

“Blencathra offers
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eco-friendly
accommodation”

 **Field Studies
Council**
Blencathra

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 (in main house only) all included.
- Suitable for activity clubs, large gatherings or faith groups
- Self-catering offered.
- 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

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

[View our virtual tour of the centre](#)

Buildings	4 - Main house, St Johns, Lonscale and Yonder End.
No. of floors	3
Bed capacity	up to 173
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	We do supply all linen but we do not provide a bed-making service for exclusive centre hire. Can all guests strip their beds upon departure to assist our hospitality teams.
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 large induction hob, dishwasher, fridge, freezers, microwave, crockery and utensils etc.
Dining capacity	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.
Classroom/work rooms	There are four meeting/workrooms with interactive whiteboards and Wi-Fi access. Multi-media projection facilities are also available for use. Blease - 30 seated only – in main house Doddick - 25 seated only – in main house Scales - 21 seated only – in main house Gategill - 20 seated only - in main house Additional workrooms (<i>not included with exclusive centre hire but are available to hire, subject to availability, additional charges may apply</i>): - Little Man - 14 seated only – separate to main house - 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
Conference suitable space	Skiddaw holds 80+ in a lecture format. and is available to hire subject to availability – additional charge may apply. There is a nearby village hall that could also be suitable. Please get in touch for more information.

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
Library	No
Adult lounge	Luxurious lounge overlooking the Northern Lake District Fells.
Laundry facilities	Our staff will wash and dry clothes - prior notice required.
Music/Noise	Keep noise to a minimum between 11pm and 7am. There are other properties within the grounds please be considerate and respect their privacy.
Parking	The Centre is has ample parking for 30 cars and two coaches. Adequate space for cars and coaches to turn around and park. 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 outdoor patio area. There is also basketball/ volleyball court and picnic areas. Various lawned areas with easy access to multiple footpaths for Blencathra. Other guests staying in our self-catering properties will have shared use of these areas.
BBQ available/ outdoor campfire	BBQ - Yes, Campfire - Yes
Space for marquee	No flat area for marquees.
Commercial filming	Permitted.
Camping	No
Activities	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

Main House: Sleeps 116 in 31 bedrooms

Ground Floor: 1 x 2 bed en-suite, 1 x 3 bed (private bathroom), 1 x 4 bed en-suite

First Floor: 2 x single en-suite, 1 x twin, 4 x 3-bed en-suite 1 x 3-bed, 5 x 4-bed, 3 x 5-bed, 1 x 5-bed en-suite, 3 x 6-bed 1 x 6-bed en-suite.

Second Floor: 2 x twin, 4 x 4 bed, 1 x 4 bed en-suite.

St Johns: Sleeps 10 in three en-suite bedrooms

Ground floor: 1 x 4 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 6 en-suite rooms.

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

Yonder End: Sleeps 22 in 5 bedrooms

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



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 'Alpacaly 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.

[View a video of the local area](#)

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

[Find out more about Latrigg Cottage](#)

Castlerigg Cottage – sleeps 2

[Find out more about Castlerigg Cottage](#)

Borrowdale Cottage – sleeps 2

[Find out more about Borrowdale Cottage](#)

Yonder End – sleeps 22

[Find out more about Yonder End](#)

Lonscale – sleeps 26

[Find out more about Lonscale](#)



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.



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to help plan your
stay.