access is available throughout the ground floor of the main Centre. Classrooms are also accessible, and a wheelchair can access the dining room and common room. There is disabled parking near reception, then ramp access to the main building (front door).
Linen	Linen hire is included. Please strip your beds upon departure.
Guest towels	We ask guests to bring towels (although these can be provided for a modest charge).
Kitchen	Self-catering only offered to groups that hire out the whole centre. A large kitchen, with everything needed for a self-catering stay. Fully fitted kitchen with gas industrial cookers, dishwasher, fridge, freezers, microwave, crockery and utensils etc.
Dining capacity in one sitting	Dining room facilities can sit up to 70 people in one sitting.
Games room/Student lounge	There are three TV lounge rooms, one with games facilities including table football and table tennis.
Adult lounge	Luxurious lounge overlooking the Northern Lake District Fells.
Classroom/work rooms	There are six meeting/workrooms with interactive whiteboards and Wi-Fi access. Multi-media projection facilities are also available for use. Skiddaw - holds 80+ in a lecture format. Separate to main house and can also use Herdwick (room next door). There is a zoom link between the two rooms. Herdwick - 30 seated only – separate to main house Blease - 30 seated only – in main house Doddick - 25 seated only – in main house Scales - 21 seated only – in main house Little Man - 14 seated only – separate to main house
Library	Table and chairs seating 10 people.
Conference suitable space	Skiddaw holds 80+ in a lecture format.

Onsite shop	No, but toiletries are available from reception as well as a selection of Field Studies Council publications. There is also a vending machine selling crisps and snacks.
Onsite bar	There is a licensed bar stocked with local ales and spirits, wines, soft drinks and snacks. This is not available to self-catering groups unless special arrangements are made prior to the visit.
Drying room	Yes
Laundry facilities	Our staff will wash and dry clothes - prior notice required.
Music/Noise	Please keep noise to a minimum between 11pm and 7am.
Parking	The Centre is in an elevated position on the side of Blencathra with ample parking for 30 cars and two coaches. Adequate space for cars and coaches to turn around and park. Access restrictions to site – Not suitable for double deckers.
Wi-Fi	Free guest WIFI is available through-out the centre.
Bike storage	There is a shared bike/equipment store (lockable).
Pets	Pets are not allowed. Special arrangements will be made for guide dogs.
Smoking	There is no smoking or vaping allowed anywhere except in designated areas outside. Smoking or Vaping indoors will set off the alarms.
Grounds	There is a delightful outdoor patio area for those lazy summer evenings. Outside basketball/volleyball court and picnic areas. Various lawned areas with easy access to multiple footpaths for Blencathra.
BBQ available/ outdoor campfire	BBQ - Yes, Campfire - No
Space for marquee	No flat area for marquees.
Commercial filming	Permitted.
Camping	No
Activites	It is possible to book activities for both adults and children during your stay (subject to availability), these are chargeable and must be booked in advance. Please ask for more information.



Accommodation

There are 43 bedrooms in total across all three properties.

Main House: Sleeps 99 in 31 bedrooms (6 en-suite)

Ground Floor: 3 bedrooms (9 guests) 1 x 3-beds, 1 x 2-bed en-suite, 1 x 4-bed en-suite

First Floor: 21 bedrooms (70 guests) 2 x single en-suite, 7 x 2-beds, 4 x 3-beds, 2 x 4-beds, 2 x 5-beds (1 en-suite), 4 x 6-beds

Second Floor: 7 bedrooms (20 guests) 2 x 2-beds, 4 x 3-beds, 1 x 4-bed ensuite

St Johns: Sleeps 8 in three en-suite bedrooms

Ground floor: 1 x double bed

First floor: 1 x 4-bed & 1 x 2-bed

St Johns is a separate building which can be used as part of the accommodation with the main house at a supplement.



Accommodation

Lonscale: Sleeps 26 in nine en-suite rooms.

4 bedrooms first floor/5 bedrooms ground floor.

Ground floor: 1 x 3 beds, 3 x 2 beds, 1 x 5 beds.

First floor: 1 x double bed, 1 x 4 beds, 2 x 3 beds.

Lonscale is a separate property which can be used as part of the accommodation with the main house at a supplement.

Number of en-suites: 18 across all 3 properties

Double Beds: 2. One in St. John's and one in Lonscale.



Dining Hall



En-Suite Bedroom



Classroom



Common Room

Things to do in the local area during your visit

Walk an Alpaca or trek with a Llama – Outstanding Alpaca and Llama experiences with 'Alpaca Ever After'.

Catbells – Hike one of the UK's most iconic mountains.

Ghyll scrambling at Stoney Croft – Jump, slide and dive into an adventurous Ghyll Scramble.

Castlerigg Stone Circle – Enjoy the panoramic views from these impressive prehistoric monuments.

The Lakes Distillery Tour - Why not immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of the Lakes working Distillery on one of their tours.

Whinlatter Trail - Whinlatter has a host of great activities from a Gruffalo trail, bike tracks, Go Ape and playgrounds.

Aira Force Waterfall – One of the best waterfall walks in the Lake District.

SUP Derwent Water – Stand up paddleboarding is a unique way to explore the beautiful Derwent water. Hire available at Nicole end.

The Launch - Enjoy a lake cruise on one of the Keswick launches and experience the beauty of Derwent Water and the breath-taking views.

Additional Information

There are a further five self-catering holiday cottages on site of which two allow dogs. These are the details for the cottages on Heart of the Lakes/Airbnb websites but direct bookings are managed by Blencathra Field Centre.

Holiday Cottages

Latrigg Cottage – sleeps 5

<https://www.lakelovers.co.uk/cottage/Lake-District-Ayrshire-and-Dumfries-Galloway-Blencathra-Centre/Latrigg-Cottage-1042687.html>

Derwent Cottage – sleeps 2

<https://www.lakelovers.co.uk/cottage/Lake-District-Ayrshire-and-Dumfries-Galloway-Blencathra-Centre/Derwent-Cottage-1042931.html>

Borrowdale Cottage – sleeps 2

<https://www.lakelovers.co.uk/cottage/Lake-District-Ayrshire-and-Dumfries-Galloway-Blencathra-Centre/Borrowdale-1043033.html>

Yonder End – sleeps 8

<https://www.lakelovers.co.uk/cottage/Lake-District-Ayrshire-and-Dumfries-Galloway-Blencathra-Centre/Yonder-End-1054938.html#duration=7&calendar=2024-02&changeover=0>

Lonscale – sleeps 26

https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/48339935?source_impression_id=p3_1693995671_tt8lXedFyb6XVe7q



The local area

Keswick is 5 miles away and Penrith is 13 miles away. The nearest Leisure Complex and Swimming Pool is in Penrith. Threlkeld has two pubs, The Salutation and The Horse and Farrier offering accommodation and food. There is a coffee shop in Threlkeld

Nearest hospitals, doctors and pharmacy

Keswick or Penrith.

Directions

By road - From Junction 40 on the M6 follow A66 to Keswick. After about 12 miles turn right following signpost for Threlkeld. Go through the village and turn right onto Blease Road. The centre is located 1 mile up the hill. Alternatively, head toward Keswick along the A591. As you drive down into the town turn right and follow signposts for A66 to Penrith and M6. Follow the A66 for about 2 miles. Turn left and follow signpost for Threlkeld. Go through the village and turn left onto Blease Road. The centre is located 1 mile up the hill.

By train - The nearest train station is Penrith train station, approximately 13 miles from Threlkeld. Taxis are available from the station.

By bus - Stagecoach operates the X4 and X5 Bus from Penrith train station to Workington which runs every hour and stops in Threlkeld or Keswick. Drop off at Threlkeld - 1 mile walk up hill to the centre. Drop off at Keswick - taxi from Keswick to the centre. The centre is located 1 mile from the village of Threlkeld up Blease Road.

Staff

Some of our centres may have staff living on-site. Whilst their presence will not interfere with your stay, we would ask you to be considerate and respect their privacy.

Drug and alcohol policy

We would ask guests to familiarise themselves with and adhere to the behaviour and drug/alcohol policies contained within our [customer information document](#). Some centres may have specific licencing agreements in place in respect of the consumption of alcohol - please enquire with the centre directly for more information.

Entertainment

All of our centres hold a licence to play music, media & radio. If you intend to bring/hire in your own music/entertainment, please enquire with the centre directly for more information as a temporary events licence may be required.



www.field-studies-council.org/locations/Blencathra/

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to help plan your
stay.